

THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK



COVID-19 UPDATES: The Friends of Algonquin Park expect COVID-19 related changes to impact the content in this document. For the latest updates see www.algonquinpark.on.ca. We look forward to seeing you back in Algonquin Park soon!

The Friends of Algonquin Park is proud of its ongoing commitment to the enhancement of the education and interpretation of Algonquin Provincial Park!!

Our long tradition of accomplishments is truly a result of the engagement of our members, volunteers, donors, partners and dedicated staff. The Friends is able to continue to pursue our objective of strengthening the appreciation for Algonquin Park because of this continued support.

As you review our newsletter you will see our latest achievements. Every year with the ongoing help



from our “friends” we are able to commit to numerous new projects and improve upon existing programs that enhance Park visitors’ appreciation for this amazing place. To all of you who have helped The Friends attain these successes - thank you!

For anybody who would like to be part of this group, visit The Friends of Algonquin Park at www.algonquinpark.on.ca or email friends@algonquinpark.on.ca.

CELEBRATING
30
YEARS

A special thanks to our generous raffle sponsors



The Friends of Algonquin Park has been offering Experience Algonquin workshops for over a decade. We bring expert instructors from communities within and around Algonquin Park to share their passion and expertise in a variety of recreational and natural history topics. As a participant, you will work closely with instructors in a small group setting, taking home new skills and knowledge, as well as field guides and tools needed to pursue your interest further.

Workshops are open to members of The Friends of Algonquin Park. Non-members may purchase a membership upon registration. Space is limited and advance paid registration is required for all workshops. To register, contact Laura Finney at (613) 637-2828 extension 236.

Welcome • Willkommen • 歓迎
Join a bilingual German- or Japanese-speaking Naturalist who can help you get the most out of your Algonquin Park visit.

For more information, download program details from www.algonquinpark.on.ca, send an email inquiry to groupeducation@algonquinpark.on.ca, or call the Group Education Coordinator at (249) 700-0015.

GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you are a teacher or education professional, The Friends of Algonquin Park can offer you creative and fun new learning opportunities! We are pleased to continue to offer school, youth, and adult groups a wide variety of educational programs. Over 70 Algonquin-themed programs are available in half-day, full-day, evening and overnight formats. A special itinerary can be tailored to your group’s interests and needs.

Paddling the Barron Canyon workshop



2019 GERMAN VISITOR SERVICES SPECIALIST



The Friends of Algonquin Park was fortunate to have German-speaking student **Karolin Voss** join our team. Karolin provided customer service to Park visitors at the Visitor Centre and assisted with the delivery of Group Education Programs to German groups.

Thank you for a successful season and for all your enthusiasm!



Algonquin Park Webcam



Watch Algonquin Park during any season. Choose from either live streaming video, panorama, or archived images of the view from the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre, courtesy of **The Friends of Algonquin Park** in partnership with **EarthCam**. See it at www.algonquinpark.on.ca

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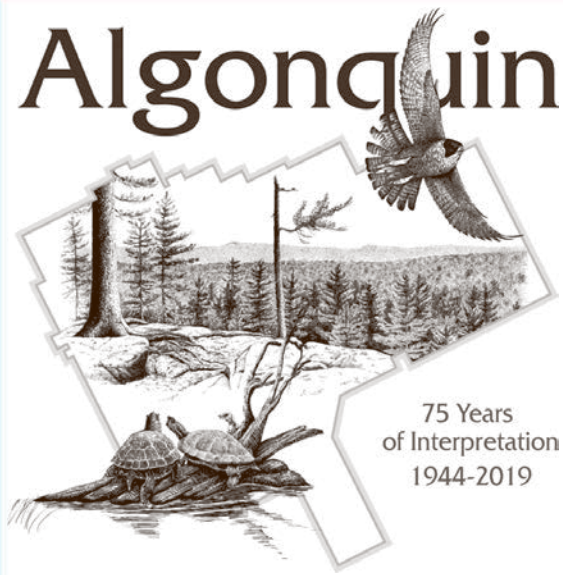


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ALGONQUIN PARK VISITOR SERVICES STAFF REUNION

The Algonquin Park Visitor Services Program celebrated its 75th anniversary during 2019. In recognition of this milestone The Friends of Algonquin Park in cooperation with Ontario Parks celebrated by hosting a Visitor Services Reunion for past and current staff from September 6 to 8, 2019 in Algonquin Park.

MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY

The Friends of Algonquin Park and Algonquin's Wildlife Research Station, in collaboration with Ontario Parks and the Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research invite you to come out and meet the researchers who use Algonquin Park as their laboratory. Researchers who study reptiles and amphibians, birds, small mammals, fish, wolves and even humans will be there to explain and share their research.

The 12th Annual Meet the Researcher Day will be held on **Thursday, July 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion. A fundraising barbecue (noon to 2:00 p.m., or while quantities last) is hosted by The Friends of Algonquin Park in support of research in the Park.

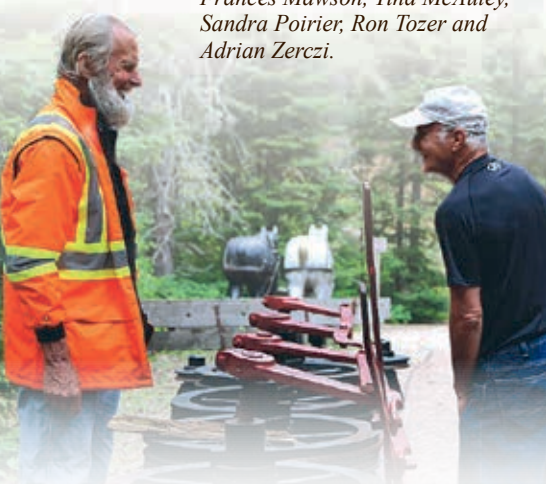
Special thanks to...Gord & June Ashcroft and Tina McAuley for volunteering at the BBQ!

24TH ANNUAL Loggers Day

was held Saturday, July 27, 2019

A special thanks to our partners, exhibitors and volunteers who made this day possible:

Algonquin Forestry Authority, Gord & June Ashcroft, Lori Beecroft, John Brook, Clyde & Edie Clute, Harvey Cowan, Robert Crosby, Steve Estok, Ben & Lily Etmanski, John Foreman, Jake Hancock, Lisa Hawkins, Sally Innanen, Hans Koster, Rick Kuno, Charles Larking, Danny Luckasavitch, Rory MacKay, Frances Mawson, Tina McAuley, Sandra Poirier, Ron Tozer and Adrian Zerczi.



Join us on **Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** for this highly entertaining and educational day when the Algonquin Logging Museum comes to life. Brought to you by **The Friends of Algonquin Park and the Algonquin Forestry Authority**, in cooperation with **Ontario Parks**.

Take in the demonstrations around the Logging Museum trail and try the old-time loggers lunch served in the sawlog cookery from noon to 2:00 p.m., or while quantities last (\$10 per person). Also listen to the music of the **Wakami Wailers** throughout the day.

2019 DIRECTORS AWARD



Howard Coneybeare (right), accepts his award from Dan Strickland.

The Directors Award was established in 1985 by The Friends of Algonquin Park to honour those who have made significant contributions toward the appreciation of Algonquin Park.

On September 7, 2019, The Friends of Algonquin Park presented the award to Howard Coneybeare in a ceremony held during the Algonquin Park Visitor Services Staff Reunion. Howard Coneybeare was a Seasonal Naturalist in Algonquin Park from 1970 to 1975 who lent his talents as an artist to the interpretive program.

