

THE DAFFODIL PROJECT

In the fall of 1999, one family planted daffodils along Freeland Road, Portland, to bloom for the Millennium; and every year they continue to plant different varieties.

In 2010, the Joint Beautification Sub-Committee of the Township of Rideau Lakes launched "The Daffodil Project - Making Rideau Lakes the Daffodil Capital of Ontario by 2015". Hundreds of residents embraced the Project and began planting daffodils all throughout the Township. In May of 2015, the Township of Rideau Lakes was proclaimed the "Daffodil Capital of Ontario".

Each fall, residents continue to plant thousands of bulbs; and each spring, tens of thousands of daffodils bloom beside roads, along fences, in public spaces and in private gardens.

The Daffodil Days Tour is your opportunity to experience the beauty of masses of the golden flowers in a variety of picturesque locations. The locations which form part of this tour are only examples of the plantings to be found all over the Township.

So, enjoy your tour; take some photos; and along the way, be sure to visit some of the other great places that make Rideau Lakes Township "An Experience to Remember".



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By William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
and twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
in such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
what wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.



*Enjoy a drive through our
Township and view thousands of
daffodils in picturesque locations.*

~April 25 - May 15



The Perfect
Mother's Day
Activity

Daffodil Days Tour

