



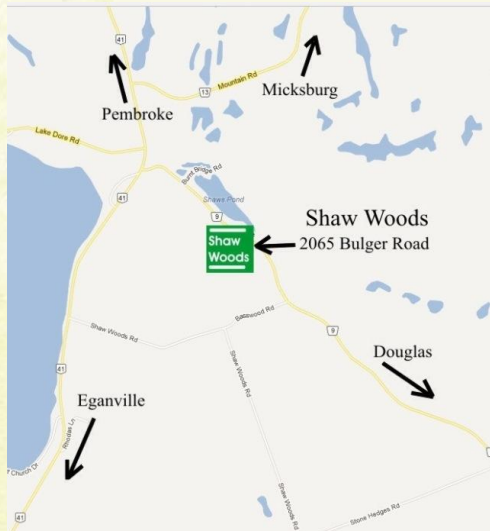
Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre

INTRODUCTORY NEWSLETTER

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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ABOUT US:

Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre (SWOEC) Inc. is a volunteer, community based, not-for-profit, charitable organization offering curriculum based programs in the heart of the Ottawa Valley.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To foster an ethic of responsible environmental stewardship by providing courses and/or seminars that teach sound environmental practices to local school groups, community organizations and the public at large.




In conjunction with the foregoing, to teach generally accepted proper forest management practices for the purpose of achieving sustainable forest utilization while respecting the concept of creating reserves of undisturbed forest areas as examples of old growth forest.

"I had a great time playing the Survival Game. It was a very well organized day. The hike was packed with amazing nature and terrific fun. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to learn about nature" – Student Testimonial; Grade 6 Student

For Your Information

Within these woods you will find one of Eastern Canada's premier examples of 120 acre old growth maple/beech/hemlock forest. It supports a wide variety of ecological communities and has been carefully protected for generations. In addition, the property features 13 kilometers of hiking trails, a 30 foot long picnic table in a pine pavilion, wetlands, Shaw's Pond and Snake River, a variety of managed forests, plantations and escarpment lookout over Shaw Pond with a Bald Eagle nesting site.

ENJOY YOUR VISIT BUT REMEMBER TO TAKE ONLY

PICTURES AND LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS. 

NEW AT SHAW WOODS!

**Bioswale

**Compost

**3.6 Connaught Trail

** Expanded Parking!



"Year of the Mouse"... the gnarled old maples along the Old Growth Trail provide attractive nest cavities and pantry larders to stock with the Deer Mouse's favourite maple seeds. The lean season is on its way and preparations by animals are ramping up."

~ Grant Dobson, SWOEC

STUDENTS!

Have you experienced the Shaw Woods with your class?

If so, you have a chance to enter into our "Outdoor Creativity Challenge". We want you to be creative and choose from the following options: draw, paint, write or photograph something that is based on your experience with us. The winner will be chosen at the end of November and awarded a really cool prize! We will pick up submissions at your school. Please include your name, school and grade on your piece.



SWOEC Pilot Project

Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre is going into its third year of offering programs to school groups from around Renfrew County. Thanks to the support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, RCDSB and RCCDSB, we have been able to embark on a pilot project that involves one school from RCDSB, Eganville and District Public School, and one school from RCCDSB, St. Michael's. Over the next two years, we are going to be developing our programs so that children will build on their previous knowledge base when they come back to visit in subsequent years. We are developing these programs so that students will obtain certificates in the areas of forestry, wildlife management, wilderness skills, and more. All of our options are directly related to curriculum expectations. We are working with the teachers to connect the learning before and after a visit to our centre. We aim to reach students from kindergarten to those pursuing post-secondary education. We thank the school communities and parents/guardians for supporting us in our project and look forward to updating you throughout the seasons.

Sincerely, *Shaw Woods OEC Staff and Volunteers*