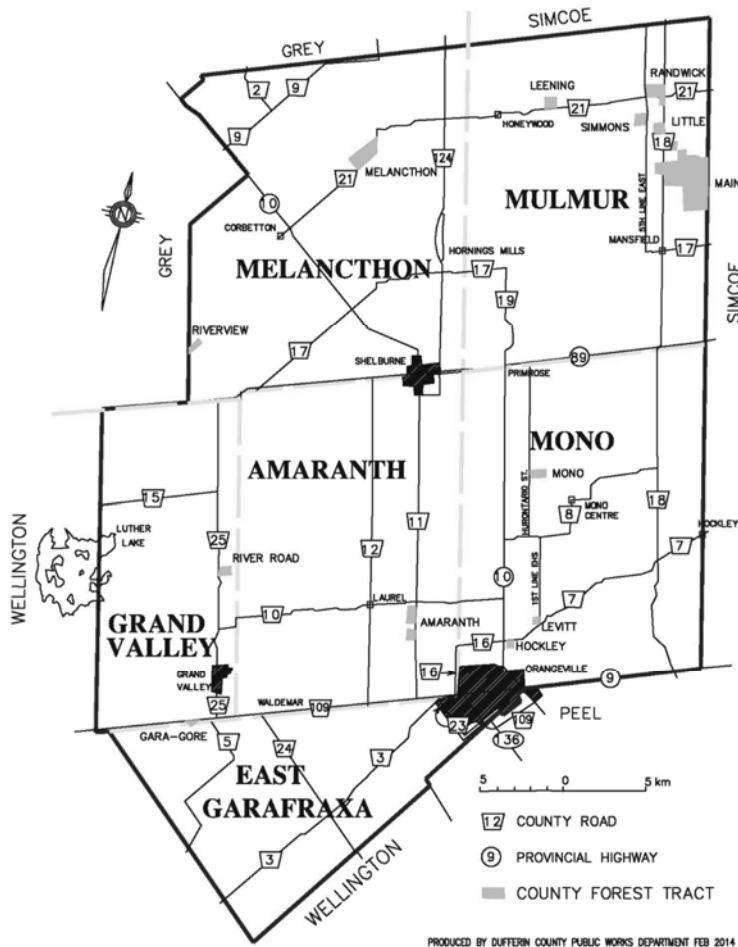


Tracts of the Dufferin County Forest

Dufferin County Forest



Welcome to the Woods!



Use of the Forest is at your own risk. The Forest is multi-use, please be aware of other users at all times.

- ◆ No motorized vehicles except snowmobiles on designated O.F.S.C. trails
- ◆ No hunting June 1 - September 30; forest use permit required for hunting at all other times.
- ◆ No littering or dumping ◆ No campfires ◆ No camping
- ◆ Signs with yellow dots along property boundaries (as described in the *Trespass to Property Act*) indicate that certain activities are restricted



History

- ◆ the first purchase of land for the Dufferin County Forest was made in 1930, consisting of 426 hectares (1,013 acres) on Concessions VII and VIII in Mulmur Township
- ◆ the last purchase was made in 1971, consisting of 41 hectares (100 acres) on Concession VI in Mulmur Township
- ◆ from 1930 to 1995, the Forest was managed on behalf of the County by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The relationship was governed by twenty-year agreements made under the *Forestry Act*.
- ◆ since 1995, the County has managed the Forest
- ◆ in 2001, the County was recognized for its management of the Forest and for its co-operation with the Dufferin South Simcoe Land Stewardship Network with a national award – the Forest Stewardship Recognition Program award

Management

- ◆ the County has improved signage in the Forest, produced information items about the Forest, and promoted the Forest through tours, presentations, and special events
- ◆ annually, the County tenders timber for sustainable harvesting
- ◆ the County has developed important partnerships with the Dufferin Simcoe Land Stewardship Network and the Dufferin County Museum & Archives to better achieve its Public Use and Relations objectives for the Forest
- ◆ the County has developed a monitoring program to ensure that its objectives for the Forest are met
- ◆ in 2003, the County revised the by-law governing use of the County Forest; its main provisions are listed on the reverse
- ◆ a self-guided forestry interpretive trail has been established at the Little Tract
- ◆ a fully accessible trail has been established at the Hockley Tract
- ◆ in March, 2016 Dufferin County Council approved a comprehensive twenty-year (2016-2036) management plan for the Dufferin County Forest, which included an operating plan for 2016-2021. Subsequently, operating plans for the periods 2021-2026, 2026-2031, and 2031-2036 will be developed.

For more information

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Facts and Figures

- ◆ the Forest is a 1,054 hectare (2,606 acre) area, owned by the County of Dufferin, divided into thirteen tracts, distributed across all six of Dufferin County's rural municipalities
- ◆ the largest single area is the Main Tract (607 hectares/1,501 acres) located in Mulmur Township, just north of the hamlet of Mansfield
- ◆ major tree species include red pine, white pine, white spruce, eastern white cedar, larch, red oak, sugar maple, white ash, black cherry, white birch, and poplar
- ◆ a variety of ecosystems is represented, including conifer plantations, upland tolerant hardwoods, upland oak, bottomlands, wetlands, and creeks
- ◆ the Forest is managed and used for a number of purposes, including: recreation, natural heritage protection, erosion and water control, provision of wildlife habitat, outdoor education, protection of biodiversity, and support of the rural economy through timber production
- ◆ a provincially recognized Life Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest - the Oak Ridges South Slope Forest - is located in the Main Tract
- ◆ provincially or locally significant wetlands are located in the Randwick, Melancthon, Riverview, Hockley, and Amaranth Tracts