

The Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee proudly announces the next event in the Walk in the Woods Series.

A most unusual Red Maple-Beech-Hemlock forest

The Medeola Woods and Area

We are pleased to include the Medeola Woods to our Walk in the Woods Series. Albert Dugal, a top notch botanist is our guest speaker and guide on this nature tour. We will explore the flora and fauna of the area as we walk through woodlands, an NCC trail and meadow on Sunday afternoon September 14th.

The area has a nice diversified greenspace, consisting of a meadow, a young woodlot, an old farm lane and an unusual Red Maple, Beech and Hemlock forest formation. A group of Ontario Field Botanists were astonished to see this very rare type of woodland when they visited those woods a few summers ago.

The old forest's portion of the woodlot, the Medeola Woods (so called because of the presence of large amounts of Indian Cucumber-root, *Medeola virginiana*), encompasses approximately 20 acres. It is Ottawa's largest stand of old growth trees, many of which are nearly 200 years old.

Our walk will take us through different types of habitats. We will begin the guided tour at a local City park's woodlot in Trapper's Park, then to an old forested NCC trail. We will walk along an old farm lane where two magnificent extremely large Red Ash Trees dominate a portion of the woodland. Our guide will point out some interesting vegetation as we move from one area to another. On the return trip we will cross a meadow, (a prime habitat for meadow birds), and learn about what impacts the various plant communities.

The Medeola Woods is enjoyed today mostly by local residents, the birding community and Field Naturalists' clubs. The Medeola Woods is a part of the NCC's Greenbelt which is not known well known to most Ottawa residents.

Join us for this unique opportunity to learn about what makes this area so special. The tour is open to everyone and will be delivered in English.

Date and time: Sunday, September 14th, 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Rain or Shine.

Rendez-vous time is at 1:00 P.M. There is little to no parking along the streets leading into the park and woodlot, so we encourage everyone to meet at the corner of Bank Street and Queensdale Avenue at the TD Bank in the Giant Tiger plaza (west side of Bank Street alongside of Queensdale Ave). From here we will car-pool to the entrance of the Trapper's Park's trail where we will start our guided nature tour.

For those of you who would rather walk over to the park from the TD Bank/Giant Tiger plaza, it is approximately a 10-15 minute walk (2.1km). The park's entrance is at 3580 Trapper's Road. (Directions from the intersection of Bank Street and Queensdale Avenue are as follows: Go west on Queensdale Avenue to Albion Road, turn right on Albion Road, turn left on McMahon Avenue and right on Alderwood Avenue, left on Trapper's Road, the Trapper's Park is on the left side.)

The tour starts promptly at 1:30 P.M. at the park's entrance: Trapper's Park on 3580 Trapper's Road.

What to bring: Rain gear (for good luck), comfortable walking shoes (rubber boots if it has been raining), water bottle, weather appropriate attire (suggest long pants as we will be walking through some high grass), insect repellent, and if you like, binoculars and camera.

For more information: ofgac@ottawaforests.ca

Transportation to and from OFGAC Events: Trees and greenspace aren't the only things that can help control our greenhouse gas emissions!

Thank you for using public transit or carpooling to our events. Transit trip planners and schedules at www.octranspo.com.

The Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee (OFGAC) was established in 2001 to advise Ottawa City Council and to 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.