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Discover Yukon's research forest at the Spring Forest Stroll

WHITEHORSE—Yukoners are invited to discover the varied network of walking trails and learn about ongoing research at the Spring Forest Stroll at the Gunnar Nilsson & Mickey Lammers Research Forest on Saturday, May 28.

"The science and education work being done at the research forest is an important part of the Yukon government's role as steward of our forest resources," Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Patrick Rouble said. "I invite all Yukoners to join me at the Spring Forest Stroll to learn more about this work and enjoy the great trails in this natural setting."

Staff from the Forest Management branch will offer guided tours through the non-motorized trails which are suitable for walkers of all ages and fitness levels, and vary in length from 600 metres to five kilometres. Visitors are also welcome to explore the trails on their own.

The public can also combine learning with the thrill of a high-tech treasure hunt while searching for the new Forest Science Geocaches. Visitors are invited to bring a GPS and try to find the geocaches on their own or join the demonstration tour being offered as part of the guided walks.

Also new this year is the addition of the Lowland Trail, a 600 metre interpretive trail transitioning from upland forest to a riparian area and featuring a variety of small scale disturbances such as insects, disease and wind.

The Gunnar Nilsson & Mickey Lammers Research Forest is located on the North Klondike Highway, one kilometre north of the Takhini River Bridge.

For more information contact the Forest Management branch at 867-456-3999, toll-free 1-800-661-0408, extension 3999 or visit us online at www.forestry.gov.yk.ca.

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About the Gunnar Nilsson & Mickey Lammers Research Forest

The research forest was originally reserved in 1964 by the federal government. In 2000, it was dedicated to Gunnar Nilsson and Mickey Lammers in recognition of their pioneering forest practices. The forest came under Yukon government management in 2003 as a result of devolution.

Work at the research forest has been carried out since the early 1970s, including monitoring the forest's response to fire, reforestation studies, and testing the effects of Yukon's climate on certain tree and shrub species.

View the [Map](#) of the Gunnar Nilsson Mickey Lammers Research Forest. 

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