

Who are we?

The Alton Grange Association is a group of community volunteers who, in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, are dedicated to the protection, restoration and enhancement of the Grange Property.

What is the Grange Property?

This 350-acre tract, adjacent to the town of Alton, is of particular environmental significance as it contains an area of fragile wetlands. Two rivers, Shaw's Creek and the Credit, flow south and converge on the property. Much of the higher land was reforested with pines in the 1930's by then owner E.R. Grange, but there are considerable areas of natural hardwood and mixed forest, plus meadows and open flood plain. With its varied habitats, the Grange is home to many species of flora and fauna, and is part of a provincially significant coldwater fisheries resource.

What does the Association do?

Since 2002, when AGA and MNR signed their "Partnership Agreement", much has been accomplished. Two bridges have been installed, trails developed and improved, boardwalk built, fencing replaced and trees planted. The Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club has helped to establish a connecting side trail across the property.

Our key objectives are:

- . To protect, restore and enhance the natural, scenic, educational and cultural values of the Grange Property
- . To promote public responsibility, understanding, and stewardship through the wise management of the natural resources of the Grange Property
- . To compile and manage natural resource information on the Grange Property
- . To promote partnerships to assist in accomplishing these goals

- . To implement the Integrated Resource Management Plan for the Grange Property in co-operation with the Ministry of Natural Resources

Who can use the trails?

We welcome visitors to the Grange. There are 5 access points:

- . Station St. in Alton
- . Queen St., east of Alton
- . Porterfield Rd.
- . Beechgrove Sideroad, 1 km east of Main St.
- . BTA Side trail, intersection of Porterfield and Beechgrove

Please note: for the safety of visitors and wildlife, motorized vehicles are prohibited and dogs should be leashed.

Membership Information

Be a steward of the Alton Grange!

An annual AGA Membership is an inexpensive way to become involved. Regular Newsletters will keep you informed of fun activities and work parties, and as a member, you will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

AGA volunteers have fun

- . helping develop and maintain trails
- . planting trees and participating in other rehabilitation projects
- . hiking, bird-watching, working with students

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Membership Fee Enclosed:

\$10 Individual

\$20 Family

\$100 Lifetime

\$50 Business

(The Alton Grange Association is an incorporated non-profit organization.)

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