

This Week's Walk by Margeree Edwards

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April Showers

From the old sweet song we know that April showers bring May flowers.
And the weather office is saying April may be a wet month this year,

So I ask you: Where do you like to walk when it is raining?
Seriously.

Walking, even on rainy days, is a necessity. We need that time alone to escape from the stats of the Pandemic, or we need to walk and talk with friends to spin ideas of what we can do to bring enjoyment to each day. The words of the old song, April Showers, makes it clear that we all have difficulties, but they too will pass.

"So if it's raining have no regrets
Because it isn't raining rain, you know, it's raining violets."

I have a couple of favourites places to walk in the rain. .

For a place where you can go again and again - to watch trees go from buds to leaves almost overnight; where flowers poke their heads through the soil ready to burst into bloom - for these you can't beat Millennium Park and its trail called RiverWalk. Start at the No Frills area in the south and walk to Simcoe Street in the north.

The rain and the winds of April stirring up the river, remind us that the Otonabee River was, at one time, long sets of rapids to be wary of. A more gentle thought for walking is dreaming ahead of coffee at the Silver Spoon.

Another favourite walk for me, in the rain, is to cross the river on the train bridge just north of Holiday Inn. Yes the trains still crosses the river but there are separate spaces for walkers/cyclists and trains. On the other side walk down to the road and go over the little bridge to the right that takes you to "the Point", sometimes inaccurately called 'The Island.' It feels like an island with the water almost all around, a very Maritime feeling. There are interesting homes, The original buildings were wartime houses but I am told they were all removed years ago. Meandering is advised.

Given footwear that keeps your feet dry, a raincoat, and possibly an umbrella, that is all you really need. Walk wherever the spirit leads you. Enjoy.

A Request:

The old West end such as Gilmore, Homewood and Hunter West are great for garden watching, as are the Avenues. What are some of the Spring things to see? Where are some of the

interesting gardens? Let's share some ideas for enjoying a walk in this area. Send your ideas to Margeree Edwards at inmecom@gmail.com or text to 705 768 6703. Thanks.

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[Al Jolson](#)

Life is not a highway strewn with flowers
Still it holds a goodly share of bliss
When the sun gives way to April showers
Here is the point you should never miss

Though April showers may come your way
They bring the flowers that bloom in May
So if it's raining have no regrets
Because it isn't raining rain you know, it's raining violets
And where you see clouds upon the hills
You soon will see crowds of daffodils
So keep on looking for a blue bird
And list'ning for his song...
Whenever April showers come along.

Source: [LyricFind](#)