



Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest



What is OPDF?

Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest is a living laboratory that shows how timber production can be compatible with protection of the full range of other forest values and services. OPDF gives the public an opportunity to visit an outstanding example of working forestland and learn more about forest management that is ecologically, economically and socially responsible.

Otter Ponds demonstrates the philosophy, science, and practice of uneven-aged management in the Acadian Forest on a 500-hectare parcel of Crown land in Mooseland, NS. It produces timber for market using the best forest practices presently known, while protecting wildlife habitat and the Tangier River watershed, respecting the ecosystem services provided by the property, and enhancing the social and cultural value of the forest.

The site includes walking trails, a shelter for visitors, an outdoor amphitheatre with fire ring, and a composting toilet.

Where are we?

OPDF is located in the Tangier River watershed, in Mooseland, in the interior of Halifax County's Eastern Shore. It is approximately 1.5 hours from Halifax and 40 minutes from Truro. School buses can park on-site, and travel subsidies may be available.

Contact us ...

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You can also visit our website at **nswooa.ca/otter-ponds**



Things to learn about at Otter Ponds:

The Acadian Forest - Responsible Forestry - Sustainability - Wetlands - Riparian Zones
Wildlife & Habitat - Forest Succession - Forest Soils - Biodiversity and Forest Health
Nutrient Cycling - Importance of Deadwood - Tree and Vegetation Identification