

The Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee is proud to introduce

*"A Walk in the Woods"*

A New Series of Outdoor Events in the Community, for the Community

## *The McCarthy Woods and the Poet's Pathway Walk*

May 21, 2006  
*Rain or Shine*

Outdoor enthusiasts won't want to miss this first in a series of outdoor events hosted by OFGAC and its partners! Join us for a walk through remarkable stands of 120-year-old maples in the McCarthy Woods. Our guest speakers include River Ward Councillor Maria McRae, who will highlight the recent history of the area, and Erwin Dreessen, who will talk about the Poet's Pathway initiative. Seaton Findlay, an expert in Ottawa's urban woodlands, will also be on hand to provide special insights on the woodland features of the area.

Date and time: May 21, 1:00-3:00 pm

Rendez-vous point: Hunt Club/Riverside Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Drive (at McCarthy Road).

Parking: Available at the Hunt Club/Riverside Community Centre, and where indicated on the streets adjacent to the middle woodland entrance.

What to bring: Comfortable walking shoes, water bottle, hats, sunscreen, and other weather-appropriate attire.

*Special Thanks to Our Event Partners:*



## Other Upcoming Events

DATE	TOUR
Sunday July 16 2006	<b><i>The Distinguished and the Distressed</i></b> Learn the history of some of Ottawa's oldest and most notable trees, and the effects of urban stressors on trees in the city on this urban walk.
Sunday September 17 2006	<b><i>A Forest in the Fall</i></b> Hike among the leaves of the Marlborough Forest and learn about the forest's ecology, and its community involvement management system.
Sunday December 3 2006	<b><i>What's in a Name?</i></b> Learn about the unique natural features of the Carp Ridge, and how forest practices manage current stressors. Tree identification will challenge you along the way!
Sunday January 21 2007	<b><i>Active Forest Harvest</i></b> <i>Curious?</i> Join us on our winter hike / snowshoe and see some of the latest sustainable forest management principles at work.
March 18 2007	<b><i>Maple Syrup!</i></b> Learn how maple syrup is collected and produced in Ottawa's very own Vanier Sugar Bush.

OFGAC events are free of charge.

Wherever possible, OFGAC will help residents coordinate their travel to and from the site by posting car and transit directions, and/or the names of volunteers for carpools leaving from central or downtown locations.

Have a question about one of our events? **The latest updates on events are posted on our website, [www.ottawaforests.ca](http://www.ottawaforests.ca).**

## About OFGAC

The Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee (OFGAC) was established in 2001 to advise Ottawa City Council and provide a forum for citizens on issues related to forests and greenspace. The committee has 15 members, appointed by Council, from all areas of the City of Ottawa.

OFGAC advises the City of Ottawa on

- Municipal policies relating to trees and forests
- Protection, management, acquisition and conservation of greenspaces
- Management of community forests
- Public-private initiatives to protect greenspace
- Rural reforestation

We are working with the City to green streets, parks, and communities through the development of:

- an Ottawa Forest Strategy,
- a Greenspace Master Plan,
- a Biodiversity Strategy,
- a tree cover inventory and tree cover objectives, and
- a Good Forestry Practices Bylaw.

OFGAC provides a forum for citizens interested in trees and tree cover. We also create partnerships with local community groups and work closely with environmental organizations through workshops, conferences, and networking opportunities. Our monthly meetings are open to the public.

Visit our website [www.ottawaforests.ca](http://www.ottawaforests.ca) for more information about the Committee, what we're working on and how you can get involved.



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