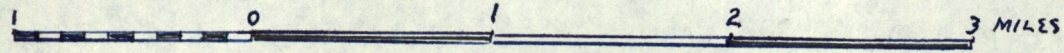


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THE BONSHAW HILLS TRAIL

On October 27, 1973, Dr. Walter R. Shaw cut the ribbon at Appin Road and declared the Bonshaw Hills Trail to be officially open. This fall, two years later, it was pleasing to see how well nature had healed the scars inflicted while making the trail. A carpet of leaves and evergreen needles have made the trail look inviting and enough pairs of feet have left their impression that the path is usually easy to follow. Best of all, hikers have not left a trail of litter in their wake.

Markers are sparse in some sections and there would be a problem in trackless snow. Marking trees at closer intervals with bands of bright paint should be considered in preference to nailing on markers.

High winds have brought down branches and dead trees--the majority small enough to be moved easily. These trees laid down parallel to the trail would make good guide lines. If hikers would remove light debris instead of stepping over everything, those who carry clean-up tools could proceed faster.

About tools--if limited to only one, the most useful is a pair of lopping shears with handles about two feet long. These will neatly snip off protruding green branches and little trees on the path. A small sharp axe with about a 15-inch handle is good for removing small dead branches. A bow saw, even a 21-inch one, will saw through a sizable fallen tree if two people use it.

There is good news from St. Catherines. Miss Kate MacFadyen has kindly granted permission to re-route the trail across her woods. Thus a very steep hill and Mr. Arnold MacEachern's fence can now be bypassed.

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