

# Simcoe County Forest

## RECREATION POLICY SUMMARY

2018



Enjoy your visit to the Simcoe County Forest. Please respect the environment, other users, and neighbouring properties. All designated trails are maintained by volunteers. Please consider supporting a local club. Visit [simcoe.ca](http://simcoe.ca) for complete information.

### Activities Permitted

- **Hiking**
  - **Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing**
  - **Orienteering and geocaching**
  - **Horseback riding**
  - **Mountain biking**
  - **Dog walking**
    - Pets must be under control or on leash (Dogs must be leashed in the Museum Tract)
  - **Hunting and fishing**
    - As per provincial regulations\*
    - Portable tree stands only
    - Hunters must be members of Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
- \*Hunting is permitted except on the following tracts:**
- Dyer, Blauxham (City of Barrie)
  - Rippon (Essa Township)
  - Museum, Midhurst (Springwater Township)
  - Hickling (Springwater Township)
  - Thompson (Town of Penetanguishene)
  - Charlebois (Tiny Township)
  - Martin Valley (Midland)
  - Tottenham (Town of New Tecumseth)
  - Webb (Town of Innisfil)
- **Harvesting non-wood forest products**
    - Personal use only
  - **Snowmobiling**
    - On designated OFSC<sup>1</sup> trails only
    - Permits required
  - **Off-Road Motorcycles**
    - On designated OFTR<sup>2</sup> trails only
    - Permits required
  - **All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)**
    - On designated OFATV<sup>3</sup> trails only
    - Permits required
- Exceptions include:**
- To enable disabled or infirm hunters access during all hunting seasons
  - To facilitate large game retrieval
  - To enable complete access for hunters during the Controlled Deer Hunt only



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### Activities Not Permitted:

- Operation of motor vehicles (cars, trucks) except to access designated parking areas
- Littering, dumping or disposal of any foreign material
- Open fires
- Camping
- Consumption of alcohol
- Target practice / patterning or sighting of firearms
- Paintball
- Cutting, pruning, digging or gathering of trees, shrubs, groundcover or firewood
- Construction of unauthorized structures or permanent tree stands
- Disturbance or removal of any object of potential archaeological significance
- Digging or the use of a metal detector
- Placement of unauthorized signs

### Footnotes:

Off-road motorized vehicle users - please contact the following for information on membership requirements and trail locations:

<sup>1</sup> OFSC Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs  
[www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca)

<sup>2</sup> OFTR Ontario Federation of Trail Riders  
[www.oftr.ca](http://www.oftr.ca)

<sup>3</sup> OFATV Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle Clubs  
[www.ofatv.org](http://www.ofatv.org)

### Special Use:

- Organized events within the County Forests must have a valid Property Use Agreement and comply with the Recreation Policy. This includes any activity which is advertised or if participants are charged a fee, but does not include organized hikes or nature walks.
- If you wish to hold an organized event, please contact the County Forestry Department at least three months prior to the planned date. A completed copy of the Property Use Agreement Application is required and can be found at [simcoe.ca](http://simcoe.ca)

