

FIELD DAY AND WOODLAND TOUR

Central

Woodland Owner of the Year



The Oulton family receiving the Woodlot Sign from Don Cameron
From left to right Nicole, Wayne, Chet (young boy), Don, Victor, Mike, and Dianne.

Welcome to the Mike Oulton and Family Farm

Central Region Woodland Owner of the Year 2015

Field Day and Woodland Tour:

Saturday, September 19th, 2015. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Oulton family welcome you to their land of which they have been stewards for several family generations.

The Oulton family farm consists of Mike and his wife Dianne their two sons and wives, and their children. The oldest son Victor and his wife Novadawn, a local teacher, first joined the family in farming. Their son, Wyatt is now attending Dal Agriculture Campus. He will be the fifth generation to graduate in succession from DalAC. He works on the farm in his time off.

Second son Wayne, joined the farm a few years later along with his wife, Nicole and their five children, Ty, Josee, Chet, Jorja and Nate. The youngest Oulton son, Robert, is a Veterinary Doctor and practices in England. The Oulton's daughter, Mary, teaches nearby at Kings Edgehill School. The farm operation also employs many local, talented people.

The woodlot has provided Mike and family with extra work to keep their employees working when farm work has been less busy. Most of the woodland has been thinned or patch cut at least once, and some areas two and three times over the last 50 years. As a result, most of the woodland has more commercial value growing today than when they purchased it or any time since then. Mike's overall management objective is to improve the quality and increase the commercial value of the trees and forest stands that he leaves standing while harvesting the poorer quality as well as high value trees periodically.

The main farm is currently in the fifth generation. Over the years, Mike and Dianne have purchased five surrounding farms and some other acreage since they started farming in 1965. Today they farm about eighteen hundred acres which half is in agriculture farm land and half in woodland. Mike harvests logs based on commercial thinning principles to encourage healthy trees to grow for future harvesting and regeneration. The woodland has benefited the family financially and provided many hours of recreational fun for family and friends.

The Oultons have a wealth of knowledge to share about getting started in woodland management. They welcome you to their woodland and invite you to ask questions and explore various interests during today's activities.

See more about the Oultons' woodland by visiting our website at: novascotia.ca/natr/woodlot/woya

On the woodland today

Today visitors will be able to tour the Oulton woodland by foot, or via tractor and wagon, which will periodically circulate the woodland roads. If you currently own woodland, or hope to do so in the future, you will be able to see and learn about things that might be of use to you!

With many topics to explore, we welcome you to travel at your own pace and visit as many stations as you like. At each station, visitors will have the opportunity to join in discussions with local experts and share woodland management knowledge.

Everyone is invited to the big tent from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for lunch, presentations, and prize draws!

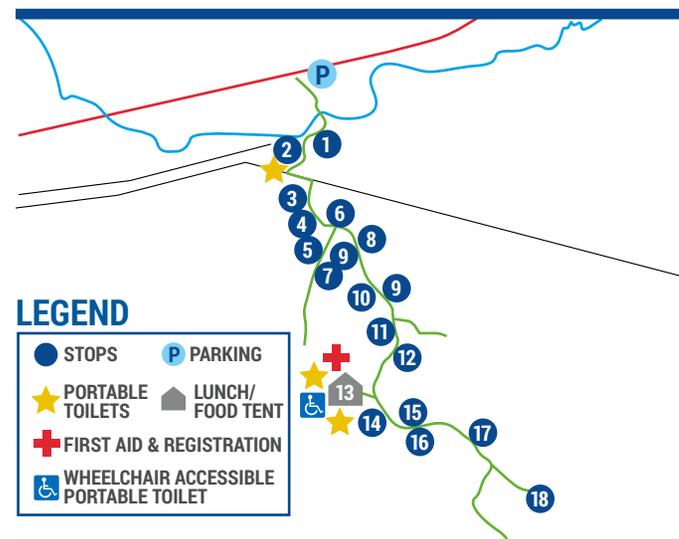


The Mike Oulton and family woodland



LIST OF STATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Welcome tent 2 Farmers Market 3 Uneven Aged Forest Management 4 Conservation Law Enforcement 5 Horse Logging 6 Association for Sustainable Forestry 7 Nova Scotia Environment; Protected Areas 8 Non Timber Forest Products (eg: Chaga) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 DNR - Old Growth Forests 10 Old Growth Hemlock 11 Road Construction and Harvesting 12 Wildfire 13 Lunch/Food Tent 14 PCT Demonstration 15 Firewood & Small Equipment 16 Value of Woodland Ponds 17 Wildlife 18 Nova Scotia Trappers Association |
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Exhibitors:

- Association for Sustainable Forestry
- Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners
- Mersey Toboatic Research Institute
- Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
- Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association



Information for participants

- Any live demonstration stay within the designated areas and wear appropriate safety gear (i.e. hardhats)
 - Stay on the designated roads and trails
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
 - No Smoking

We ask all visitors to sign the guest book and register upon arrival.
A tasty lunch is available for purchase on site!



Woodland Owner of the Year Award
Honouring Outstanding Woodland Owners since 1990.