



Naturally Yours

Every year, mining companies in Ontario make significant investments to return former mines to natural environments. In 2005, the Ontario Mining Industry Cluster Council (OMICC) distributed over 200,000 calendars titled Return to a Natural Environment, using photographs and text to highlight the rehabilitation of specific mine sites. Approximately 300 high schools received the calendars, including those located in or near mining communities such as the major centres of North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Timmins, and the surrounding areas. The calendar was also distributed to the Bancroft and Milton areas.

Summer travel plans may take students and teachers close to these re-established natural environments. If so, it would be worth taking the opportunity to look at the results of these rehabilitation efforts. The OMICC Web site has a repository of rehabilitated mine sites in Ontario, including photographs and facts.

Visit <http://www.omicc.ca/rehabilitatedsites.php>