

Beckett Forest tree dedication fact sheet

Summary:

Designate or dedicate a mature tree in the name of your choice in the Thomas A Beckett Forest in the Dundas Valley. A plaque will be placed at the base of the tree. The funds from your donation will be put to work planting additional trees throughout the watershed to restore healthy, living forests on conservation lands. The following document is meant as a guide to the typical tree dedication process.

Cost: \$1,000, the full amount of which is available for a charitable tax receipt.

Tree selection:

Any mature tree along the trail can be selected for dedication so long as it hasn't already been dedicated. These trees are all native Carolinian species.

Memorial Plaque:

A memorial plaque is mounted onto a post and placed at the base of the tree. (Figure 2)

Typical Process:

1. Get in touch with Toby Tresidder at 905-525-2181 ext. 129 to discuss costs, timelines and the process.
2. Meet with a Dundas Valley staff member to select a tree.
3. Make payment (either lump-sum or in installments) to the Foundation through cheque, credit, debit or PayPal.
4. A tax receipt is mailed to the donor (s).
5. The donor submits desired tribute text for the recognition plaque to Toby.
6. Toby orders the plaque, picks it up and delivers it to the construction crew and asks them to schedule installation during the next installation window.
7. The plaque is installed in mid-May or mid-October by the HCA Construction Crew, whichever is sooner.
8. Toby notifies the donor of installation.

Maintenance:

If a plaque is damaged or removed, please alert us by calling 905-525-2181 ext. 129. We will install a replacement.

Every effort is made to select a tree that will survive for at least 10 years but, from time to time, a tree's health may deteriorate. If this happens within 10 years for your donation, a new tree can be dedicated. After 10 years has elapsed since the original donation, plaques will continue to be left in place so long as the tree is in good health.



Figure 1 – The entrance to the Beckett Forest off the main parking lot in the Dundas Valley Conservation Area

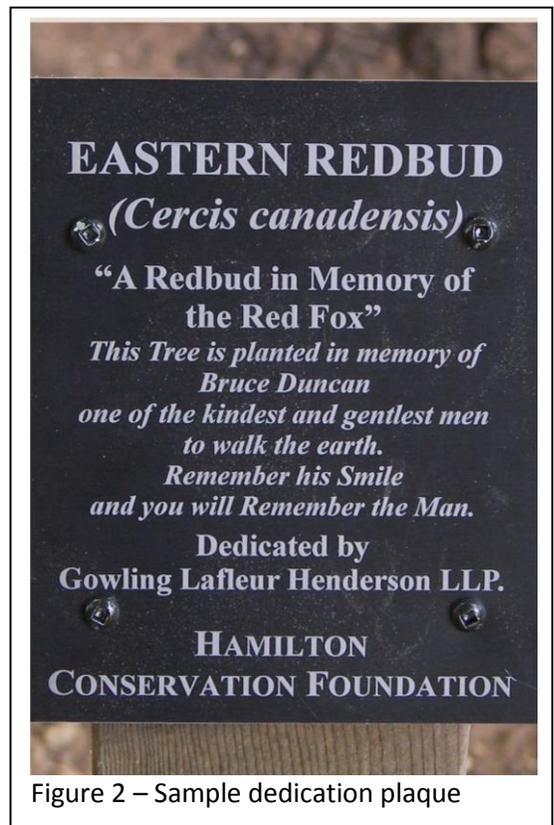


Figure 2 – Sample dedication plaque