

Macton Regional Forest



MACTON

Region of Waterloo

Regional Forest

Municipality:	Township of Wellesley
Location:	Pt. Lot 9 Concession 14
Access:	Pull off on shoulder of road. No official trails.
General Location:	South of Regional Road 86, west of Manser Road
Size:	21.5 hectares
Physiographic Area:	Till plains
Eco-region:	Conestogo
Associated ESPA(s):	None
Date of Acquisition:	1945
Soils:	Silty clays

General Description

Macton Regional forest is a long narrow forest bounded by an open field to the east. The field is currently being used for cropping by a local farmer. The forest is essentially undeveloped and has no formal trails or facilities. Hunting is permitted in this tract, and there are beehives located in a small clearing on the east side of the forest.

There are no environmentally significant features found at Macton. In the past, the main purpose of this forest tract was to serve as a winter windbreak for Manser Road.

General Management Goals

Stand thinning and tending to improve general tree/stand health is required. The conifer plantation will be allowed to convert to a hardwood stand type over time.

Facilities

There are no trails or parking areas as such in this forest. There is a rough pull-off on Manser Road just south of the bridge located at the approximate mid-point of the property.

Special Considerations

Formal lease agreements need to be established for the agricultural field and the beehives if these are to be continued into the future. The issue of hunting on this property also needs to be examined further.

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