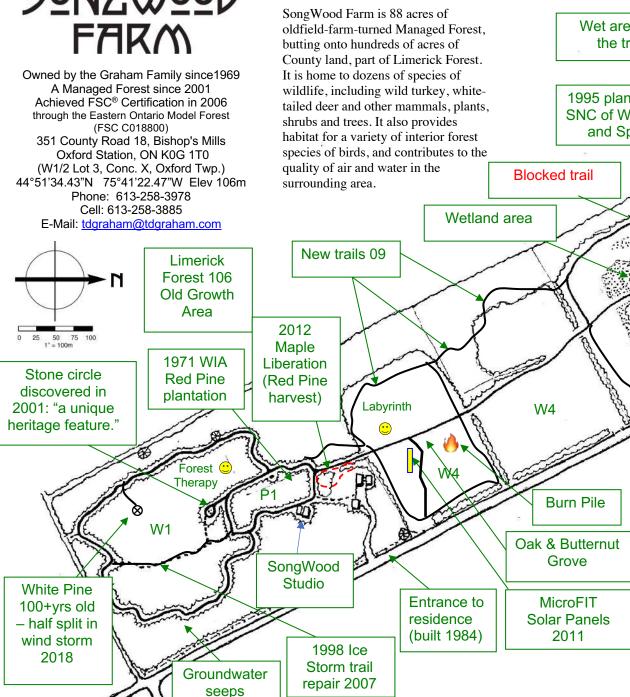
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Bishop's Mills, Ontario

New trail in Oldfield with cedar Tall Elm development & buckthorn. 2020 **RVCA** New trail 2010 Wet areas of bushhogged and the trail planted 1,000 White Pine in Bedrock 2019. outcrops 1995 plantation by SNC of White Pine P2 and Spruce. Property 1970 WIA Jack W2 pine plantation. Low survival. New white pine afforestation occurring.

2,500 White Pine and

2,500 White Spruce

planted in 2002 by

Scouts.

Originally on the shores of the Champlain Sea after the last Ice Age departed approximately 10,000 years ago, the farm reflects the geology of the Grenville Limestone Plain that makes up much of eastern Ontario. After centuries as part of the borderlands between the Algonquin and Iroquois native peoples, the land was first surveyed by European settlers in 1791, but the ground conditions were so poor that the first settler did not acquire the property until the mid-1850's.

WIA 1970 spruce plantation.

Never thinned. Wet area.

Access trail made in 2008

through Lanark Stewardship.

We don't cut this trail

anymore.

Using only a team of horses and human hands, the early pioneers cleared all of the original vegetation and trees for the purposes of farming. For the next century, almost every field of the original 100 acres was expected to deliver a crop yield. But the wet conditions continued to pose a problem.

By the 1950's, the fields in the southern end of the property were abandoned, allowing the pioneer varieties of plants and trees to once again spring up. In 1969, the Graham family purchased the property and began the process of introducing suitable tree seedlings to abandoned fields, to aid in habitat regeneration for wildlife. The only harvesting of the farm's trees is for firewood, to aid in the development of a healthy ecosystem, and to maintain the approximate four kilometers of trails.