Afterwards he continued to contribute illustrations to The Friends of Algonquin Park for publications and trail guides. His illustrations defined the first Mammals of Algonquin Park publication. Howard's illustrations are still used in all of the interpretive trail guides.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Thanks to our volunteers, all of our interpretive trails were adopted in 2019! Participants are asked to hike their trail once a week from May through October, cleaning up both the trail and parking lot area by picking up litter and reporting any maintenance requirements. A plaque at the entrance of the trail recognizes volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

The Friends of Algonquin Park is very grateful to the following dedicated volunteers:

Algonquin College students (Pembroke campus), Algonquin Moon Bed & Breakfast, Jeff Bowman, Brent Access Point staff, Leon Budziszewski, Canoe Lake Access Point staff, Dan Demianiw, Morwen Galway, Chris Herbener, Janice Hubbert, Huntsville Nature Club, Amanda Jerger, Sarah MacBeth, The McRae Family, Lynne Newell, Gord & Bernadette Nugent, George & Sharon Oram, Lynn Stewart and Samantha Vessios.



not only leaves a legacy of his work behind on the trails, and Logging Museum but also through the many students he supervised and mentored over the course of his career.

Thank you Mark - your help with the ongoing goals of The Friends over the years is greatly appreciated and will be fondly remembered.

If you've ever enjoyed walking one of the interpretive walking trails along highway 60 then you have Mark Brown to thank. Mark retired at the end of last season after 28 years of maintaining the interpretive trails for the continued enjoyment by Park visitors.

Mark's dedication and thoughtful care of the interpretive walking trails will be greatly missed, as will his continued devotion to the Logging Museum buildings and trail. Mark also through the many students he supervised and mentored over the course of his career.

The Friends was able to help insure the Bat Lake Trail improvements were completed in 2019 by extending the contract of Ontario Parks Trail Technician Tyler Shalla.

ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK'S 9TH ANNUAL

WINTER IN THE WILD

FEBRUARY 15, 2020

A wide variety of activities were held at various locations throughout the Highway 60 Corridor of Algonquin Park, such as snowshoeing, winter bird walks, bears in winter & wolf presentations, ice skating, winter camping demonstrations, marshmallow-roasting and more...

Thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers: Chris Cameron, Clyde Clute, Tina McAuley, Lori Beecroft, Robert Doherty, Mariska McEathron, Marty Obbard, Bev & Ken Richardson, Andrea Ruzzo, the Sonnetag family, Connor Thompson, Paul & Andrea Waldron and Dale Wenger. **Join us at the annual Winter in the Wild on February 13, 2021.**



With help from our generous sponsors:



LOGGING MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The Friends of Algonquin Park provided volunteers at the Logging Museum from June to October. Thanks to our volunteers, Park visitors had a great visit to the museum.

Thank you to... Gord & June Ashcroft, Samantha Baribeault, Lori Beecroft, Leon Budziszewski, Harvey Cowan, Samantha Craig, Bonnie Engel, Ellen Gendreau, Sally Innanen, Robyn Lim, Frances Mawson, Jessica Rammo, Janet Webber and Adrian Zerczi.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stacey at: volunteer@algonquinpark.on.ca



WAKAMI WAILERS OUTDOOR CONCERT

The Wakami Wailers are scheduled to perform in Algonquin Park at **Loggers Day** on **Saturday, July 25** at the Logging Museum and, at an open-air concert on **Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 7 pm** at the Outdoor Theatre. The award-winning, Ontario-based group will get your toes tapping through a fun-filled evening of entertaining stories and songs. This concert is brought to you by The Friends of Algonquin Park as a special event. Admission is a minimum donation of \$2 per person.

The Friends of Algonquin Park would like to thank the LCBO for allowing us to fundraise at several locations in communities surrounding Algonquin Park. A total of \$512.80 was raised through their Donation Box Program, which ran for a one-month period. Thank you to all those who contributed!



THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK BOOKSTORE & NATURE SHOPS

Our bookstore & nature shops provide you with a unique shopping experience. We offer an extensive selection of natural and human history books, field identification guides, maps, cookbooks, Ontario travel guides and optics. We also take great pride in our ever-changing selection of quality gifts, souvenirs and home décor, with a selection of local and Canadian made items.

