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LEGACY OF SASKATOON'S SECRET FOREST

From roots in Saskatoon Baker went on to inspire tree planting and forest protection around the world. The International Tree Foundation, which he founded in 1922, is still active in 14 countries. Countless people motivated by him are environmental champions today. Legacy of Saskatoon's Secret Forest film with prequel film Richard St. Barbe Baker Park.

COMPANION INTERPRETIVE PACKAGE

Eco-heritage interpretation material for guided hikes, place-based education. Series describes Baker's holistic world view, and his daring life of action on behalf of the earth. Download free pdf

WILDWOODS OF SASKATOON

Heritage film spotlights the biographies of global notable park namesakes, the Old Bone Trail, and formation of the West Swale from the Pleistocene era Yorath Island Glacial Spillway.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tours, eco-heritage interpretation, citizen scientist place based exploration events take place throughout the year for a current list of programming please see <http://friendsareas.ca>

Saskatoon's Hidden Gems



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WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Taking action locally on;

2 ZERO WASTE	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 QUALITY EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	Initiating Action on United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals highlighted in Yellow			12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION	14 LIFE BELOW WATER	15 LIFE ON LAND	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



WHO ARE WE? WHY DO YOU WANT TO VISIT THE AFFORESTATION AREAS?

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas work toward commemorating and protecting the 326-acre Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area and the 148-acre George Genereux Urban Regional Park. These areas have remained as Saskatoon's Best Kept Secrets since being named in 1979 and are evolving into Saskatoon's Hidden Gems. These mixed forest wildwoods feature native and naturalized forest species and over 24 species at risk including the Western Grebe.

In addition to the iNaturalist and eBird database collection of flora and fauna, Environmental Dynamics Inc. EDI compiled a natural area screening study as part of the Blairmore Sector Plan Amendment. A diversity of ecosystems such as wetlands, native aspen bluffs, meadows, ecotones similar to the boreal forest come to view in these prairie forests referred to as laboratories in ecological succession.



DID YOU KNOW?

Saskatoon's afforestation areas started out as Tree Nurseries under the Green Survival Program in 1972 and were preserved in perpetuity by Saskatoon city council.