

Joany's Woods

Joany's Woods is a 367 acre (148.5 ha) conservation area in the municipality of North Middlesex in Middlesex County. It is about a 45 minute drive northwest of London.



Joany's Woods is included in Carolinian Canada's Ausable River Valley Site and is part of a Provincially-recognized Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI). The Ausable River valley is the second most important Carolinian botanical site in Middlesex County. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) managed Joany's Woods for conservation and passive recreational pursuits for some years. In 2007 Joany's Woods was secured for conservation purposes by the TTLT through a purchase from the estate of the late Thomas Doherty of Sarnia.

Joany's Woods is bordered by the Ausable River to the west and contains a hardwood swamp at the northern end and is surrounded by hardwood swamps in the north and east. The rest of the property consists of mature upland and lowland forest, scrubby areas and a number of sizable plantations. Previous owners cleared areas on the property for crops such as soybeans, corn and wheat. Logging has occurred in some of the wooded regions although these areas have now regenerated. In the 1980s the former cropped areas were reforested by ABCA through a program supported by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. The diverse nature of the property provides a wide range of plant communities which in turn provide excellent wildlife habitat. The stewardship plan has been prepared to guide the management of Joany's Woods. The conservation goals are to enhance its existing natural features, improve wildlife habitat and to reduce erosion within and near Joany's Woods. The Species-at-Risk present at Joany's Woods include Butternut, Flowering Dogwood, American Ginseng, Snuffbox Mussel, Wavy-rayed Lamp Mussel; Northern Riffleshell, Spiny Softshell Turtle, Queen Snake and Eastern Hog-nosed Snake.

The TTLT has recently developed two loop trails on the property, called the Ivey and Inch Trails in recognition of the major contribution the named families made to the Land Trust's campaign to secure Joany's Woods. The two trails are for passive uses such as hiking, nature appreciation and bird watching. This natural area is open during day-light hours to the general public. As with all Land Trust properties, the recreational use of motorized vehicles, hunting and other forms of destructive activity are not allowed

At the south end of Joany's Woods the Ivey Trail connects to a 14 km hiking trail running along the scenic Ausable River valley from Hungry Hollow to Elginfield Rd (Hwy 7). This river trail is maintained by the Ausable Trail committee of Lambton Wildlife Inc. of Sarnia.

Thames Talbot Land Trust

Subject Property:

Joany's Woods
Part Lots 17, 18 and 20, Lot 19, BFC
West Williams Ward
Municipality of North Middlesex
Middlesex County

Legend

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