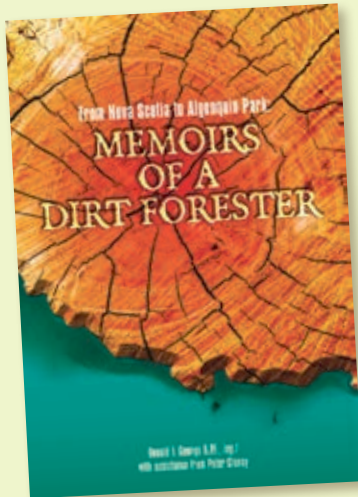
NEW PRODUCTS

BEST OF THE RAVEN, VOLUME 3

This new publication is the third book in the series that compiles informative essays from Algonquin Park's famous educational newsletter, The Raven. Written by Dan Strickland in a warm, engaging, and thoughtful style, Volume 3, features 97 articles published between 2001 and 2009 on a wide variety of Algonquin Park related topics.



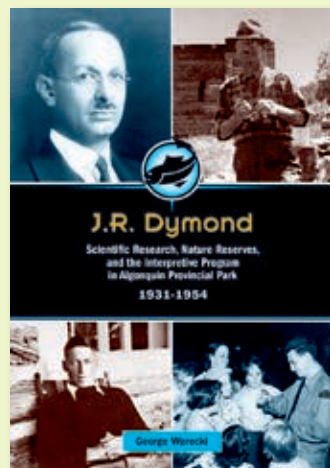
MEMOIRS OF A DIRT FORESTER



Don George was a forester in Algonquin Park, hired in 1968, who was one of the pioneers in the evolution toward sustainable forest management. In this book, published by The Friends of Algonquin Park, Don George shares insights into his work developing the selection cutting system for tolerant hardwoods used in Algonquin Park. Through his passion for the Park's forests and scientific research, Don George's efforts determined policy in other areas of Ontario, but more importantly, changed the history of forestry management in Algonquin Park.

J.R. DYMOND

This book celebrates 75 Years of Nature Interpretation — The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to announce the publishing of J.R. Dymond: Scientific Research, Nature Reserves, and the Interpretive Program in Algonquin Provincial Park (1931-1954) by George Warecki to celebrate the 75th anniversary of nature interpretation in Algonquin Provincial Park.



SNAKES OF ONTARIO: NATURAL HISTORY, DISTRIBUTION, AND STATUS

Distributed exclusively by The Friends of Algonquin Park, The Snakes of Ontario: Natural History, Distribution, and Status provides a comprehensive account of Ontario's 18 snake species and subspecies, their distribution in the province, their natural history, and the conservation challenges that exist in ensuring their continued survival. This comprehensive 411-page hard cover book features full colour pictures, range maps, historical accounts, and much more. An excellent reference. "I feel utterly justified in saying that it is a book no serious Canadian herpetologist should be without." Dr. Ronald J. Brooks, University of Guelph and Algonquin Park reptile researcher.

ALGONQUIN PARK BACKPACKING TRAILS MAP 2020/21

Algonquin Park has three backpacking trails which have been designed for overnight users who wish to spend two or more days hiking and camping in the Park's backcountry. Rules and regulations every backpacker should know and follow are outlined, as well as directions to using the reservation system. Each of the three trails has its own scale and map displaying designated campsites. The "planning your trip" section offers helpful hints to ensure an enjoyable backcountry adventure.



CANOEING ALGONQUIN PARK

The return of a classic. A book for anyone who loves the woods. A collection of canoe routes, landscape sketches, camping tips, fishing spots, anecdotes, and more.



OPTICS

The Friends of Algonquin Park is proud to offer a selection of nature exploration tools for sale at our Visitor Centre store location. Binoculars and magnifying loupes of varying brands, models and features to enhance your outdoor experiences and education.

KITE OPTICS

VORTEX OPTICS

MAKE YOUR PURCHASE COUNT!

