



BOARDWALK TRAIL CLOSED

An analysis of Ghost Road Bush Swamp indicates that the ash trees in the area are infected with the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agilus planipennis*). Ghost Road Bush trees consist of eighty percent Green Ash and almost all of these are infected in various stages.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a non-native invasive beetle which attacks and kills all species of ash. It is native to China and Eastern Asia and it is believed to have arrived in Canada in 2002. Larva feed on the inner bark and sapwood along the trunk and larger branches in the crown creating tunnels in the wood. This effectively

girdles the tree, disrupting the flow of nutrients and water. Mature beetles feed on leaves. Infected trees generally die after 2 to 3 years. Dead trees are a hazard for many reasons from falling branches to trees breaking off at the base and falling down.



A Second Marsh Management Committee, made up of City of Oshawa, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Ducks Unlimited Canada and Friends of Second Marsh is currently looking at this issue. As a result, Ghost Road Bush Boardwalk Trail remains closed until further notice for the safety of the public. Please respect the signs and stay on the trails that are open. At this time we do not know when the boardwalk trail will reopen.

