

***“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir***

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in the area around Mistehae Lake, a remote area of northern Alberta, Canada. This forest area was degraded in a large forest fire called the McMillan wildfire in 2019. The area has struggled to regenerate itself post fire, and the goal is to create a big healthy forest.

Planting trees in Alberta is an effective method to restore the land and eventually return the area to a spruce-dominated mixed wood forest. The species planted include black and white spruce, tamarack, pine, dogwood, poplar, and mixed native willows. Soil stability is an immediate ecological benefit of reforestation and the area provides enough light for a new forest to grow efficiently. This project focuses on restoring riparian function along river and lake banks and minimizing future bank slumping and erosion by re-establishing the riparian zone.

As the forest regenerates, it will provide a critically important regional habitat for furbearers, migratory songbirds, raptors and owls, amphibians, and black bears, moose, elk, and deer. This project will also provide jobs for people in the area, a better quality of air and water, and a recreational outdoor space for the citizens of this remote Alberta area.



You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link:

<https://binged.it/3MQxFdU>

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in Canada and the world. The link is best viewed on a personal computer. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree and visiting the tree is unfortunately not possible.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: [www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/](http://www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/). If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at [www.TheGiftedTree.com](http://www.TheGiftedTree.com).