Show your passion for Algonquin and make purchases from The Friends of Algonquin Park at the Visitor Centre, Logging Museum, via phone/email order or online at www.algonquinpark.on.ca | **100% OF PROCEEDS** from sales remain in Algonquin Park to further the Park's educational objectives.

30th ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Friends of Algonquin Park's 2019 Fundraising Raffle was another great success, raising over **\$37,000!** This raffle has been an annual event since 1990, and has now raised over **\$462,000** since it began.

Congratulations to our 2019 prize winners:

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| 1st prize – G. McFarland - Hamilton, ON | 7th prize – M. Schumaker - Aurora, ON |
| 2nd prize – D. Conwell - South Wales, NY | 8th prize – K. Lavelle - Bolton, ON |
| 3rd prize – A. Ritter - Hamilton, ON | 9th prize – I. Tanner - Lasalle, ON |
| 4th prize – D. Zuwala - Waterford, ON | 10th prize – M. Gorman - Bowmanville, ON |
| 5th prize – E. Stolarchuk - Windsor, ON | 11th prize – B. Corrigan - Nairn Centre, ON |
| 6th prize – L. Gilbert - Nepean, ON | 12th prize – E. Giroux - Lanark, ON |



First prize winner in the 2019 Raffle, G. McFarland.

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FUNDRAISING 2020 RAFFLE

The 2020 Fundraising Raffle will be the 31st for The Friends of Algonquin Park. Be sure to pick up your **\$10** tickets while visiting the Park this summer and fall at the Visitor Centre, Logging Museum, and various other businesses within the Park!

The 2020 Raffle promises to once again include many amazing prizes such as **beautiful canoes, accommodation packages at Algonquin area resorts and lodges, and much more!**

All proceeds go toward fulfilling The Friends of Algonquin Park mandate of enhancing the interpretive and educational programs here in Algonquin Park!

BUY YOUR TICKET for just \$10

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The Friends of Algonquin Park would also like to extend thanks to all of our seasonal staff that helped make 2019 another great year!

MONTHLY GIVING

The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to report that the following donors are part of our monthly giving program.

- Dennis Allibon
- Elva Bennett
- Rebecca Brooker
- Leon Budziszewski
- Sue Cochrane
- Barry Dartnell
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If you wish to join our monthly giving program, please contact

(613) 637-2828 ext. 239

to get started, or visit:

<http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap/donate/recurring-giving.php>

Thank you for your support!



SIMPLE & EFFECTIVE WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR ALGONQUIN PARK:

Make a Donation – A contribution made today is greatly appreciated and very important. Donations can be made in person at the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum or by mail, telephone or online.

In Honour – Have your donation commemorate an event or person, or celebrate a special occasion in the life of a friend or family member. An acknowledgement card can be sent to the honouree on your behalf.

In Memoriam – Make a gift in memory of a loved one who was especially fond of Algonquin. An acknowledgement card can be sent to the family or friend that you designate.

Become a Member – Purchase an annual membership that shows your dedication to Algonquin while gaining you membership rewards.

Double Your Donation – Employee-matching gift programs are corporate giving programs in which the company matches donations made by employees to eligible charitable organizations. Inquire with your employer to see if your support of Algonquin Park can be easily doubled.

Build your legacy of support for Algonquin Park by contributing to The Friends of Algonquin Park.

Thank you to Doug & Ann McGill, DeKay Construction and Yorkwood Homes for generously matching every gift, dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000 to support the backcountry maintenance program in Algonquin Provincial Park.

Third Party Fundraising – Hold an event in support of The Friends of Algonquin Park. Your event can be almost anything: sell a product or service and direct a portion of the proceeds to support Algonquin Park; throw a party and ask guests to bring a donation in place of a gift; host a recreational event and ask for a donation instead of an entry fee; or develop a donation box at your place of business with donations directed to The Friends of Algonquin Park. Please note that all third party fundraising events must be approved in advance of the event by The Friends of Algonquin Park. To find out more, visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap/donate/third-party-fundraising.php

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These are all things you can do today to show your passion for Algonquin Park and allow us to continue to emulate this passion through our work.

