

# Participate in our 2025 Lake Tree Day

Receive up to 15 native trees and shrubs for your shoreline in partnership with Mazinaw Property Owners Association





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## What is Lake Tree Day?

A partnership with Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and Mazinaw Lake landowners to add native trees and shrubs to their shoreline.

## What will you get?

Up to **15 trees and shrubs** - all plants will be bare root stock between 24"-36" tall in 1 gallon pots filled with soil.

## **How Much does it Cost?**

A minimum **\$30 donation** to the Stewardship Program at MVCA - this donation will come with a charitable tax receipt!

## Who is Eligible?

Shoreline landowners on **Mazinaw Lake**, who agree to plant trees and shrubs within 45 m of the lake.

# Why Plant Trees and Shrubs on your Shoreline?

- 1. Provides valuable wildlife habitat
- 2. Helps control shoreline erosion
- 3. Filters pollutants and nutrients from entering the waterbody

## **Important Information**

- Please fill out the plant order sheet and submit it to <u>kcuddy@mvc.on.ca</u> by March 2nd, 2025, along with the \$30 donation.
- Plants will be available for pick up this spring at Mazinaw Lake - time and location TBD.

## **Want to Naturalize Further?**

If you are interested in further naturalizing your shoreline, please contact us at the above email for more information about our Shoreline Planting Program.



## 2025 Plant List

#### **Shrubs**

- Meadowsweet
- Black Chokeberry
- Red Osier Dogwood
- Ninebark

#### **Trees**

- White Pine
- Eastern White Cedar
- White Spruce
- Red Maple
- Red Oak

See following pages for plant descriptions

## **Icon Legend**



average maximum height

sun requirements



soil requirements



moisture requirements



tolerance

## Meadowsweet (Spiraea alba)











2 metres | Partial | Sand, Loam, Rock | Any | Drought, Flood

## **Key Features**

Large, cone-like stems terminating in clustered white flowers. Yellow-green leaves.





Fun Fact Important for many butterflies and other pollinators, especially Azure butterflies.



## **Black Chokeberry** (Aronia melanocarpa)











2 metres | Full, Partial | Sand, Clay, Rock | Any | Drought, Flood

## **Key Features**

Red-brown bark, glossy green leaves, white flowers in bunches of five petals, dark blue-purple berries. Low maintenance, very drought and flood tolerant.





## **Fun Fact**

Leaving berries through winter attracts birds like waxwings and chickadees. It also provides good shelter and nesting habitat.



## Red-osier Dogwood (Cornus stolonifera)











3 metres | Full, Partial | Sand, Loam, Clay | Moist | Flood

## **Key Features**

Red branches, clustered white flowers, clustered white berries. Popular with shorebirds, waterfowl, and deer. Quick spreading and hardiness make it great for shoreline stabilization.





#### **Fun Fact**

'Red- osier' is French for 'red willowy shoot', after the resemblance towards willow trees in the winter when leaves have fallen.



## Ninebark (Physocarpus opulifolius)

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3 metres | Full, Partial | Sand, Loam, Clay, Rock | Any | Drought, Flood

## **Key Features**

Fluffy-looking white bunches of flowers, red fruit, peeling red-brown bark. Attractive to bees and butterflies in the flower stage, and songbirds in the fruiting stage.





#### **Fun Fact**

Named after its peeling bark in layers of different colours, best visible in winter.



## White Pine (Pinus strobus)









**Key Features** 

Needles grow in bunches of 5 and are 6-12 cm long. Cones are long and hang down from branches.





#### **Fun Fact**

The eastern white pine is the provincial tree of Ontario! If planted in direct sun, it will grow quickly and is ideal for privacy or for creating shade for your house.



## Eastern White Cedar (Thuja occidentalis)









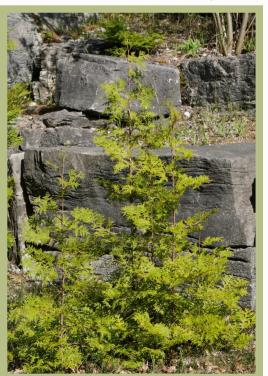


15 metres | Full, Partial | Sand, Clay, Loam, Rock | Dry - Wet | Drought, Flood

## **Key Features**

Identifiable by their ridged, strip-like bark and flat branches with 1-2 mm long matte green needles. Provides shelter and food for a variety of animals.





## **Fun Facts**

Cedar's are well-loved for their woody-citrusy scent, and are used in soaps and teas.



## White Spruce (Picea glauca)

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25 metres | Full, Partial, Shade | Sand, Clay, Rock | Dry - Wet | N/A

## **Key Features**

Round needles are 2 cm long, attached individually all the way around the branch. Larger cones and longer needles than Black Spruce. Needles are blueish-green.





#### **Fun Facts**

Recognizable as a 'Christmas tree'. Unlike the Black Spruce, White Spruce rarely occurs in wetlands, much preferring dry, upland sites.



## Red Maple (Acer rubrum)











25 metres | Full, Partial | Sand, Clay, Loam | Normal - Wet | Drought, Flood

## **Key Features**

Grows and matures fairly quickly, is a great shade tree. One of the first trees to flower each spring, producing red flowers. Leaves have 3-5 lobes, with sharp jagged edges. Leaves turn bright red in fall.





#### **Fun Fact**

Also called 'Swamp Maple', this tree loves damp, acidic, wetland-adjacent habitat.



## Red Oak (Quercus rubra)











30 metres | Full, Partial | Sand, Clay, Rock | Dry - Moist | Drought

## **Key Features**

Leaves are 10-20 cm long, with 7-9 sharp pointed lobes. Very strong, thick bark. Leaves turn bright red in fall.





#### **Fun Fact**

Oak trees spread north after the last ice age due to the help of Blue Jays catching their acorns (and accidentally planting the trees). To this day Blue Jays are commonly found around Oak trees.



# What to expect on Lake Tree Day

- Bareroot plants these are generally second year plants with no soil on the roots
- To save space and keep the plants in the best condition we will put multiples of the same species in one pot with soil
- It is best to plant your trees and shrubs right away, but they can survive in shade with regular watering for up to a couple weeks if needed
- Landowners will receive a planting guide with instructions on planting and proper maintenance
- If you have any questions about what plants to choose, how to care for them or other ways to naturalize your shoreline please reach out to us!

