

Consider a membership ...

To support the continuing development of OPDF, you are invited to join the Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association (NSWOOA).

Regular \$35

If you own or work on private woodland, you'll have full voting rights to help guide the activities of NSWOOA and the OPDF Division.

Associate \$35

If you aren't a woodlot owner or operator, this is a way to show your support for our mission. Associate members also have a vote in what happens at Otter Ponds.

To learn more about the missions of NSWOOA and Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest, visit nswooa.ca or call 1-855-NS-WOODS.

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I own _____ acres in _____
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I learned about Otter Ponds from:

Please mail this form and a cheque to:

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Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest

Mooseland, Nova Scotia

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www.nswooa.ca/otter-ponds

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Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest (OPDF) offers tours to woodlot owners; community groups; primary, secondary and university students; researchers; and others who want to learn more about sustainable management of the native Acadian Forest. Contact us for more information.



Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest



Demonstrating the science, practice and philosophy of uneven-aged management in the Acadian Forest

Welcome to Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest

Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest (OPDF) is a place for all Nova Scotians to learn about our native Acadian Forest, a rich but threatened resource.

OPDF is a unique non-profit organization that includes the Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association, Eastern Shore Forest Watch, Ecology Action Centre, and the Mooseland and Area Community Association as partners.

The partners manage a 500-hectare (1,200-acre) Crown parcel near Mooseland, Nova Scotia, within the Halifax Regional Municipality. The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Northern Pulp Ltd. have non-voting seats on the board.



OPDF produces timber for market using the best forest practices presently known. The project demonstrates the philosophy and science of uneven-aged management while developing new techniques for silviculture and forest restoration.

At the same time, we work to protect wildlife habitat and water quality in the Tangier River watershed, enhance the social and cultural value of the forest, and respect the other values and services that come from diverse, healthy, natural woodlands.



Management practices are certified to the Forest Stewardship Council's Maritime Standard. FSC is widely regarded as the world's foremost standard for certification of sustainable forest practices.

Public outreach is an essential part of the mission at OPDF. Woodland owners, forest professionals, non-profit organizations, researchers, school groups, and others who are interested in sustainable forest management are invited to visit this living laboratory and see how thoughtful, long-term stewardship can yield high-quality timber while protecting all of the other resources that a healthy forest can provide.

(All photos courtesy of Dan Hutt)



If you're an educator in Grades 4-12, Otter Ponds Demonstration Forest can help you to make the forest come alive with experienced interpreters and curriculum-based lesson plans.

OPDF is an exceptional place to learn more about the life of the Acadian Forest and its profound impact on the people of Nova Scotia. The demonstration forest is about 85 kilometers from Truro and 115 kilometers from Halifax.



Topics that you can learn more about during a trip to OPDF include:

- Forest growth, death and renewal
- Vernal pools
- Climate change
- Diversity in the natural forest
- Mushrooms
- Roads and bridges
- The economics of forestry
- Tree identification
- Soils and slope
- The role of deadwood in the forest
- Alternatives to clear cutting
- Leaving room for wildlife
- The life of a stream
- Birds of prey

Visit OPDF on the web to read more about the project, or contact us to schedule a tour.