

**Labspace Studio closes out its *East-End Expedition Series* with 'Hydro Hike': a 15-artist multidisciplinary exhibition and 26.5km electrifying adventure through Toronto's power system.**

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October 26, 2010 - East-end art space, **Labspace Studio**, launches its final exhibition of the **East-End Expedition Series**, a string of artist-led projects and research-based expeditions that investigate, navigate and re-contextualize the urban natural spaces in Toronto's east-end.

Led by artist and Scarborough native, Laura Smith, **'Hydro Hike' is the result of a two-day hiking expedition** through the power system connecting Toronto's east end to its downtown core. **15 artists from various disciplines** set out at Orton Park & Ellesmere in Scarborough and meandered through trails, tracks and hydro fields to finish their **26.5km journey** at the corner of Yonge & Bloor.

**The Hydro Hike exhibition** is an interactive presentation of their research, experiences and stories in the form of sculpture, installation, video, painting and performance.

"Each project in the East-End Exhibition Series is meant to encourage creative experiences and dialogue within our own east-end geography," says Laura Mendes, Co-Director of Labspace Studio. "These projects are meant to provoke awareness and urban adventure in a collaborative and creative way."

This past summer & fall, **Labspace Studio** produced four artist-led projects examining the natural spaces in Toronto's east-end including: **My Friend Don** (a canoeing expedition down the East Don River), **A Night with Leslie** (an archeological excavation through the Leslie St. Spit), **Rumblings in the Rouge** (an immersive adventure through Rouge Park) & **Hydro Hike**.

For complete details on each expedition visit: <http://www.labspacestudio.com/ees.php>

**Hydro Hike Artists:**

Shay Brown	Kate Franklin	Vasa Gataiance	Ryan Land
John Loerchner	Laura Mendes	Sam Pelletier	
Melissa Penney	Brian Sasaki	Gram Schmalz	
Kathleen Schmalz	Alex Shaw	Laura Smith	Trooper
Ashley Wheeler			

**Exhibition:**

Nov 5th | Opening | 7pm-12am  
Nov 6th | Open | 12pm-5pm  
Nov 7th | Sunday Brunch | 11am-3pm

**Labspace Studio** is an independent arts centre in Toronto's east-end with an interest in hybrid art practices, collaboration, experimentation and exchange.