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### **Wildflower Walk re-introduces Flesherton Forest**

“The Flesherton Forest trail is a newly blazed loop trail which makes it even easier to access this excellent natural area,” Chris Hachey, land management coordinator at Grey Sauble Conservation, says.

Hachey, along with David Turner, president of the Flesherton & District Chamber of Commerce, will be guiding a Wildflower Walk in the Forest on September 12, at 2pm as part of the Chamber’s on-going Walking Village initiative.

“The Flesherton Forest is one of two distinct hiking areas right in our Village. That’s a unique attribute in our Village and one that we want to enhance and promote,” David Turner says.

The Forest walk is an easy hike; the trail is mostly wide and level with no steep ups or downs and a few water courses. “We anticipate a two hour walk and the many varieties of wildflowers, ferns and trees will be identified by Hachey and Turner. Binoculars, cameras, sensible walking or hiking shoes and leashed dogs are all appropriate for this experience.

The Flesherton Forest trail is in a "management area" of Grey Sauble Conservation. One section of the land is also used to collect important climate data and is a site for snow depth measuring conducted by the Conservation Authority and shared with its climate information partners.

The other distinct hiking area in Flesherton is the Flesherton Hills is a 100 acre tract of walking trails behind Grey Highlands Secondary School (GHSS) and Macphail Elementary and accessible to the public. John Burton, head of the Environmental Studies Program (ESP) program at GHSS, and steward of the Hills, says features include a picnic pavilion, ponds, a beaver dam, forests, fields, an old orchard and new trees planted and

maintained by the ESP students at GHSS. A map of the trails and some geological information is posted at the entrance to the Hills and on the Flesherton web site [www.TheFlesherton.ca](http://www.TheFlesherton.ca)

The Walking Village Initiative promotes trail expansion, maintenance and improvements and also works to ensure that Flesherton is connected to the larger trail systems, trail associations and outdoors tourism promotions in our region, Barbara MacKay, chair of the Walking Village initiative, says.

“The goal of the Initiative is to encourage residents and visitors to enjoy our village and district on foot, including local hiking trails, such as Flesherton Hills, the Flesherton Forest and the Bruce Trail – the Bruce can now be entered only steps from Flesherton.”