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# LAURIER WOODS CONSERVATION AREA Newsletter

SPRING 2010

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## **2010 Annual General Meeting** **Saturday, April 10th**

**6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

at

**Zorba's**

(380 Lakeshore Drive)

Reception: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

**Guest Speaker**

**8:00 p.m.**



### **Reehan Mirza, Aquatic Biologist**

Assistant Professor

Department of Biology and Chemistry Nipissing University

**Meal Cost:** Off the menu

**To Reserve Contact:** Susan Christian 752-2837 or [suekarl@ontera.net](mailto:suekarl@ontera.net)

## **Spring Walks in May**

The Friends of Laurier Woods are offering interpretive guided hikes along the Laurier Woods trails every Saturday in May. These 2 hour tours are the perfect opportunity to observe spring birds in their natural habitat. The hikes begin at the trail entrance at the end of Brule Street in North Bay.

For more information, please contact Dick Tafel at (705) 472-7907 e-mail: [rtafel@sympatico.ca](mailto:rtafel@sympatico.ca) or Susan Christian at (705) 752-2837 e-mail: [suekarl@ontera.net](mailto:suekarl@ontera.net)



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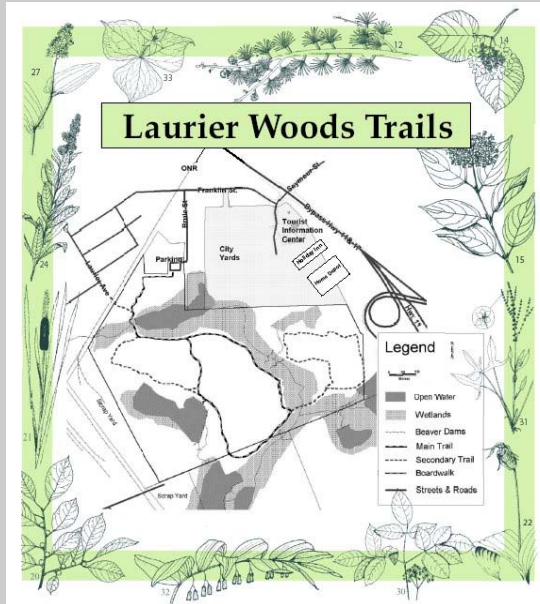
## Habitat for Creatures of All Kinds!

Laurier Woods has a combination of woods and wetlands which provides a variety of habitat for wildlife. The area supports wetland creatures such as frogs, turtles, snakes, and beaver as well as woodland creatures such as white-tailed deer, snowshoe hare, red fox, raccoons, porcupines and occasionally wolves. The area is outstanding for bird-watching, boasting over half the birds ever sighted in North Bay. There are 33 bird species nesting in the Laurier Woods, not to mention the myriads of migrants that pass through during the spring and fall.

## Did you know?

The Friends of Laurier Woods was established in 1989 as a non-profit, charitable organization committed to preserving the ecological and cultural integrity of the woods, enabling it to last as a legacy for future generations. In 2004 the Board of Directors approved a Management Plan for the site identifying six key objectives:

- Conservation - including the Parks Creek Provincially Significant Wetland, wildlife and the overall ecology;
- Land Use Planning - working with the city and province to ensure that the lands remain protected;
- Tourism / Recreation / Education - promoting opportunities through trail development, exhibits and publication
- Scientific Research - to understand the ecosystem and the impacts of the surrounding land uses.



The Friends of Laurier Woods wishes to welcome and thank you for your support! If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, helping with trail development/maintenance, purchasing a \$20.00 annual membership or making a donation towards the protection and enhancement of Laurier Woods, please do not hesitate in contacting us today!



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