



# The Kirkup Woods Tract

## INAUGURATION EVENT

**Wednesday September 13, 2017**

**3 p.m.**

### **Kirkup Woods Tract**

2175 Line 13, Bradford West Gwillimbury

The newest County Forest tract is called the 'Kirkup Woods', recognizing the family name of the previous owners.

While the County has added more than 3,700 acres to the Simcoe County Forest in the last decade, this addition is notable as it is in an area primarily used for agriculture, and with significant growth and development occurring.

Located within a County 'Greenlands' area, this 104-acre property is ecologically diverse with important stream corridors and associated valleylands, and mature and diverse woodlands.

## History of the Kirkup Woods Tract

Kirkup Woods is located at 2175 Line 13 in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and has been an integral part of the larger Kirkup family farm for nearly 100 years. First operated in 1921 by Robert and Mary Kirkup, their son Robert Douglas and his wife Gladys Moriarty Kirkup took over the farm and resided there until their deaths in 1991.

From the farm's earliest days, horses were used in the woods to haul sap for making maple syrup, selectively harvest trees, move timber to be milled for lumber, and deliver cordwood by sled.

The woods has also served as a playground and a constant reminder about the importance of the environment for Kirkup siblings and their children.