# The Forest Next Door

AN URBAN FOREST FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES




## Bringing learning to life beyond the classroom.

**Imagine a forest becoming an extension of the classroom.** What if Ottawa's elementary school students could learn, explore, play, and discover in a nearby urban forest throughout the school year? **The Forest Next Door** is working to make that vision a reality. In collaboration with Outdoor Play Canada and the Ottawa Forest and Nature School, we are building a community-supported initiative to bring nature-based learning opportunities to children from Kindergarten to Grade 6.







### OUR VISION

- Outdoor learning connected to the Ontario curriculum.
- Regular opportunities to explore, question, create, and discover.
- Stronger connections to nature and local communities.
- Inclusive opportunities for children across Ottawa.

### OUR FIRST PROPOSED SITE

POOLE CREEK PATHWAY (EAST), STITTSVILLE

A proposed three-year, six-phase pilot, with a soft launch targeted for 2028 and approximately four to five schools in the initial year. Our long-term goal is to bring similar opportunities to neighbourhoods across Ottawa.




ROCK THE WILD

### CHILDREN'S BENEFIT CONCERT

The concert is helping build the initial funding base for The Forest Next Door.

Learn more and purchase tickets:
**www.rockthewild.ca**

Questions or expressions of interest?
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### A GIFT TO CHILDREN — NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE

Imagine children who know the forest not simply as a place to visit, but as a place to learn, discover, play, wonder, and belong. **Help us make nature-based learning more accessible to Ottawa's children.**

One child. One school. One community at a time. **- The Forest Next Door Team**