If you have any questions or require assistance, contact: Stacey Finch, Partnership Coordinator (613) 637-2828 ext. 239

WHAT IS YOUR

Algonquin Park Legacy?

Inspire Future Generations

Photo by: Jacquelyn VanVeller

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving allows you to make a gift to Algonquin Park today where the value of the gift is deferred in whole or in part until a later date, often upon the death of the donor and depending on the type of gift, income tax relief is either realized today or in the future. Of course, talking to your lawyer or financial advisor will help you and your family decide how to best fulfill your legacy to Algonquin Park.

YOUR ALGONQUIN LEGACY GIVING OPTIONS

You can make a difference and ensure your legacy in Algonquin Park by considering these options:

Bequest - This is a gift that you make through your will. It can be for a specific amount, a percentage of your estate or the residual of your estate. Your bequest will symbolize a lasting memorial for you and your family.

Gift of Life Insurance - Life insurance is a way to make a significant gift in the future at an affordable current cost without reducing the value of your estate available to your family. You can either give an existing policy or take out a new policy naming The Friends of Algonquin Park as the beneficiary.

Shares or Securities - This can be established by contributing bonds, stock securities or mutual funds that have appreciated in value since their purchase and avoid capital gains tax.

Registered Assets (RRSPs & RRIFs) - A gift of registered assets would enable you to fulfill dual goals of supporting your favourite charity while reducing the amount of taxes that your estate would have to pay. If the RRSP or RRIF has The Friends of Algonquin Park as the direct beneficiary, the estate will receive a donation receipt for the entire value of the plan.

Gift of Real Estate - The gift of real estate allows you to give an

immediate gift and receive an immediate tax receipt for the fair market value of your property. These gifts include: residences, farms, land and commercial property. Giving a gift of real estate allows you to simplify your estate and give to The Friends of Algonquin Park during your lifetime.

Residual Interest - This type of gift is given by those who plan to donate a property through a will bequest but would like to reduce income tax presently and continue to use and enjoy the property over their lifetime.

Endowment - Your charitable fund would be invested and earnings from your contribution would generate a reliable source of funds, providing a legacy that lasts forever.

Please, let us know if you have included a gift in your will. It will give us the opportunity to thank you and, more importantly, to discuss how you would like to direct your donation and what you hope it will accomplish. Every legacy gift makes a difference.

For more information, contact: Lee Pauzé, Executive Director (613) 637-2828 ext.234

LEGACY GIFTS

Wild Birds Unlimited Toronto generously donates birdseed to the Algonquin Visitor Centre. This allows visitors to enjoy Algonquin Park's beautiful birdlife during winter and supports ongoing bird research.



Algonquin Park Wild Bird Cam Live!

Algonquin Park is home to excellent bird watching opportunities. During winter, many northern bird species migrate south offering a blend of northern and southern bird species that attract visitors from around the world. Viewing Algonquin Park's wild birds in person is always the best experience. But for those who can't visit today, The Friends of Algonquin Park is offering live streaming views of the feeders at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre.

Third Party Fundraising

The Portage Store partnered with The Friends of Algonquin Park to support our education and interpretive work. The Portage Store donated **\$1,966.22** from the sale of their butterfly themed merchandise sold throughout the season, to The Friends of Algonquin Park. Erin MacDonald, Founder of Wild and Found Goods donated **\$100** to The Friends of Algonquin Park. Erin donated a portion of her sales from her "Found in the Forest" t-shirt.

Thank you to both for your creative partnerships in support of Algonquin Park!

For more information on third party agreements, visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap/donate/third-party-fundraising.php



For more information please contact The Friends of Algonquin Park
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Thank You For Being Passionate About Algonquin!

For a list of 2019 Donors who supported The Friends of Algonquin Park, visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca.