



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Geology of the Owen Sound Area in 5 Hikes

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**Owen Sound, Ontario – Monday, April 13, 2026 – Learn more about the ground under your feet from geologist Beth Gilhespy at her upcoming presentation, *Geology of the Owen Sound Area in 5 Hikes* taking place at the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library.**

On Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00 pm Gilhespy will tell Owen Sound's remarkable story of geological change through five spectacular hikes available in her book *Walking Through Time: Exploring the Geology of the Sydenham Bruce Trail Section*. From ancient tropical seas and fossil-rich dolostone cliffs, to glacial landforms and karst landscapes, each hike reveals how the past 450 million years of geological history has shaped the area we know today.

Beth Gilhespy is an avid hiker and traveller, with a passion for landscapes. This passion is evidenced in fascinating books on the geology the Niagara Escarpment focusing on three local areas: Beaver Valley, Sydenham and the Saugeen Bruce Peninsula. All books are available at the Library and will be for sale following Gilhespy's talk at the Library.

Gilhespy has been Chief Executive Officer of the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy since March 2024, following almost 5 years as Executive Director of the Toronto Zoo Wildlife Conservancy and more than 14 years as CEO of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. She also served on the Niagara Escarpment Commission from 2017 to 2019. Prior to her work in land conservation, Beth worked for 15 years as a consultant specializing in the environmental impact of toxic chemicals. She holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in physical geography and geology from the University of Guelph.

To register for the *Geology of the Owen Sound Area in 5 Hikes* presentation or for more information, contact 519-376-6623 ext. 3 or [info@library.osngupl.ca](mailto:info@library.osngupl.ca)

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