

WILMOT TRAILS SCHMIDT WOODS

Temporary Trail Closures

The Ash trees in Schmidt Woods have been infested by the Emerald Ash Borer and are becoming hazardous because of the potential for breaking branches and falling trees.

The Emerald Ash Borer, which is not native to North America, has caused widespread death of Ash trees across southern Ontario and throughout many of the Great Lake States in the USA.

Although woodpeckers will eat the insect larvae in the tree, they are unable to have a significant impact on the Emerald Ash Borer population.



Emerald Ash Borer

As part of proactive maintenance and proper woodlot management, the Ash trees and other hazard trees in this woodlot will be removed. This work will allow the regeneration of non-ash species and help promote woodlot health as well as reduce risk of injury to visitors of Schmidt Woods.

The first phase of work will result in trails within the temporary closure area, identified below, being closed for approximately 4 weeks starting Monday August 19, 2019. The blue trail and red trail will be closed Monday to Friday only. Temporary weekend closures may also be required from time to time. The green and purple trail will be closed entirely and not open on weekends. Please stay on marked trails at all times and refrain from using trails when closed.



Emerald Ash Borer damage

