

## Findlay Creek Boardwalk

2925 Findlay Creek Drive Ottawa, Ontario

## **Discover Nature**

Day-use visitors can enjoy a stroll along the 500 metre boardwalk, identify native bird species from the bird-watching platform, or geocache, all while experiencing the Provincially Significant Leitrim Wetland.

In 2000, the Kellam Family donated 100 acres of existing Leitrim Wetland to South Nation Conservation (SNC) through Environment Canada's Ecological Gifts Program.

In 2011, in partnership with the Leitrim Wetland Advisory Committee, SNC began the process of building the boardwalk. The Leitrim Wetland Advisory Committee is composed of members from various stakeholders including: City of Ottawa, Tamarack Homes, and Tartan Homes.

## Canada's Ecological Gifts Program

SNC is approved to accept donations of land under Canada's Ecological Gifts Program.

SNC uses the land donated through this program to improve forest cover, to ensure healthy and safe waterways, and to provide recreational areas throughout the jurisdiction.



The wetland itself offers a diverse range of habitat and natural features including:

- Marshland
- Cedar swamp
- Calcareous fen

   (a rare type of wetland found in Ottawa)

The area is home to 90 bird species throughout the year, and 40 migratory species during migration, including 2 national species of special concern:

- Red-shouldered hawk
- Short-eared owl









