

National Forest Week

Healthy Forests — Healthy Communities

September 23rd to 29th, 2012



Canadian Forestry Association
Association forestière canadienne



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Have you planned a special event or an activity? Now is the time!

During National Forest Week, Canadians are invited to learn more about our forest legacy and to raise awareness about this valuable and renewable resource. Forests are fundamental to our economy, culture, history and future. Communities, families and individuals of both rural and urban settings are linked to our forests—their health is our health. Although special activities are promoted across Canada, National Forest Week remains first and foremost a challenge to individual Canadians to learn more about their forest heritage and support greater recognition of this valuable resource.

The theme of this year's National Forest Week is **Healthy Forests – Healthy Communities**. Adapted from a special initiative in British Columbia, this theme is intended to highlight the importance of forests to the ecological, economic and social health of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities across Canada. It aims to promote open dialogue between these communities and the many dedicated forest professionals and practitioners who work to manage these forests on behalf of all Canadians. The desired outcome is well informed decision-making in all Canadian forest management activity. By creating opportunities for open discussion, a unique and powerful vision will emerge, one that emphasizes the importance of the public's involvement in the current and future management of all forest lands.

How to Participate in National Forest Week

- arrange a tree planting: www.treecanada.ca (National Tree Day is September 26th, 2012)
- take a walk in woods nearby and get to know your forest—listen to birds; identify different plants; enjoy being in nature
- care for a newly planted or neglected tree, and study its species
- identify all the things at home or school that are made of wood
- learn about organizations that demonstrate or help others with sustainable forest management
- tour a forest sector industry or processing site
- learn about the positive and negative effects of forest fires
- contact a [provincial forestry association](#) for teaching materials
- get involved with your local [CIF/IFC section](#)



Register Your National Forest Week Event

We invite you to celebrate National Forest Week in your neck of the woods. Let us know what you're doing by submitting your event. We will post it on our [Forest Week Calendar](#). Or contact us at the email below if you would like more information on events and ideas of any size.

Send your event title, date and a brief description to Loni Pierce – lpierce@cif-ifc.org

Highlights From Last Year's National Forest Week!

Watch this [YouTube](#) video to see some of the National Forest Week events from last year.



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