

Drynan Regional Forest



DRYNAN

Regional Forest

Region of Waterloo

Municipality:	North Dumfries
Location:	Pt. Lots 25, 26 Concession 8
Access:	Open to the public; parking lot on Dumfries Road
General Location:	East of Dumfries Road, South of Greenfield Drive
Size:	44.8 hectares
Physiographic Area:	Till moraine and outwash plains
Eco-region:	Dumfries
Associated ESPA(s):	Hungry Hills (ESPA 48)
Date of Acquisition:	1982
Soils:	Mostly gravels, sand and silts with some areas of organic materials over soils

General Description

Drynan Tract is characterized by a rugged topography with low-lying marshy areas contained within ridges of glacial till. The upland forest type consists primarily of red oak and maple dominated hardwoods, however there are also areas of conifer and walnut plantations. Prescribed burning has been used in part of the forest in the past to encourage oak regeneration.

The Carolinian forest type found at Drynan provides habitat for several significant plant and animal species including Beaked Hazelnut, Squawroot, Ribbon Snake and Blue-spotted Salamanders. Significant water storage and recharge functions are performed within the Hungry Hills ESPA.

General Management Goals

At Drynan the overall goal is to encourage the development of Carolinian forest characteristics, particularly the Red Oak stand type. The Red and White Pine plantations will be encouraged to convert to hardwoods either naturally or through active management activities. Maintaining the high level of diversity of plants and animals found within the forest at present will also be a priority. Prescribed burning in the oak dominated stands has been performed in the past in an effort to promote Red Oak regeneration and will be used again in the future.

Facilities

There is a well developed trail system throughout the forest tract. There is some encroachment in the form of mowing occurring between the tract and the privately owned property which it envelopes on Dumfries Road.

Special Considerations

Evaluating and building on the experimental burns that took place in Drynan in the past will be

Drynan Regional Forest

important before management activities are finalized. Drynan can serve as an important educational resource for alternative forest management practices in the Region.

Drynan Regional Forest

North Dumfries Township
Pt. Lot 25, 26, Concession VIII



Scale: 1 to 6000

DRYNAN (Regional Forest)

Area: 44.8 ha

