

I would like to support the Friends of Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps!

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_____ Here is my Membership (\$10)

_____ Here is our Corporate / Organization Membership (\$25)

_____ I would like to participate in volunteer activities

Please make cheques payable to:
Friends of Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps

Mail to:
Friends of Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps
209 Maple Avenue,
Stratford, Ontario
N5G 7G8

Membership is valid for one year, renewable July 1.

The Friends of Ellice & Gads Hill Swamps

Name: _____

Membership Expires: _____

For office use only

Recreational Opportunities

The Friends of Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps are working with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) to create opportunities for users of these natural areas and to ensure the preservation of traditional uses.

Hunters

- *Ellice Swamp* - Hunting is permitted on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
- *Gads Hill Swamp* - Hunting is permitted Monday to Saturday; only archery hunting on Sunday

Anyone interested in hunting opportunities at Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps **must register with the UTRCA** to be eligible to hunt at either of these areas. There is no fee to register, but registration is mandatory. For further information contact the UTRCA by phone (519-451-2800 ext. 263) or email (infoline@thamesriver.on.ca).

Hikers & Birders

The new Ellice Swamp Hiking Trail goes through several different habitats, with interpretive signs along the way. These wetlands are the largest natural areas in Perth County, covering more than 1,700 hectares north of Stratford.

- *Ellice Swamp* - Hiking is permitted on Sunday and Wednesday



The new hiking trail follows the abandoned rail line

Friends of Ellice & Gads Hill Swamps



Working with the community to protect the ecosystem health of Ellice Swamp and Gads Hill Swamp, through the wise use and management of these long term resources.



What We Do

The Friends of Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps are involved in a variety of projects, including:

- Ecosystem review and mapping
- Installing access gates
- Installing education signage
- Annual Thames River Clean Up
- Developing a hiking trail along the abandoned rail line
- Trail maintenance
- Wetland drain restoration project



Thames River Clean Up



Access gates and signs



Installing Hen Houses in the Ellice Swamp

Join Us!

- Meet other people interested in the outdoors
- Learn about wildlife habitats and biodiversity
- Help protect provincially significant wetlands
- Participate in quarterly meetings and vote at the Annual General Meeting



Our Partners include:

- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
- Rotary Club of Stratford
- TD Friends of the Environment
- Stratford Perth Community Foundation
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Perth Stewardship Network

Who We Are

Since 2002, the Friends of Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps have worked with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to develop guidelines for the protection and use of these unique wetlands. The vision of the Friends Committee is to give people opportunities to use these areas while protecting the swamps' biodiversity.

Three goals have been set for Ellice and Gads Hill Swamps:

- Protect and improve ecosystem health.
- Promote community participation, awareness and ongoing learning.
- Ensure public safety and wise use.

Contact the Friends

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