

The Dufferin County Forest is a 1,066 hectare (2,636 acre) forested area divided into fourteen tracts. These tracts are located throughout Dufferin County in the Townships of Mulmur, Melancthon, Amaranth, East Garafraxa, and the Towns of Mono and Grand Valley. The largest is the Main Tract (604 hectares/1,492 acres), located in Mulmur Township north of the hamlet of Mansfield. A map showing the locations of the tracts is on the reverse. All of the County Forest tracts are identified by 4' x 4' green signs giving the name of the tract, identifying it as part of the Dufferin County Forest, and giving phone numbers both for emergencies and information.

We welcome recreational use of the County Forest, but some recreational activities are restricted in the interests of environmental conservation and reduction of user conflicts. Generally accepted outdoor recreational activities are permitted, but take note of the following:

- ◆ There are no motorized vehicles allowed other than snowmobiles on designated Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs trails and vehicles used for game retrieval.
- ◆ Hunting is permitted in the following tracts: south portion of Amaranth, Gara Gore, Melancthon, Randwick, Riverview, and Simmons from October 1 – May 31; refer to the *Dufferin County Forest—Hunting* brochure for details.
- ◆ In the Main Tract, there are separate trails for mountain biking and horseback riding. Obey signs designating permitted uses.
- ◆ Dogs must be on leash or under control at all times.
- ◆ Camping and campfires are prohibited.
- ◆ Littering and dumping of garbage are

prohibited.

- ◆ If you wish to hold a recreational event in the County Forest, contact the County Forest Division at 519-941-1114 or [forest@dufferincounty.ca](mailto:forest@dufferincounty.ca) for more information.

The full text of the recreational use policy, as well as the associated by-law (2017-39), are available at [www.dufferincounty.ca](http://www.dufferincounty.ca) or from the County Forest Division (contact information below). **It is your responsibility to be aware of, and adhere to, ALL requirements of the by-law/policy; this brochure provides a summary only.**

### Highlights of the Code of Conduct for Dufferin County Forest Users

#### All Users

- ◆ Expect and respect other trail users.
- ◆ Remember that on shared use trails there are a variety of other users enjoying the trail with you.
- ◆ Keep to the right to allow other users to pass on your left. When stopping for a break, move to the side to allow others room to pass
- ◆ Stay on the trail; don't create new trails.
- ◆ Respect neighboring landowners by staying off private property.
- ◆ Avoid excessive noise.
- ◆ Leave the trail as you found it; whatever you pack in, pack out.
- ◆ Some trails may close seasonally or during forest management activities. Obey trail closure signs.
- ◆ Check the trail conditions. If you are leaving tracks over ½" (1.25 cm) deep don't use the trail.
- ◆ Do not scare horses by approaching

silently or rapidly. When approaching from the front, stop and let them pass unless the rider indicates otherwise. If approaching from behind, alert the horse and rider from about 30 feet (nine metres) away with a friendly "hello". Ask the rider the best way to pass.

- ◆ During hunting seasons wear bright coloured clothing to increase visibility.
- ◆ Do not trespass on groomed cross-country ski trails from December 1 to March 31.

#### Equestrians

- ◆ Ride only on trails that are marked as being open to horses and stay on those trails.
- ◆ Kick manure off the trail (hikers and bikers will appreciate it). Manure and trailer contents must be removed from parking lots and disposed of offsite. Do not dispose of on gravel roads.
- ◆ Before taking your horse on the trail, train him to handle situations that may occur there. To avoid damaging the trail or causing injury to other trail users, keep to a walk or a gentle trot. Never gallop on the trail.

#### Cyclists

- ◆ Do your utmost to let your fellow trail users know you're coming — a friendly greeting or bell ring are good methods. Try to anticipate other trail users as you ride around corners.
- ◆ Bicyclists should yield to other non-motorized trail users, unless the trail is clearly signed for bike-only travel.
- ◆ Bicyclists traveling downhill should yield to ones headed uphill, unless the trail is clearly signed for one-way or downhill-only traffic. In general, strive to make each pass a safe and courteous one.

#### Snowmobilers

- ◆ Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.
- ◆ Stay on the designated Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trails.
- ◆ Your snowmobile may scare a horse. When approaching from the front, stop, turn off your machine, and let them pass unless the rider indicates otherwise. Approach slowly from behind, allow the rider to signal when it is alright to pass. If the horse reacts, stop and wait for the rider to regain control.

#### Hunters

- ◆ Refer to the *Dufferin County Forest—Hunting* brochure for details
- ◆ Obey all laws, regulations and by-laws regulating hunting, fishing, and trapping.
- ◆ Be well-practiced and know your firearm's capabilities and limitations.
- ◆ When shooting, do so accurately and safely.
- ◆ Insist that other hunters obey all laws and report lawbreakers.
- ◆ Avoid offensive behaviour and situations, such as displaying your harvest on your vehicle or behaving coarsely during or after the hunt.
- ◆ Make full use of the animals you take.

Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this information should be directed to:

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