

Lake Wilcox Park

Lake Wilcox Park is located on the eastern shorelines of Lake Wilcox, the largest lake on the Oak Ridges Moraine. The park is home to a variety of wildlife and plants. It's also a great place for our community to participate in fun activities.



What is the urban forest?

Our urban forest consists of all the trees on public and private property in Richmond Hill – the ones in your yard, the ones that line our streets and those in our parks and natural areas.

Urban forest benefits

Richmond Hill's urban forest provides many valuable economic, social and environmental services to the community.

Some examples of these services include:

- Increasing property values
- Reducing energy use and costs
- Improving physical health
- Promoting psychological well-being
- Strengthening communities
- Reducing air pollution
- Shading and cooling the air
- Reducing flooding
- Providing wildlife habitat

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Why plant native species?

Native species adapt to local water and soil conditions and therefore require less water and maintenance.

They provide habitat and food for birds, mammals and various insects.

Native species improve local biodiversity.



Be an Urban Forest Steward!

In the Community

Citizens can help grow our urban forest by volunteering to plant trees through the Town's Community Stewardship Program.

At Home

The largest portion of our existing trees are located on residential properties and caring for existing trees is the most effective way of maintaining a healthy urban forest.

The Healthy Yards Program provides information and resources about how to create healthy lawns and gardens by using native plants and eco-friendly products which can be purchased at a subsidized cost.

LEAF helps property owners plant trees and shrubs at subsidized price and will help you get the right species in the right places with the right care so that the trees and shrubs survive and thrive.



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LAKE WILCOX PARK SELF-GUIDED TREE TOUR

This tour includes 20 species that are native to southern Ontario



1  **Eastern Cottonwood**
Populus deltoides

2  **White Ash**
Fraxinus americana

3  **Black Walnut**
Juglans nigra

4  **Trembling Aspen**
Populus tremuloides

5  **Hackberry**
Celtis occidentalis

6  **Serviceberry**
Amelanchier laevis

7  **White Birch**
Betula papyrifera Marsh.

8  **Tulip Tree**
Liriodendron tulipifera

9  **Freeman Maple**
Acer x freemanii

10  **Silver Maple**
Acer saccharinum

11  **White Spruce**
Picea glauca

12  **White Pine**
Pinus strobus

13  **White Cedar**
Thuja occidentalis

14  **Mountain Maple**
Acer spicatum

15  **Swamp White Oak**
Quercus bicolor

16  **Red Oak**
Quercus rubra

17  **White Elm**
Ulmus americana

18  **Sugar Maple**
Acer saccharum

19  **Pagoda Dogwood**
Cornus alternifolia

20  **American Beech**
Fagus grandifolia