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FRIENDLY, BUT IMPORTANT, NEWSLETTERS ABOUT  
HOW TO HAVE FUN WHILE SUPPORTING THE CRC!

## # 2 BIKE AND HIKE ROCKWOOD



### Protect our environment! Stop the Hidden Quarry!

Put “Bike and Hike Rockwood” on your fresh air calendar!

Sunday, September 27, Registration 9:30, Start 10:00 am

Highway 7 at 5<sup>th</sup> Line Nassagaweya

You can choose to bike or hike! Bring the whole family!

Visit the forests, fields, streams and wetlands of the countryside  
around the proposed Hidden Quarry site!

### Take Action to Support the CRC!

Everyone we talk to tells us how much they love this corner of the world, this agricultural community, this green headwaters region of Grand River cold water tributaries.

When **Jerrie Schummer**, Rockwood resident and CRC supporter suggested Bike and Hike Rockwood, we knew it was the perfect blend of landscape and exercise, fun and fund-raising.

We asked her why she had decided to volunteer for the CRC. Here’s what she told us:

So we think: “Move to the country, it’ll be great. We work in the city all day, and would love the peace and quiet.”

Then two years ago I start noticing the articles in the local paper about a quarry. I think: “Are you kidding? This close to the town? In this beautiful area?”

So I keep following the articles and eventually you start to think: “Am I going to be one of those people who just complains endlessly but does nothing about it? What could I possibly contribute?”

Sooo... I reach out to one of the members of the CRC and, go figure, I might have a few ideas to help. So I meet a great group of people who are working tirelessly to try to stop this, some with more experience than others, but open to everyone's ideas and suggestions.

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And so born is the Bike and Hike Rockwood idea. This area is a beautiful region to bike and hike in. As I bike, the idea of navigating around dump trucks and construction vehicles 6 days a week - well, it's truly disturbing. Never mind the environmental impact that everyone living near to it will face.

I think, with the number of people who love the area for these same reasons, they would feel the same and be encouraged to support my event.



Jerrie is not only organizing Bike and Hike Rockwood – she also launched the CRC crowd-sourcing website <http://www.gofundme.com/tbmn6s> to reach out to more people. And there's more. You'll sometimes see her in Rockwood – at the Hardware Store, at Saunders, at the Conservation Area – meeting people and telling them about the proposed Hidden Quarry, rain or shine.

Organizing a bike/hike fund-raiser is not a simple exercise. Jerrie has expertly put all the pieces in place for this first CRC event of its kind. There is a website with registration and sponsorship forms and maps and watering holes, all the details – [www.bikehikerockwood.com](http://www.bikehikerockwood.com).

The bike hike begins at System Fencing across from the proposed quarry site at the junction of Highway 7, 6<sup>th</sup> Line Eramosa and 5<sup>th</sup> Line Nassagaweya – **THE EPICENTRE of our concerns!!**

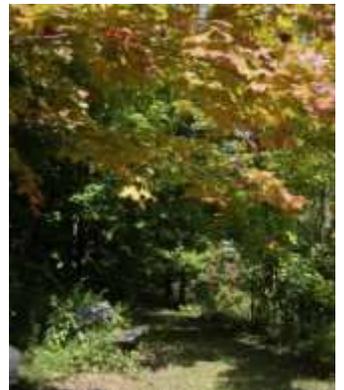
**Bikers** can choose from **3 route lengths** (10, 25 or 40 kms) – all of them going south into rural Milton (Nassagaweya!) along 5<sup>th</sup> Line and over Blue Springs Creek, and ending with whirlwind visit to Eden Mills on the Eramosa River in Guelph Eramosa Township before following Indian Trail in the direction of the starting point. These roads are magnets to bikers from all over Ontario.

**Hikers** will join the old **Guelph Radial Trail Line** on 5<sup>th</sup> Line Nassagaweya just ½ km. south of Hwy. 7. This was the line for the morning train picking up fresh milk from local farms for the Toronto market in the “old days.” The trail goes from Guelph to Limehouse through the woods. The 2-hour CRC hike will focus on the area near Blue Springs Creek and Brydson Creek. This is cold spring country, where the brook trout spawn, just a few hundred metres from the proposed quarry site.

It is invigorating country! Autumn is the perfect time to roam! If you haven't touched the ground here, but have only driven through, this is the time to get a little closer. And time to know what we want to protect from the extraction industry. We are caretakers of this very special environment.

## How do you join in?

1. Visit the website/read all about it: [www.bikehikerockwood.com](http://www.bikehikerockwood.com)
2. **Register now, if possible before August 31**, on the Contact Page of the website! Let Jerrie know you will be coming.
3. **Encourage your friends, colleagues, neighbours and family to sponsor you.** There is free registration with sponsorships.
4. Without sponsorship adults pay \$25 and Children 12 and under pay \$10.
5. If you want to be an 'event sponsor' contact [j.schummer@ceconline.ca](mailto:j.schummer@ceconline.ca)



**Bike and Hike Rockwood and protect this region from more quarries!**

[www.hiddenquarry.ca](http://www.hiddenquarry.ca)