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Discover the Simcoe County Forest

Midhurst/September 15, 2022 – September 18 to 24 is #NationalForestWeek in Canada. Each year National Forest Week (NFW) is celebrated across the nation, promoting the heritage, value and importance of forest networks to our economy and environment.

This month, the County of Simcoe is hosting a number of guided trail hikes throughout the region in commemoration of 100 years of the Simcoe County Forest. Each hike will be approximately 1.5 km in length and on a beginner level trail, taking no more than an hour to complete.

These guided hikes are led by a knowledgeable and experienced County forestry staff member who will provide details on the rich history and current management practises of the Simcoe County Forest. *Participants are reminded to dress according to weather conditions as tours will commence rain or shine, and bring water bottles or additional items in a backpack.*

A complete listing of hikes, including a map of meeting locations can be found at www.findyourforest.simcoe.ca and include:

Date	Time	Forest Tract	Address
Saturday, September 17	10 a.m.	Hendrie	1350 Hendrie Road, Springwater
Saturday, September 17	10 a.m.	Packard	9398 9 th Line, Essa
Sunday, September 18	10 a.m.	Sinclair	4028 County Road 54, Bradford West Gwillimbury
Sunday, September 18	10 a.m.	Sutherland	2573 5 th Line, Oro-Medonte
Monday, September 19	6 p.m.	Hendrie	1350 Hendrie Road, Springwater
Tuesday, September 20	6 p.m.	Slessor	3721 Burnside Line, Severn
Wednesday, September 21	6 p.m.	Martin's Valley/Charlebois	390 Wilson Road, Tiny
Thursday, September 22	6 p.m.	Sinclair	4028 County Road 54, Bradford West Gwillimbury
Monday, September 26	6 p.m.	Packard	9398 9 th Line, Essa
Tuesday, September 27	6 p.m.	Slessor	3721 Burnside Line, Severn
Wednesday, September 28	6 p.m.	Martin's Valley/Charlebois	390 Wilson Road, Tiny
Thursday, September 29	6 p.m.	Sutherland	2573 5 th Line, Oro-Medonte

To find the meeting locations for each guided hike, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4ay44vxx>.

#NationalForestWeek is led by the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF). Did you know... the CIF named Simcoe County the Forest Capital of Canada for 2022! The County became the first ever two-time winner of this prestigious national award (2022 and 1972), which acknowledges leadership in forestry and environmental stewardship. Learn more about the CIF and their #NationalForestWeek program at www.cif-ifc.org/what-we-do/national-forest-week/

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

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