

Toronto Bicycling Network  
**The Fitz Hostel**  
 Hiking Weekend Getaway  
 October 16 to 18, 2020

**Information Sheet:**

Stay at the quaint Fitz Hostel in Lion’s Head, the first Hostel ever, on the Bruce peninsula. We will arrive Friday after 2 pm and stay until Sunday. Enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts while reveling in the fall colors and celebrating the end of summer. The Hostel is right beside the Bruce trail. It is about a three and a half hour drive north-west of Toronto on Highways 410, 10, and 6.

We have the entire hostel booked for the weekend. There are three bedrooms – one with a double bed, and two with two bunk beds. It can accommodate 10 people total (8 when you consider us). There is a fully equipped kitchen for our meals, and shared bathroom facilities with two shower stalls, two toilet stalls, and a double sink. All bedding, cutlery, plates, cups, etc. are provided. See <https://www.thefitzhostel.com>.

FITZ HOSTEL	
Room 1	
Double Bed 1A 1B	
Room 2 (male)	Room 3 (female)
Bunk Bed 1 Top Bunk Bed 1 Bot Bunk Bed 2 Top Bunk Bed 2 Bot	Paul Bunk Bed 3 Top Bunk Bed 3 Bot Bunk Bed 4 Top Bunk Bed 4 Bot Brenda

Choose a bed for yourself and your friends when signing up. Go to the TBN website and view the “Fitz – Fall Hiking” web page for the updated rooming list showing who is staying where. It will be manually updated as often as possible.

We will provide Friday night burgers and snacks, two breakfasts, and supplies for two sandwich style lunches. Saturday night dinner will be potluck.

**Activities:**

This is primarily a hiking weekend trip. In the summer, the area offers hiking, paddling, climbing, and cycling.

On Saturday, and Sunday we plan to car pool to parking lots and hike a section of the Bruce Trail. For those that have come in previous years, we can go further afield by placing cars in strategic spots.

Possible distances for Saturday are 5.5, 15.9, 16.8, 27.2, and 31. Possible distances for Sunday are 5.8, and 14.9. There are quite a few options, with the limitation being parking lot drop points.

We will provide maps.

### **Bunk Bed Bedrooms**



### **Double Bed Bedroom**



### **Registration:**

Please register online for this outing. You can pay by credit card, PayPal, or cheque. If you wish to pay by cheque, sign up online, download the sign up form. Include a cheque for \$125 (or \$135 if you are not a TBN member) made payable to the “*Toronto Bicycling Network Inc.*”. Send the form with payment to:

TBN Fitz  
7 – 6449 Glen Erin Drive  
Mississauga, ON  
L5N 2T2

Send us an email at the same time so we can reserve your bed choice.

Sign up cutoff: Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2020.

When payment is completed in the online system, you will receive an email with a link to download a confirmation document providing directions to the hostel, an itinerary, and extra information. The email does not get sent until payment is completed.

**Car Pooling:**

While we will not directly organize carpooling, we will help in the process. Contact us for more information. For car poolers, if you cannot find a ride, we will refund your online payment or return or destroy your cheque.

If you can provide a ride to someone, it is greatly appreciated. It's a good way to defray your travel costs and you get to meet a nice person to make the long drive a lot shorter.

**Suggestions on what to bring for the weekend:**

*Potluck Dinner Dish:* Saturday night dinner is a group effort, bring something you wish to share.

*BYOB* – alcohol is welcome if you are so inclined

*Water Bottle* – we do not supply bottled water or juice packs

*Hiking boots, poles (if used), rain gear, flashlight or headlamp, water bottle, knapsack, and appropriate clothing*

*Toiletries* – bar of soap and shampoo

**What not to bring:**

*Plates, cups, and cutlery* – the hostel has everything you need

*Pillows, bedding, linens, comforters, and towels* – these are provided by the Hostel

**Weather:**

Rain is pretty much the norm at some point during most weekend trips. Staying in a hostel has advantages over tenting – you can dry off, take a hot shower, and sleep in a comfy bed.

**Cancellation Policy (please read):**

All cancellations are manual. TBN weekend trips are not subsidized and can not lose money. Last minute cancellations make it difficult to run an event. We purchase food before the weekend, and in the case of the Fitz Hostel, we have to pay for all the beds in the hostel whether used or not. Please refer to TBN's weekend trip policy for specifics. Do not expect a refund, if you cancel two weeks before the event. You are welcome to find someone to buy your spot – please let us know, if you do.

*New last year* – we will be charging a \$15 cancellation fee to cover cancellation costs.

While we may have a waiting list for this trip, filling spots in the last two weeks is virtually impossible. People make other plans. Do not expect a refund if cancelling in the last few weeks. Partial refunds may be possible, if the trip makes more money than we need to return to TBN.

Our goal for these weekend outings is to provide an inexpensive getaway from the city where people can enjoy the outdoors, activities, relaxing, and the company of other nice people.

**Comments, suggestions, and feedback of any kind are always welcome.**

We make changes and try to improve every year, incorporating your recommendations.

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