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Rooting for Conservation, Part 1

What you will be doing

You will help Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) staff plant native trees and shrubs along our trail system. Physical activity will involve hiking over hilly terrain, bending, crouching, carrying trees, and digging holes with shovels. As invasive Scotch pine saplings will also be removed, this will involve the use of loppers.

Why you will love it

You will be spending time in a large, beautiful mature upland deciduous forest, learning all about the species that live there and the conservation work that helps it thrive. Planting trees is one of the most satisfying ways to spend a day, and your stewardship efforts will help increase forest cover and provide habitat for native species.

About the property

The Happy Valley Forest is one of the largest remaining intact upland deciduous forests on Canada's Oak Ridges Moraine, located just northwest of the Greater Toronto Area. The Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve features parking spaces and a newly constructed 770-metre fully accessible trail, providing a more inclusive opportunity for people to experience the benefits of nature.

Gathering details

Date: October 13, 2022

Time: 12 p.m.– 4 p.m.

Location: Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve

Meeting details: Meet at 4093 17th Sideroad, King City, Ontario

GPS coordinates:

43°58'14.8"N 79°35'54.8"W



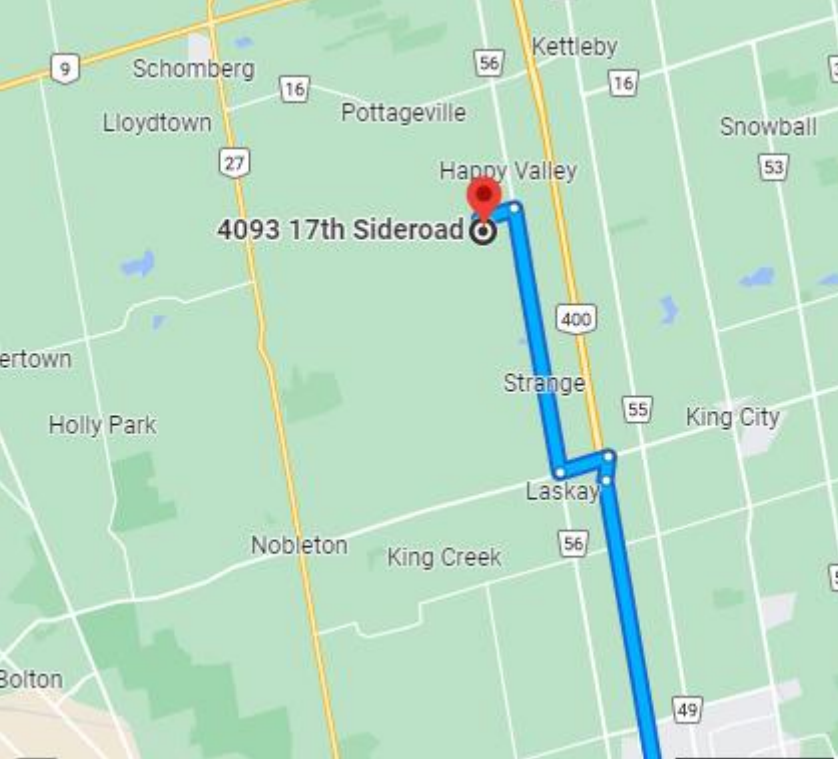
COVID-19

This event will be entirely outdoors, with a maximum capacity of 15 people. Masks will be available.



On-site facilities

A portable toilet and hand sanitizer will be available.



**Lost or running late?
Call me!**



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Cancellations

If for any reason you cannot attend this volunteer event, please inform us in advance by email or phone.

Inclement weather

This event will run rain or shine, but field work will be cancelled or postponed if extreme weather conditions occur, or site conditions are unsafe. If this occurs, all attempts will be made to contact you at the number you provided when you registered.

Driving directions

| Directions from Toronto/401: | Distance |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Head north on Highway 400 towards Barrie | 22.9 km |
| 2. Take exit 43 towards York Regional Road 11/King Road | 550 m |
| 3. Turn left onto King Road/York Regional Road 11 | 1.2 km |
| 4. Turn right onto Weston Road/York Regional Road 56 | 6.2 km |
| 5. Turn right onto Harwood Rd/Regional Rd 15 | 550 m |
| 6. Turn left onto 17 th Sideroad | 800 m |

The parking lot is on the south side of the road. Should the parking lot be full, please park on the right side of the road, making sure not to block any driveways.

Approximate distance/time: 40 km/40 min

Click this [google maps link](#) and enter your address for directions tailored specifically for you!

Thanks to our partners:





Schedule

| Time | Activity |
|----------------------|--|
| 12 p.m.–12:30 p.m. | Welcome, introductions and safety talk |
| 12:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m. | Plant trees |
| 3:45 p.m.–4 p.m. | Wrap-up, thank you's and goodbyes |



What to bring

- sturdy, close-toed shoes
you don't mind getting muddy
- gardening/work gloves and shovels, if you have them. Please label your equipment.
- long pants
- warm layers
- hat with a brim
- raincoat and rain pants (just in case)
- water bottle
- lunch/snacks
- sunscreen/bug spray
- any necessary medications



What's provided

- extra water & snacks
- work equipment (gloves, shovels)
- safety equipment (hand sanitizer, masks, first aid kits, etc.)
- sunscreen & insect repellent
- toilet paper and hand sanitizer

Field safety

There may be poison ivy and prickly vegetation on the property. Close-toed footwear, long pants and long-sleeved shirts will limit exposure. Your event leader will help you avoid these plants where possible.

There may be ticks, which can carry Lyme disease, in the area. Tucking your pants into your socks and your shirt into your pants can limit your exposure. Be sure to check yourself thoroughly for ticks at the end of the day. For more information about Lyme disease and prevention, visit the [Health Canada website](#).

General Information for visitors to NCC properties

When accessing Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) properties, please note:

1. You may be hiking/walking on terrain that may be steep, uneven, slippery, or jagged, or where solid footing is obscured by vegetation. Be sure to have good walking shoes with ankle support and treads.
2. Since you will be visiting rich natural areas, you will encounter many types of plants and animals, on land and in the water, some of which may be dangerous or poisonous to humans. It is your responsibility to learn about the environment you'll be visiting, and how to avoid natural threats, especially in areas inhabited by large carnivores.
3. You must help keep these areas beautiful by packing out everything you bring in, including garbage.
4. You will be enjoying the outdoors in all kinds of weather, from bright sun to rainy conditions. Be sure to bring sunscreen, preferably waterproof with a high protection factor, and apply it frequently. Bring rain gear. Wear layers of clothing that will allow you to be warmer or cooler during different parts of the day.
5. Black flies/mosquitoes/ticks and other biting/stinging insects may pose a problem at certain times of the year.
6. Many of the habitats on Nature Conservancy of Canada properties are ecologically sensitive. Be aware of your impact: do not pick flowers, avoid crushing plants and do not feed or harass wildlife.
7. Some Nature Conservancy of Canada properties are fenced and use cattle or other livestock for grazing. As these animals may be unpredictable, refrain from approaching or harassing them.
8. Some Nature Conservancy of Canada properties contain abandoned buildings and/or mineshafts. If encountered, do not enter or approach any of these structures due to unknown hazards and risks.
9. Fires of any sort are absolutely prohibited on Nature Conservancy of Canada property.
10. Even with appropriate precautions, accidents can happen. The Nature Conservancy of Canada does not provide any trained medical professionals or any hazard or emergency evacuation facilities.