

CELEBRATE NATIONAL FOREST WEEK SEPTEMBER 24TH TO 29TH

Celebrating the Trees That Naturally Benefit Everyone

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Toronto celebrations for National Forest Week kick off Sunday, September 24th from 11-3pm at the Ontario Science Centre. The theme, Our Forests: Connecting Our People and Our Land, is a time to reflect on the intricate connection between people and trees. Activities will include a tree identification challenge, weird wood product display, Smokey Bear and more.

Every day each person uses over 5,000 common products derived from trees. Toothpaste, combs, baby food, ice cream and bicycle helmets are just a few examples. Over 250,000 people are directly or indirectly employed by the forestry industry, with approximately 500 forestry related businesses in over 200 communities across the province participating in producing these everyday products.

Proper forest management ensures that the forests will continue to thrive, allowing many generations to enjoy the benefits trees offer. Trees clean our air by taking in carbon dioxide and producing oxygen; one hectare of trees produces enough oxygen for 45 people to breathe for one year.

This event is made possible by the support of Toronto's National Forest Week sponsors: Trees Ontario Foundation, Ontario Science Centre, Ontario Forest Industries Association, Domtar, Forest Stewardship Council and Toronto Hydro Corporation.

National Forest Week runs September 24th to 29th at the Ontario Science Centre. Representatives from Ontario Forestry Association and Trees Ontario Foundation will be on hand all week from 12- 2:30pm to answer any forestry questions.

Ontario Forestry Association is a non-profit, registered charity dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of all aspects of Ontario's forests, and to fostering commitment to stewardship of forest ecosystems.

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