

# EVERGREEN | Visitors' Guide



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## What is this place?

Evergreen Brick Works is a place where the world can experience sustainable practices that enable flourishing cities of the future.

Open daily and year-round, Evergreen Brick Works engages visitors in a full suite of attractions and events including our Saturday Farmers Market, nature trails for hiking and cycling, site tours, exhibits, conferences, festivals, nature-based camps for youth and a sustainable garden market and eco-store.

### A Unique Site. Rich in Possibility.

From 1889 to 1984, Don Valley Brick Works was one of Canada's pre-eminent brickyards. At its peak, more than 43 million bricks a year were manufactured for use in the construction of homes and buildings across Canada.

When the factory closed down in 1984, the site was abandoned, leaving behind a damaged ecosystem, crumbling buildings and contaminated soil.

Restored and revitalized by Evergreen, a national not-for-profit, the site is now home to a LEED Platinum building and is a global showcase for green design, urban sustainability and a vibrant public space. It was named one of the world's top 10 geotourism destinations by National Geographic.

## Who is Evergreen?

Since 1991, Evergreen, a not-for-profit, has provoked bold action in transforming public landscapes into thriving community spaces. We believe that connecting people, natural and built worlds create flourishing cities for the future. For more than 25 years Evergreen has connected, collaborated, and catalyzed Canadians to do amazing things positively affecting attitudes and behaviours that lie at the core of a sustainable city.



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Photo: Min Yang

## Get Involved

### Donate

Love what you see? Give back to Evergreen and support programs that are connecting people with nature every day. Everything purchased here will also help make a difference.

Donate online, at the Young Welcome Centre, or drop off your change at any orange donation box on site. Thank you!

### What's On

To find the latest events, workshops, tours, festivals and more, visit us in the Young Welcome Centre or online at [evergreen.ca/whatson](http://evergreen.ca/whatson).

### Volunteering

There are many ways you can get involved and contribute to the health of cities across Canada – from community stewardship and greening events, to supporting our exciting programs, initiatives and events on the ground or behind the scenes.

Find the right fit for you by searching the current list of opportunities and applying at [evergreen.ca/volunteer](http://evergreen.ca/volunteer).



## Getting Here

Nestled in the heart of Toronto's Don Valley, Evergreen Brick Works is accessible by all modes of transportation.

- Free **shuttle bus** from Broadview Station, seven days a week.
- The **TTC's 28 Bayview South** bus operates 7 days a week. Visit [ttc.ca](http://ttc.ca) for the most up-to-date schedule.
- Arrive by **bike or on foot** and take the scenic route through Toronto's Don Valley with easy trail access from Castle Frank and Rosedale subway stations, or Beechwood Drive. Trail maps are available at Bike Works, the Young Welcome Centre and online.

**Coming by car?** Parking on site is limited. Please consider taking alternate transportation to the site. During peak times free valet parking is offered. When all parking lots are full, look for a TargetPark attendant in the East Parking Lot.

Funds raised from parking fees help us deliver community programs.

Shuttle bus provided by  MSL  
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**CENTRE FOR GREEN CITIES**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Floor</b>	Battery recycling E-waste collection FIDO Classroom BMO Atrium
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>	ATM Meeting Room 1 & 2 Capital One Blakes Room
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</b>	Evergreen Head Office
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Floor</b>	Tenants
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Floor</b>	Tenants

## What's Here

**Young Welcome Centre**  
Start here! You'll find information, maps and What's On.  
*Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm | Saturday 8am–5pm | Sunday (Holidays) 10am–5pm*

**CRH Gallery and The Kilns**  
An event and exhibit space, this dramatic building was formerly where the bricks were fired. The Kilns are currently undergoing construction to transform them into a year-round facility and will be unavailable to the public during this time.

**Koerner Gardens**  
An open-air garden planted with native and edible plants. This space is temporarily closed due to redevelopment of the historic Kilns building.

**Café Belong**  
Featuring delicious food from local, organic and sustainable sources, Café Belong offers quick take-away, full-service dining and catering. *See [cafebelong.ca](http://cafebelong.ca) for details.*

**Evergreen Garden Market**  
A sustainable garden centre and market with native and heritage plants, locally-sourced gifts, food and gardening supplies. *See website for hours of operation.*

**Bike Works**  
A community bike space in the heart of Toronto's trail network, Bike Works promotes human-powered transportation with its do-it-yourself (DIY) bike repair space, workshops, Community Bicycle Hubs and cycling events. *Open year round. See website for dates and times.*

**Sweet Pete's Bike Shop**  
Your spot for bike rentals, tune-ups, an emergency bike repair or simply to browse for bikes and cycling accessories. *Open spring through fall.*

**Saturday Farmers Market**  
Since 2007, Evergreen Brick Works Farmers Market has grown to become the largest farmers market in Toronto. Running year-round, it offers the widest variety of local and seasonal food in the city. *Saturday 8am–1pm | November to May 9am–1pm*

**The Pavilions**  
The Pavilions are a centrally-located, covered outdoor space that holds our community gatherings, festivals and public markets.

**The Frances and Tim Price Terrace**  
Overlooking the ponds and the Weston Family Quarry Garden, the terrace offers a stunning view of the parkland.

**Weston Family Quarry Garden & Don Valley Brick Works Park**  
Managed by Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, the park is free and open to everyone. The area surrounding Evergreen Brick Works has been transformed into a thriving green space to explore and wander. *Please note, groups wishing to access the park should contact the City of Toronto at [greentoronto@toronto.ca](mailto:greentoronto@toronto.ca) for approval before arrival.*

**The Children's Garden**  
This space is designed to activate the imaginations of children, inviting them to engage in open-ended play. Here, children are free to be the architects of their environment, to invent and build using their own creativity and problem-solving skills, all while developing an appreciation for the natural world. *Saturday–Sunday, 10am–3pm*

**Event Rental Space**  
Evergreen Brick Works is the ideal venue for your special event. Our space offers various capacities, from an intimate gathering in the BMO Atrium to a 700-seated dinner to a 2,000-standing reception in the CRH Gallery and Koerner Gardens.

Visit [evergreen.ca/visitorinfo](http://evergreen.ca/visitorinfo) for hours of operation.

## Top 5 Things To See & Do



**The Watershed Wall**  
Toronto's largest living map, Watershed Consciousness, depicts the rivers that flow through Toronto.  
*Photo: Geoff Fitzgerald*



**Farmers Market**  
Visit the year-round Saturday Farmers Market for local and seasonal produce.  
*Photo: Danielle Griscit*



**The Children's Garden**  
A multi-sensory play space, home to our wood-fired oven and greenhouse. Open to kids of all ages.  
*Photo: Min Yang*



**The Quarry Garden**  
A clay and shale quarry for 100 years has been transformed into a thriving green space to explore and wander.  
*Photo: Joseph Morris*



**Evergreen's Winter Village**  
Shop local at the markets, play games, and sip on something toasty throughout December.