

## ***2010 Take a Walk in the Forest!***

There are over 2200 hectares (5500 acres) of York Regional Forest in 20 different tracts. Forestry Staff and the Regional Forest Advisory Team host Forest events monthly. Come out, enjoy & learn.

1. **Pre-register for Feb and Nov events – for all other events, just come out at the start time indicated!**
2. *These events are free. Children under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult.*
3. *Terrain varies from sandy dirt paths to woody debris covered forest floor. Poison Ivy is common along trail edges. Closed-toed footwear, long sleeved shirts and pants are recommended.*
4. *Please stay on the trails; forest tracts are used at your own risk.*

### **January 16 – Winter Night Wander**

**6 pm-8 pm, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Join a naturalist for an evening saunter through the winter woods. Look for signs of wildlife by night. Enjoy the stars!

### **February 20-Snowshoe Stroll** (additional dates available)

**10 am-Noon, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Enjoy a 1 hour snowshoe stroll along forest pathways. Snowshoes, instruction, and a guided walk are included.

**Pre-registration is required for this event:**

**Telephone: 905-830-4444 Ext: 5256**

### **March 20 – Wild in the Forest & City**

**10 am-Noon, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Learn about the wildlife that live in and pass through the Forest and our urban areas. Touch the furs of our local wildlife species. Learn about a day in the life of a licensed wildlife trapper. Hike along wooded trails and discover animal survival skills.

### **April 24 - Spring Forest Festival - Celebrate Spring!**

**10 am-2 pm, North Tract, 17054 Hwy 48**

Celebrate spring and the Forest legacy by planting trees. Learn how to manage your own woodlot. Hike to the harvester at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm and enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride every 20 minutes through the Forest. Take home a tree seedling to plant. Don't forget to bring your work gloves and shovel to really dig this 2009 Earth Week celebration!

### **May 15 - Get Up With the Birds!**

**7 am-9 am, Porritt Tract, 15470 Kennedy Road**

Join us on a bird-watching hike. Learn the call of the ovenbird and about Endangered Species with an expert birder on a hike through the Forest.

### **June 19 – Trim-a-Limb Tree Pruning Demo**

**10 am-Noon, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Learn how to keep your trees healthy! A Forester will show you how to plant, prune and maintain trees and then lead you on a tree identification hike in the forest.

### **July 17 – Herbal Forest Hike**

**10 am – Noon, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Learn how to identify and protect our traditional, native herbal plants found in the forest on a hike with local herbalists. *“Take only photographs, leave only footprints”.*

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### **August 21 – The Dirt on Bugs**

**10 am-Noon, Bendor & Graves Tract, 17689 Kennedy Road (north of Davis Drive – park at road end)**

Look for bugs on a hike with a Bug Expert and talk about Monarch Butterflies, Dragonflies, the Asian Long Horned Beetle, the Emerald Ash Borer and other creatures.

### **September 11- “Nature’s Creations” Forest Festival**

**10 am-2 pm, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Come out and see all of the things made from nature. Local artisans and wood crafters will demonstrate their art; lovely, local, hand crafted products will be available to purchase or just look at. Displays of native arts and crafts will take you back to the olden days. Ride on a horse-drawn wagon every half-hour or walk the trails on a guided hike at 11:00 am or 1:00 pm.

### **October 16 - Forest Fish and Fungi**

**10 am-Noon, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Enjoy an educational walk with an Ecologist and Forester to a stream and learn how and why we protect aquatic forest resources that provide habitat for brook trout.

Learn about the interesting life of fungi with our “fun-gal”.

### **November 20 - It’s For the Birds!**

**10 am-Noon, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Learn how natural plantings can provide backyard shelter and food for winter birds. Discover different birds that visit or live in the Regional Forest. Build a bird box to take home (bird box kits supplied).

**Pre-registration is required for this event:**

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### **December 18 - Forest Jingle Bell Walk**

**10 am-Noon, Hollidge Tract, 16389 Hwy 48**

Join other merry walkers along a 2 km forest path. Learn about the holiday tradition of bells, Christmas tree traditions and the benefits of natural Christmas trees. Jingle bells will be provided. A donation of non-perishable food for the local food bank would be appreciated.



These events, brought to you by the Natural Heritage and Forestry Services Section of the Regional Municipality of York, are a product of the **York Region Greening Strategy**. Greening initiatives include: land securement, community education, naturalization and on-the-ground actions related to natural heritage protection and enhancement.

Copies of this schedule & more info can be found at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) or [www.yorktourism.com](http://www.yorktourism.com) or call 1(877)464-YORK or 905 830-4444, Ext 5256