

Mer Bleue

Sunday, September 18th 12:30 pm

September celebration of National Forest Week!

Celebrate National Forest Week and explore Mer Bleue, Ottawa's internationally recognized wetland, with local experts. Hosted by the Ottawa Forest and Greenspace Advisory Committee. This 3,500-hectare wetland, located at the edge of Ottawa, is internationally recognized by the Ramsar Convention for its contribution to the global environment. Ecologically, Mer Bleue is a unique example of a northern ecosystem — more typical of the Arctic than of the Ottawa Valley. All are welcome!

The tour is free of charge and will be delivered in English.

Other National Forest Week Events in Ottawa:

September 19 - Canadian Conservation Forum on Biodiversity at the Canadian Museum of Nature. Open to anyone with an interest in discussing issues and opportunities for national and global biodiversity conservation. Interested participants much register at ccium@mus-nature.ca by September 9. Hosted by the Canadian Committee for the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

September 22 - Boreal Forest Agreement Event and Webcast at the Canadian Museum of Nature. Hosted by Tree Canada in partnership with the David Suzuki Foundation and the Forest Products Association of Canada.

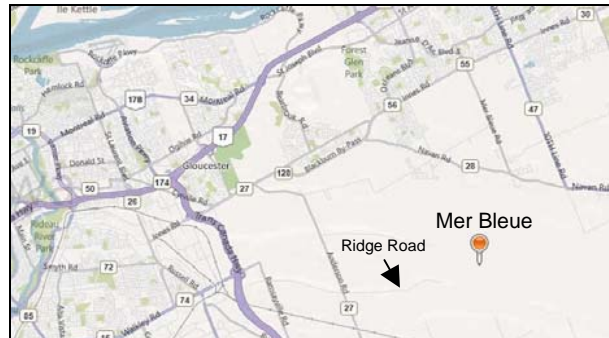
September 24 and 25 - Rural Ramble hosted by the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association
(www.ottawavalley.org/Thing_to_Do/Rural_Ramble.html).

For a full listing of events, please visit the Canadian Forestry Association website at www.canadianforestry.com under Community Outreach

Mer Bleue Event Details:

Date and time: September 18, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Rendez-vous: Trailhead in parking lot #22 on Ridge Road.

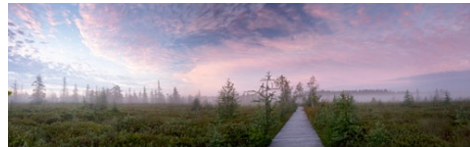


Directions from Ottawa

From the Queensway heading east, take Highway 416 south to exit 110 (Walkley Rd.) Turn left onto Walkley, and follow Walkley after right curve where it turns into Ramsayville Road. After go 1.5 km, turn left on Ridge Road. Follow Ridge Road for 5.5 km to the very end into a parking lot #22. Meet everyone at the beginning of the trail (south end of parking lot).

Special thanks to the NCC for this event:

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All OFGAC events are free of charge.

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 volunteer 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; and
- Rural reforestation.

We are working with City Council toward greening of streets, parks, and communities by developing

- an Ottawa Forest Strategy;
- a Tree Canopy 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 numerous workshops, conferences, and networking opportunities. Our monthly meetings are open to the public.



Ottawa Forests and Greenspace
Advisory Committee

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