



This season we have lots of great events that provide opportunity to learn and partake in activities that address:

- Ecological restoration and conservation
- Climate change
- Watershed health
- Nature connection

What is the Ignatius Old-Growth Forest, the 500-year project?

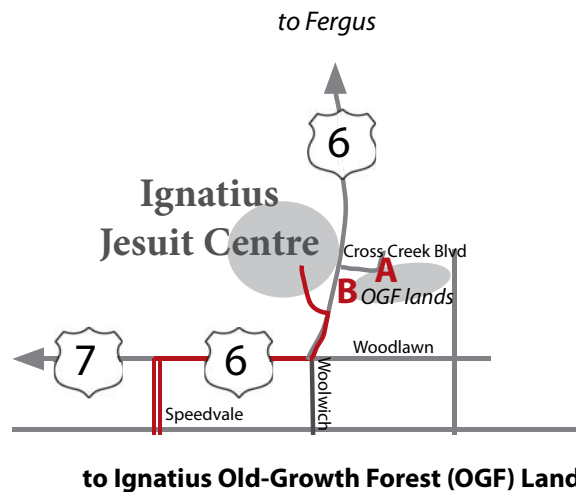
The Old-Growth Forest Project is an initiative of the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. Situated at the northern edge of the City of Guelph, this 93 acre nature sanctuary of trails, forests, meadows, wetlands and waterways is protected forever by a Conservation Easement with the Ontario Farmland Trust. It is the Project's goal, with the help of local students and community, partners and volunteers to restore and protect these diverse ecological communities and to assist the regeneration of retired farmland, from old-field meadow to old-growth forest.

'Through ecological restoration we can restore our own connection to the natural world'

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To register please contact us at:
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 519 824 1250 ext 224

For trail maps, information about school/
 group programming or to donate visit
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- A** - Cross Creek Entrance (near community mail boxes)
- B** - West Entrance (5441 Hwy 6 N, follow laneway in past the red-roofed house)



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2018 Calendar of Events



The Old-Growth Forest Project offers an inspiring setting for people of all ages to engage, learn and connect with the natural world.

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Ignatius Old-Growth Forest

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Buckthorn Bash

Saturday May 12
9:30am-12:30pm

Cross Creek Blvd.
Entrance (see map on back of this brochure)

Join us for the morning and help us restore the bio-diversity of the Old-Growth Forest (OGF) project lands. With pruners, loppers, saws, stories and music! We will be removing the invasive European Buckthorn and planting an abundance of native trees and shrubs to provide food and shelter for wildlife

Cost - Free, registration is required

Spring Awakes!

Sunday May 27
1-5pm

Orchard Park parking lot
(Ignatius Jesuit Centre, 5420 Hwy 6 N)

SKSS productions present their 7th annual performance arts hike adventure through the forest with song, music, poetry, prayer and dance. All proceeds are donated to the Ignatius Old-Growth Forest Project.

Potluck picnic to follow.

Cost: Adult \$25. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Janus Books, Royal Plaza, 10 Paisley St. Guelph (plus handling) OR Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre. **Cash only please.**

Children free (accompanied by an adult & must be able to hike with a group).



Evening Hike - Hiking from the Cultural Past to the Ecological Future

Wednesday June 13
6:45-8:30pm

Farm Workshop
Ignatius Jesuit Centre, 5420 Hwy 6 N)

Staff from Raresites Land Trust and Ignatius Old-Growth Forest Project will lead an evening hike at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. This tour will explore the story of land from early settlement, visiting the mill ruins, the transition to organic agriculture and the return of the forests and brook trout through the centre's conservation and restoration initiatives.

Cost - Free, registration is not required

Restoring Marden Creek

Saturday July 21
9:30am-12:30pm

OGF West Entrance (#5441 Hwy 6 N, Guelph, see map on back)

Interested in "getting your feet wet" in stream rehabilitation? Join Ignatius staff for a morning of in-stream work to further improve the health of the Creek as a home for brook trout, sculpin and an abundance of other wildlife!

Cost - Free, registration is required



All about Forests

Sunday September 23
10am-4pm

Cross Creek Blvd. Entrance (by community mail boxes, see map on back)

Join in this interactive day of celebration and learning about forests. Activities suitable for all ages will be running all day. Come early and bring a picnic lunch. Water refills provided.

Cost - By donation, registration is required

The Facts on Phragmites

Saturday October 20
10am-3pm

OGF West Entrance (#5441 Hwy 6 N, Guelph, see map on back)

This hands-on workshop led by Martin Tamlyn (OGF project) and Lynn Short, professor of Horticulture at Humber College will examine current ecological & community-based approaches to Phragmites control. We will take an in depth look at the biology and behaviours of this invasive plant to better inform our strategies for eradication. At lunch there will be lots of opportunity to share your own project's successes and challenges.

Cost - \$25, registration required



Hike the Trails all year round!



There are over 5km's of hiking trails that meander through a diverse range of natural areas. Our stream crossings and boardwalks allow the trails to be open all year. To respect other trail users, wildlife ground-nesting birds, water-fowl and small mammals and to protect young establishing plants, **dogs must remain on leash at all times.** To download a trail map (this includes hiking and ski trails at the Ignatius Jesuit Centre), visit: ignatiusguelph.ca/ignatius-land/trails-maps/