What is this place?

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

In 2010, Evergreen transformed a collection of deteriorating heritage buildings into a global showcase for green design and an award-winning public space. Open year-round, Evergreen Brick Works welcomes more than 500,000 visitors annually to experience its public markets, participate in conferences and events, enjoy outdoor learning and nature play, and explore public art in the heart of Toronto’s ravine system.

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.

Get Involved

Donate

Love what you see? Give back to Evergreen and support programs that are helping make cities flourish. 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, celebrations and more, visit us in the Young Welcome Centre or online at evergreen.ca/whatson.

Volunteering

There are many ways you can get involved and contribute to flourishing cities across Canada – from supporting urban activation and city building initiatives to exciting programs 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.

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.

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 for the most up-to-date schedule.
- Use Lyft ride share service. Download the Lyft app on your iPhone or Android and use the promo code EVERGREENCO to get $5 off up to six rides to or from Evergreen Brick Works.
- 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

The Jim Meekison and Carolyn Keystone Foundation
The Watershed Wall
Toronto’s largest living map, Watershed Consciousness, depicts the rivers that flow through Toronto.

Farmers Market
Visit the year-round Saturday Farmers Market for local and seasonal produce.

The Children’s Garden
A multi-sensory play space, home to our wood-fired oven and green-house. Open to kids of all ages.

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

Summer Wednesdays
Bask in the setting sun with delicious local food and live performances in July and August.

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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.

Cafe Belong
Featuring delicious food from local, organic and sustainable sources, Cafe Belong offers quick take-away, full-service dining and catering. See 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, 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 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–4pm

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 for hours of operation.