

# Purdon Conservation Area

*"Largest native colony of Showy Lady's Slipper Orchids in Canada"*



Photographs by Pat Miller

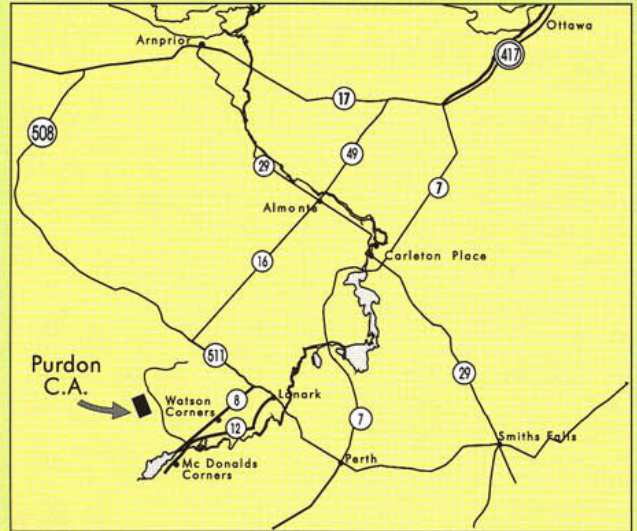
Each year between mid June and early July 16,000 magnificent orchids burst into delicate pink and white bloom. The boardwalk creates a dry level path for visitors to walk or wheel through and allows a close up view of the beauty of the orchids.



**Mississippi Valley Conservation**

**Purdon Conservation Area offers:**  
Fully accessible parking and boardwalk; self guided tours (Interpreters are on site during bloom period); wetland ecology, plant and orchid biology information; picnic tables; gift shop and refreshment station (during bloom period); and washroom facilities.

*Admission is by donation. Your donation is critical to the continued conservation of this unique natural area.*



Purdon Conservation Area exists today thanks to the care, cultivation and dedication of Joe Purdon. In the late 1930's he discovered a few dozen plants growing on his property. Under his care the colony flourished. Mississippi Valley Conservation acquired the site in 1984 and pledged to preserve it for the enjoyment and enrichment of future generations.

*Enquire about our "Adopt an Orchid" program.*

Visitors are welcome throughout the season. Stroll the boardwalk and view a variety of wildflowers, grasses, trees and shrubs that grow in the fen. Purdon is also a great destination for birding. Over 50 types of birds inhabit the fen.

*Bus and group tours welcome.*



The blooming period varies from season to season. Typically mid June and early July. To ensure you view the orchids in bloom it is advisable to call to confirm conditions.

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