

A rockin' hike

Walk number 12 on Saturday was dubbed Gems Beneath Your Boots because hosts Sandra and Mark Bramham discovered that their property, Green Mantle Farm on the Essonville Line, is home to some pretty unique minerals such as fluorrichterite, orthoclase, tremolite, actinolite, apatite and Quartz to name a few, all of which were beautifully explained by guide John Etches. At far right Etches, of Environmental Education, holds up a mineral that might be fluorrichterite during the wet yet enjoyable Hike Haliburton.

At right, Toronto/Gooderham resident Gilbert Mongeau and Jennifer Renaud, also from Toronto listen to Etches as he explains the characteristic of the mineral apatite.

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