

The 2019, 10th Annual Polar Bear Run - A Route Less Followed

This event was presented as a mystery tour where the participants were given maps consisting of lines for roads and arrows for turns but no written words. Details such as railway crossings, traffic lights, intersecting roads and stop signs were shown on the maps.

It is about a 30 - 40 minute tour, starting in Tottenham. It follows paved roads and speed limits range from 50 to 80 kph. The entire route is on back roads and little travelled, out of the way roads that feature lots of rolling hills, forests and farm land. It also includes a couple of segments through 'the bellies' of communities on residential and otherwise not regularly travelled roads.

With the odd, *temporary*, wrong turn or failure to turn, every car made it to the final destination which was the Mandarin Restaurant in Newmarket.

Seventeen cars and thirty one members attended this run and from followup comments it is clear that the route was enjoyed by everyone.....so please give it a try, at least for part of the route. It is one of the fewer and fewer less travelled roads that are available where we can exercise our British cars.

Please let us know if you try this route and any updates you may be able to make would be appreciated.

Enjoy

Jane and Bill Tully

A downloadable version of the [original instructions](#) is also available by this link.

The starting point: The original group gathered in the parking lot of Father F.X. O'Reilly School just south of the intersection of the Tottenham Rd, and the 5th Line at the north end of Tottenham.

- 1) South on the Tottenham Rd to the Traffic Lights at Mill St. (4th Line)
- 2) Left on Mill St and drive to the 2nd Stop Sign. (15th Sideroad)
- 3) Left on the 15th to the next cross road, the 5th Line
- 4) Right on the 5th Line to the second cross road, the 20th Sideroad
- 5) Right on the 20th S/R to the traffic light at Hwy #9
- 6) Straight through the traffic light to the second Stop Sign, Church St.
- 7) Right onto Church St. to the stop sign at Rebellion Way.
- 8) Left onto Rebellion Way, through the traffic Light and continue straight, over the 400 Hwy, past Jane St., through Kettleby to the Stop Sign at Keele St.
- 9) Right onto Keele St to the Traffic Circle.
- 10) 3/4 around the traffic circle and go east on the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd., to Dufferin St.
- 11) Left on Dufferin St. to the first cross road, the 19th Sideroad
- 12) Right onto the 19th Sideroad which becomes Mulock DR. and continue to the 1st street past the traffic light, Sawmill Creek Rd.
- 13) Right onto Sawmill Creek Rd. and follow it to the Traffic Light at Yonge St.
- 14) Drive through the traffic light and turn left into the parking lot. The Mandarin Restaurant is straight ahead