

Trillium Miata Club - Walter's Falls Colour Tour - October 4-5, 2016

Itinerary UPDATE (as of September 17)

Good afternoon, Everyone.

It is a rainy Saturday afternoon and I just got home from my second 'dry run' (well, wet, actually - with the top up all the way...). Last week, the Helmers (that's Marilyn and me) and the Allards (yes, Dona and Dennis) did a complete 'dry run' of the two day tour. The weather was great and the leaves have started to turn...

One goal of the 'dry run' was to verify the TWO gpx files, which should now be available on the Club website. We also firmed up arrangements with the Fall's Inn, for dinner and breakfast. The following is mostly a repeat of the itinerary that I distributed on Sept. 7. Changes and additions are shown below, in this blue font...

Day 1 (Tuesday, October 4): Getting there...

The primary features of Day 1 of this tour include:

- ✓ **Meet 'n Greet** (Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m.): The group will meet at the Petro Canada gas station on the north-west corner of Highway 9 and Airport Road. This is approx. 10 km east of Orangeville, on Hwy 9.
- ✓ **Tour Departure** (10:30 and 10:40 a.m.): There will be two groups of 7 & 6 Miatas, departing 10 minutes apart. (the two downloadable GPX files are now on the website.)
- ✓ **Lunch at Terra Nova Public House** (11:45 a.m.- 12:45 (approx.)): The groups will arrive at Terra Nova for lunch in this exquisite country pub and restaurant. The fixed price lunch (details below) is scheduled early in the tour to ensure our appetites are refreshed in time for dinner at The Fall's Inn & Spa, which is planned for 7 p.m.
- ✓ **After Lunch Departure**: The two groups will leave Terra Nova by 1:00 p.m. (approx).
- ✓ **Stretch & Bio Break #1**: (2:00 p.m. (approx.)): The tour will proceed to Blue Mountain, with a bio-break at the Scenic Caves reception centre. (suggested 15 minute break)
- ✓ **Stretch & Bio Break #2**: (approx. 3:00 p.m.) From Blue Mountain, the groups will proceed to and through the scenic Beaver Valley, with a stop (optional) at Eugenia Falls before proceeding to Flesherton for a second bio/ice cream-break and leg stretch...
- ✓ **The final leg**., through Beaver Valley to Walter's Falls, will see us arrive at The Fall's Inn & Spa by 4 p.m.
- ✓ **The Fall's Inn & Spa**: After checking in, we'll have access to the lounge, the patio and the outdoors area by the falls and along the trails. ~~Those wishing spa services (massage, etc.) should contact the Inn to schedule your treatment (519.794.4388 or info@thefallsinn.com).~~ **Please note that we are told that spa services will NOT be available while we are there...**
- ✓ **Cocktails & Dinner at The Fall's Inn**: We'll gather for a drink before dinner (6:30 p.m.) on the patio or in the lounge... **The sit-down** dinner is planned for 7:00 p.m.

Fixed Price Lunch (Terra Nova Public House Restaurant and Pub)

The fixed price lunch will include one of three main menu choices, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. The fixed price of \$25/person includes taxes and gratuity.

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Day 2 (Wednesday, October 5): Heading home

While the endgame for Day 2 of our tour will be getting home, there will be much to see and do along the way, with a celebratory lunch to end the tour...

The primary features of Day 2 of this tour include:

- ✓ **Breakfast at the Falls Inn** dining room from **8:00** - 9:00 a.m.. Breakfast will be buffet style.
- ✓ **Driver's meeting** (Fall's Inn parking lot) at 9:15 a.m.
- ✓ **Depart the Inn** for Day 2 of the tour at 9:30 and 9:40 a.m.
- ✓ **Drive cross country to Southampton**, with a brief stop by the water before stopping at a Timmy's, for a **bio-break**.
- ✓ Begin the journey south without a stop in **Paisley**. Our 'dry run' revealed that a stop in Paisley isn't warranted.
- ✓ Continue the tour, through Chesley and Walkerton, with a bio/coffee break at a **Timmy's in Walkerton** (maybe stop for water?? **NOT!**).
- ✓ Continue our scenic tour through rolling farmlands with another (if needed) bio-break at Arthur..
- ✓ **Lunch at the Caledon Inn**: The final leg of our tour will end at The Caledon Inn (James McCarty Pub) for our celebratory end-of-tour lunch, at approx 2:00 p.m. (16626 Airport Rd)

We are looking forward to getting together and we hope that these plans are inviting to you! However, not everything is 'carved in stone' and so please let me know if something in the plan doesn't work for you.

I can't promise to accommodate your suggestions but I will try...

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