

Turtle Conservation At Canadore College

Canadore College employees and students are constantly discovering new ways to embrace environmental sustainability and conservation, with June of 2022 highlighting such efforts.

Numerous sightings of different turtle species native to Northern Ontario had been observed throughout Canadore College campuses. The turtles had been emerging from nearby water bodies in search of their perfect nesting site. In knowing “*eight of eight species of Ontario turtles are at risk, federally,*” (devlogin-steven, 2008) Canadore personnel were quick to jump into action!

Each nesting turtle was observed from a distance and a turtle nest protector was placed over the nest area once the laying female had independently left the area. The turtle nest protectors act as an effort to prevent predation or damage to the buried turtle eggs. Canadore’s Sustainable Development Committee would like to recognize and give special thanks to all of the individuals involved in building the turtle nest protectors. Great things really do happen here, one turtle egg at a time!



College Drive: Parking Lot 9



College Drive: Hewgill Hall Entry



College Drive: P12 Accessibility Parking

TURTLE NEST PROTECTOR CONSTRUCTION



Building Construction Technician Program at Commerce Court Campus

Photographed Left to Right:
Connor Andrews- Building Construction Technologist and
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Maintenance & Facilities Department at College Drive Campus

Photographed Above:
Timothy Anderson- Construction and Maintenance Technician

TURTLE SIGHTINGS



What to do if you come across a turtle on Canadore Campus

- If a turtle is spotted in a grass or forested location, it is best to observe the turtle from a distance and do not disturb it
- If a turtle is spotted travelling across a parking lot or on a paved surface, it is helpful to carry the turtle to the edge of the pavement in the direction it was travelling. *Ensure to wash your hands thoroughly after handling a turtle.*
- If a turtle is spotted digging a nest anywhere on Canadore Campus, observe from a distance and do not disturb the turtle. Take note of the location and contact campus Security at 705-498-7244. A member of the Security team will place a turtle nest protector over the nest once the nesting female is gone from the area.



Learn more about the 8 species of turtles that live in Ontario:

