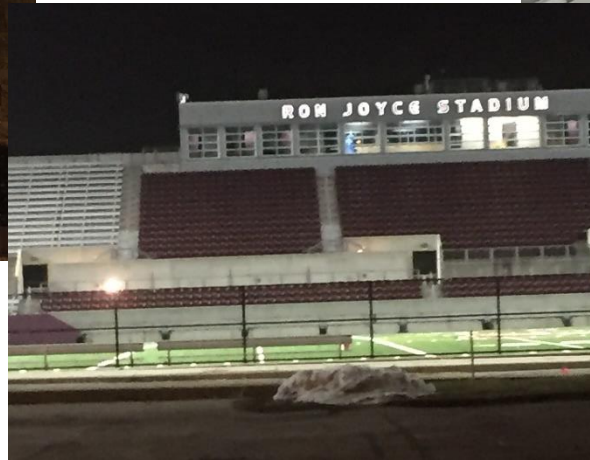
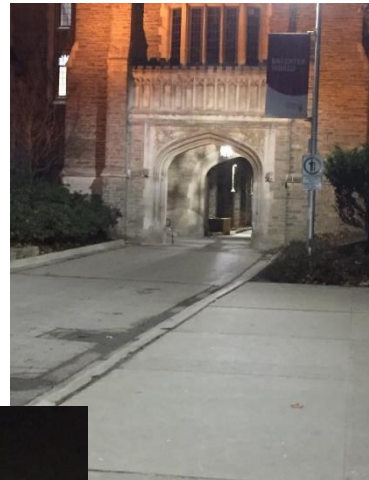


I had an evening free one day in November and thought I'd finish off a part of the trail that had been missing. I wanted to walk from the university back to the trail I had gotten to, getting closer to finishing my hike through Hamilton. I planned to go through the various Cootes Paradise trails, and while I was a bit nervous, I was also super excited. It was dark at 5-6 pm, you see – but I figured these were safe city trails and I had my cell phone fully charged and kept the light on. It was wonderful and different from every other hike I had been on until then. As usual, it started on a boring street corner where the bus let me off, but that was the only boring bit.

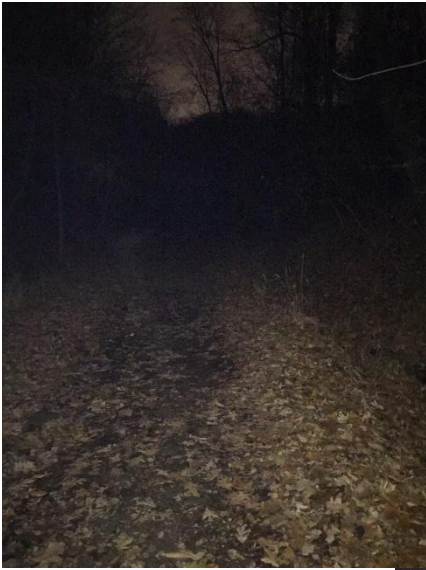


The university looked ghostly and stately when I started out. It reminded me of old books and dusty book corners and castles and magic and mystery.

Even the sports stadium was cool. I got through the streets and onto a park path as fast as possible though.

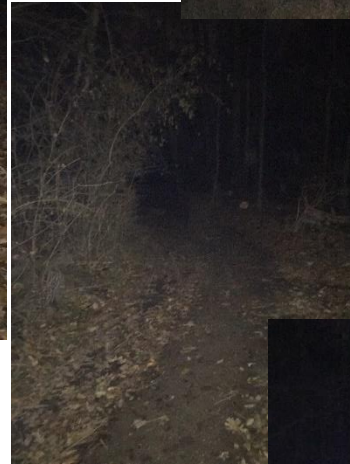
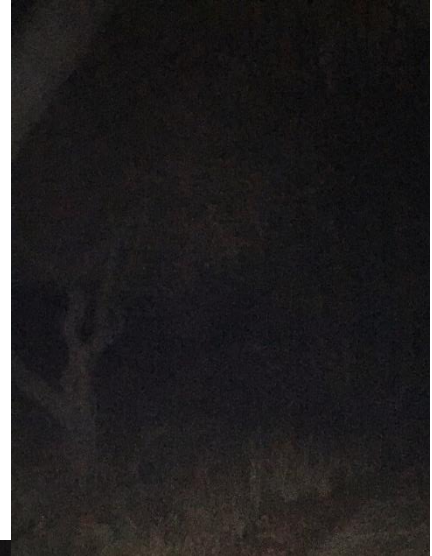


There was something really beautiful about the way that the light from my phone reflected on the branches. It really revealed the starkness of late autumn but also a certain fairy magic to it.



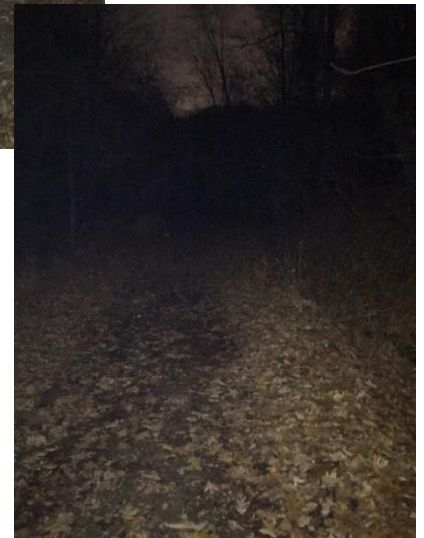
This hike needed to have been done by an artist to truly capture the magic of the various painting-like images

The way the leaves looked on the ground was also highly spectacular. They shone and softened the path. It was a really neat hiking experience.



I am not certain that I captured the beauty of looking ahead into the mist. The path looked just a bit purple and otherworldly. It was wonderful, walking through a fairy tale. I've tried

various approaches to convey it to you. This trip has more photoshop than the others – but only to try to convey what I actually saw.





Finally I was at the end of the trail, having connected another piece and walked another 2 km for a total of 33 km so far. (The “Open Dawn till Dusk” comment made me smile!”)

Remember to click on the link for the pictures and maps!

