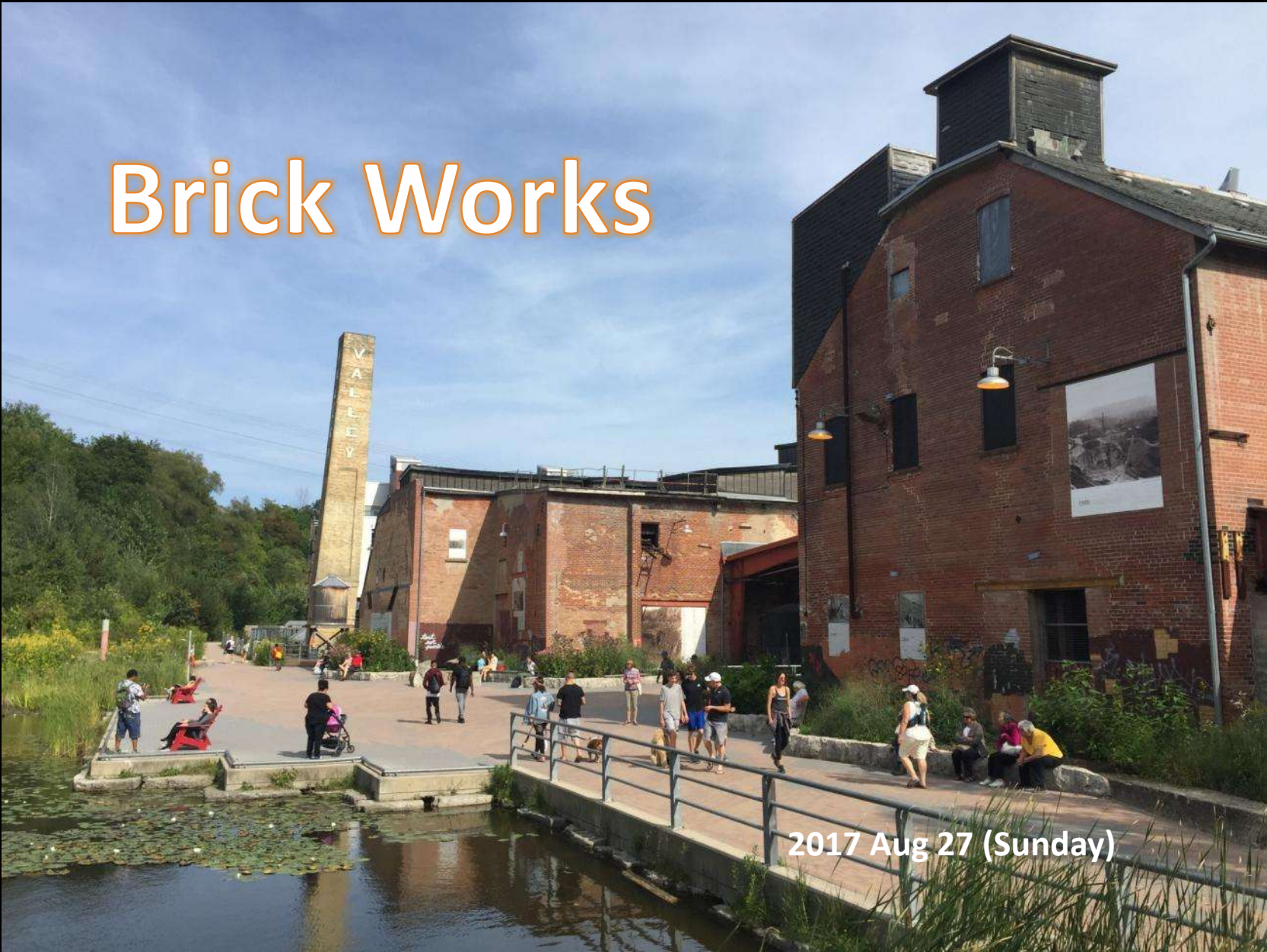


Brick Works



2017 Aug 27 (Sunday)



Used to be a pre-eminent brickyard from 1889 to 1984, producing at its peak 43 million bricks a year for use in construction of homes and buildings in Canada

When the factory was closed down in 1984, the site was abandoned, leaving behind a damaged ecosystem, crumbling buildings and contaminated soil.



In 2008, construction works began to revitalize and restore the site. Brickworks opened in 2010 Sept.

Today, it is home to a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) Platinum building and is a global showcase for green design, urban sustainability and a vibrant public place.

It is named one of the world's top geotourism destinations by National Geographic in 2010.

Values Charter

Evergreen Brick Works is

- Home to a community of organizations whose mission and values focus on three core themes—nature, culture and community.

The 3 core themes:

-Nature

-Culture


-Community

WELCOME




What do you do with an abandoned 120-year-old factory hidden in the ravines at the heart of our city?

REUSE IT. RESPECT IT. REDISCOVER IT.
LEARN FROM IT. TEACH IN IT. PLAY IN IT.

 The Don Valley Brick Works made bricks that built Toronto. Now, these same buildings (and the new LEED® Platinum building we added) will generate ideas and tools for building the sustainable city of the future.

To learn more, visit ebw.evergreen.ca

A national charity since 1991, Evergreen makes cities more livable by bringing people and nature together for the benefit of both.

 Evergreen has transformed this site into an environmental centre where communities can discover how to live, work and play more sustainably. Evergreen Brick Works is a social enterprise; the money you spend supports the programs we deliver.

This 12-acre industrial site is owned by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and managed by the City of Toronto.

 Explore the natural spaces. Get your hands dirty. Enjoy local food. Discover the past. Think about the future. Ask questions. Share your ideas and explore new ones. Take part in the programs and activities. Or just wander about.

Evergreen is operating the site under a 25-year lease. We are grateful to the TRCA and City for all that they have contributed to the project.



“Rediscover

Reuse

Respect

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Play in it”



The Quarry Garden

40 acres

Then – A clay and shale quarry

Today - A thriving green space to explore, wander and relax



Young Welcome Centre (The LEED Platinum award building)
Exhibits of history and revitalization of site
Multi-function hall
Visitors' information



Also

- Classrooms**
- Display of brick machinery**
- Story of brick production**



The Evergreen Garden Market
Garden supplies, food, native and heritage plants, locally-sourced gifts



Koerner Gardens – native and edible plants
More factory remnants

Bike Works – DIY bike repair space, workshops, community bike hubs and events
Sweet Pete's Bike Shop – rentals, tune-ups, emergency repairs, accessories



The Children's Garden and Toddlers' Garden

A multi-sensory play area

A place for children to invent and build Deploy their own creativity and problem solving skills Develop their appreciation of the natural world



The Watershed Wall

**Toronto's largest living map
Depicts the rivers that flow through Toronto**



The Saturday Farmers Market

Unfortunately, it was closed at time of visit



**I started off at the
Rosedale Subway Station**



**...then down
The Milkman's Lane (bottom) and along
The Beltline Trail (top)**



With a stopover at the Craighigh Gardens before heading down the trail



**I walked to the Brickworks.
One can also drive there or take a free shuttle from the Broadview subway Station**



A very pleasant place. Worth visiting.