WELCOME TO THE IVEY TRAIL!

This 1.1-km "backbone" trail of The Arboretum starts at the Information Kiosk and ends at the J.C. Taylor Nature Centre and provides access to most of The Arboretum's other trail systems. Sponsored by the Richard Ivey Foundation in 1989, a main objective of this trail is to encourage walking visitors to move through the grounds without having to follow Arboretum Road. This brochure describes the Ivey Trail's features and its adjoining trails (see map on next page), as one leaves the kiosk.

The trail is identified by a white "IVEY" on the trail posts. The other trail post symbols that you will encounter are illustrated in this brochure with their corresponding trail or collection.

Features marked with ◆ are further described by a separate brochure or sign.

IK INFORMATION KIOSK

The kiosk is located at the entrance to The Arboretum.

MEMORIAL FOREST ◆

This is a program linked to the Wall-Custance Funeral Home and Chapel. Donations are made to commemorate the life of a loved one and a tree is planted in a growing forest community. The Memorial Forest Trail (1.4 km) runs parallel to the Ivey Trail, but farther to the northwest, and leads to the Ontario Horticultural Assoc. Oak Grove and Victoria Woods.

1 ELM COLLECTION

This collection contains many native and non-native elm species. Some of the native white elms were grown from seeds collected from large, healthy trees that had not been affected by Dutch elm disease. They will be monitored for their resistance to this disease.

2 TWIN OAKS

This garden was donated by Ethel and Roy Hammond for the enjoyment of all. It is a wonderful place to stop and sit.

WORLD OF TREES ◆

There are thousands of different kinds of trees and shrubs in the world. This collection contains over 400 specimens representing 67 families from the Northern Temperate Hemisphere. There is a narrow path that loops through this collection. Please walk along it and experience the diversity and relationships of trees and shrubs.

3 FLYING FISH BRIDGE

Designed by Paul Sapounzi and funded by the Richard Ivey Foundation, this bridge was built in 1990. It crosses a small stream that flows north through The Arboretum to the Eramosa River.

NATIVE TREES OF ONTARIO ◆

Both loops (A and B) of this collection are found along the Ivey Trail. Most of Ontario's 85 native tree species and many of its shrubs are being established here. Each loop of this interesting collection is approximately 0.5 km long.

WILD GOOSE WOODS

This path (part of the OAC'56 Park in The Garden, see East Walk) leads to 1.5 km of trails and boardwalks through areas of marsh, forest and swamp. These woods contain many species of native wildlife.

4 COLLEGE GREYS TREE GROVE

The surviving members of a boys' club formed in 1925 dedicated this site in 1994 to the memory of a fine group of friends.

EAST WALK

The beginning of the East Walk is the Garden Path. It leads to the David G. Porter Memorial Japanese Garden ◆. This Taoist garden has plantings that are associated with the Japanese landscape. The Edna and Frank C. Miller English Garden ◆ is a formal garden with sculpted perennial beds and hedges of cedar, beech, boxwood and yew. The OAC'56 Park in The Garden ◆ contains dedicated specimen trees framed by a path and verge plantings.

Also on the East Walk is the Frances Ball Rose Collection ◆. June and July are
the peak times to see the 115+ species and varieties of roses in bloom. This walk continues to other collections that include lilacs, dwarf conifers and the Leslie Hancock Memorial Rhododendron Collection.

**AC THE O.A.C. CENTENNIAL ARBORETUM CENTRE**

This building commemorates the centennial of the Ontario Agricultural College in 1974. Housing the Arboretum’s administration and environmental education offices, it has a large, multi-use auditorium, sunroom and boardroom. At the entrance is the OAC’S2 Reflecting Pool and Courtyard. The building is available for functions as varied as business meetings, concerts and weddings. From November to April, it is also home to a dinner theatre.

**Arboretum Centre hours:**

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**5 ARBORETUM CENTRE LANDSCAPE**

Around The Arboretum Centre you can find trees and benches with small commemoration plaques that are part of a dedication program. They commemorate a family member, friend or special occasion. Please contact us for more information.

**Victoria Woods**

This forested area, as well as portions of Wild Goose Woods, has never been clear-cut and can be classified as an old-growth forest. Victoria Woods has 2 km of trails and is a wonderful place to see spring wildflowers including white trilliums, trout lilies and wild ginger.

**NC J.C. Taylor Nature Centre**

The J.C. Taylor Nature Centre was opened in 1978. It is open to the public on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Colonel John McCrae Trail**

The Colonel John McCrae Trail (0.8 km) begins at a commemorative plaque near the Nature Centre. Passing through the Gravel Pit Rehabilitation Collection and along a century-old fencerow, this trail links Victoria Woods to Wild Goose Woods.

**Gosling Wildlife Gardens**

This collection is divided into five gardens:

1. Hummingbird, Butterfly and Moth Garden
2. The Lawn
3. Native Plant Garden
4. Suburban Garden
5. Small City Garden

These gardens present proven methods for those who want to encourage wildlife into their backyard gardens.

For information on supporting any of our collections or trails, please contact The Arboretum Director, Prof. Alan Watson at (519) 824-4120 ext. 52113.