

## Wildfire in Nova Scotia

Wildfire has always played a role in Nova Scotia forests. That role has been changing due to human settlement and the effects of fire suppression. Fire locations are closely related to where people live, and are most often started by humans. To help prevent wildfires in Nova Scotia it is important to pay attention to burn bans, follow safe campfire and burning practices and understand the current forest fire hazard before burning brush. As woodland owners, decreasing the risk of wildfire should be a top priority. Critical steps to reach this goal may include reducing fuel load and constructing woodland ponds. For more wildfire prevention tips please visit our wildfire prevention page at [novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/prevention.asp](http://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/prevention.asp). Or contact us to order module 16 Wildfire and Your Woodland of our Woodland Management Home Study Series.

## Quarterly Newsletter

If you know someone interested in receiving a monthly newsletter from the Department of Natural Resources to stay updated on our events, news, and information about woodland management and Nova Scotia's natural resources, contact us or check the website to sign up at [woodlot.novascotia.ca/signup](http://woodlot.novascotia.ca/signup).



Kids having good time at Nature Learning Play Space!

## Nature Learning and Play Space is Open!

Located at 12014 Hwy 224 in Middle Musquodoboit, an hour from Halifax in the Musquodoboit Valley, the Nature Learning Play Space uses trees, plants, water and rocks to create a space where kids can enjoy healthy activity and appreciate their environment.

The Natural Resources Education Centre created this nature-based space to help kids of all ages explore, experience and connect with nature. Curl up in the bear den, perch in the hummingbird nest, brave the mud pit, go down the otter slide, and so much more! It is free of charge and open every day, from 8:00 am to dusk.

# FOREST Facts

Did you know...

# 43%

of the world's certified forests are located in Canada? Certification assures that forest standards of sustainable forest management are being met.

Less than

# 0.02%

of Canada's forests are lost to deforestation (clearing of forests to make way for non-forest land) per year. Canada's deforestation rate is among the lowest in the world. In fact, forestry production harvesting does not result in deforestation.

About

# 49%

of forested land in Nova Scotia is owned by small private owners.



# Woodland Owner of the Year Award 2017 Nomination Form

[PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for nominations is April 15, 2017]

## WOODLAND OWNER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland Size: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Why is this owner a good candidate for the woodland owner of the year award?

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