THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK



The Friends of Algonquin Park (FOAP) is looking forward to this upcoming year with excitement as it continues to work towards many educational programs and projects in Algonquin Park. This includes a collaboration with our partner the Algonquin Forest Authority (AFA). We hope you will join us to celebrate both the new cadge crib exhibit at the Algonquin Logging Museum and the AFA's 50th anniversary at this year's Loggers Day on Saturday, July 26.

The Friends of Algonquin Park's Board of Directors is pleased to share with you our Land Acknowledgement in this newsletter. We were gratefully guided by the sage advice of Director Christine Luckasavitch, an Omàmiwininì Madaoueskarini Anishinaabekwe (a woman of the Madawaska River Algonquin people), to ensure that our Land

Acknowledgement would be meaningful and purposeful to us as an organization. We are thrilled to welcome new board member Mike Sladden to our team. Mike began his time in Algonquin Park in 1969 as a third generation camper at Camp Pathfinder on Source Lake. He went on to work on the trip staff and take on a number of leadership roles at the camp. After his time at camp had ended he became the Curator of Education at the International Museum of Photography and Film at the George Eastman Museum in Rochester, NY. However, Algonquin called to him and in 1999 he became a co-owner and Director of Camp Pathfinder. Mike and co-owner Glenn Arthurs stewarded the traditional canvas canoe tripping camp and outdoor education centre, for the next 24 years. Mike has also served son the Board of Directors of the Ontario Camping Association and continues to serve on the Board for the charity Kids In Camp.

Conversely, we say a very fond farewell to John Swick, Algonquin's Superintendent for the past seven years, who is starting an exciting new chapter in his Algonquin story with his retirement on May 31. John has been a good friend and trusted advisor to us all and we will miss his interest in and dedication to The Friends of Algonquin Park's efforts. We wish him the very best on his new adventures, so keep an eye out for him in Algonquin's backcountry with a paddle or fishing rod in his hand. The Friends is looking forward to welcoming and working alongside Algonquin's next Superintendent.

All of you, who are reading this newsletter right now, are likely Algonquin Park visitors and therefore we consider you our "friend." There are a variety of ways that you can support the ongoing work of The Friends of Algonquin Park.

If you would like to contribute to the many programs and special events that The Friends provides, please consider becoming a "Member" by visiting our website (https://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap/memberships/) to use the Online Membership Form and to learn what benefits your membership will include. You can also sign up in person when you are at the Visitor Centre or Logging Museum.

The Friends of Algonquin Park is dedicated to Algonquin Park and its visitors. If you would like to help support our efforts, please see the last page of this newsletter for other ways to give back to this incredible place.

Please join us in our mission to enhance the educational and interpretive programs to develop current and future stewards of Algonquin Park. Your support is very much appreciated!

Linda 'Lecko' Leckie, Chair - The Friends of Algonquin Park



In 2024, The Friends of Algonquin Park offered the following workshops: safe canoeing, Lake Trout research on Lake Opeongo and nature writing. Appealing to both the curious beginner and the experienced enthusiast, our Experience Algonquin

workshops offer a broad range of Algonquin Park-related courses. We bring expert instructors from communities within and around Algonquin Park to share their passion and expertise on a variety of recreational, natural and cultural 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, call (613) 637-2828 ext. 236.



GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you are a teacher or education professional, The Friends of Algonquin Park can offer you creative and fun 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.





2024 GERMAN VISITOR SERVICES SPECIALIST

The Friends of Algonquin Park was fortunate to have German-speaking student Steffen Eckert volunteer with our team.

Steffen provided customer service to visitors at the Visitor Centre and assisted with the delivery of Group Education Programs to German groups.

Thank you for all your help and enthusiasm!

Welcome • Willkommen • 霍欠迎 Join a bilingual German- or Japanese-speaking t 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 education@algonquinpark.on.ca, or call the Group Education Coordinator at (249) 700-0015.

is also covered by the Robinson-Huron Treaty #61 (1850) and the Williams Treaty (1922). We have the privile The Friends of Algonquin Park recognizes that Indigenous peoples, as the original people of this land, have stewarded



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









CELEBRATING ALGONQUIN PARK

In September, ticket holders enjoyed an evening viewing the beauty of Algonquin Park captured by photographers and presenters who share a passion for this special place. This evening included door prizes, a silent auction, refreshments and presentations by Bob Henderson and Patrick Moldowan.



MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY

The Friends of Algonquin Park and Algonquin Wildlife Research Station, in collaboration with Ontario Parks and the Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research held Meet the Researcher Day on Thursday, August 1st at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion. Park visitors came to meet the researchers who use Algonquin Park, as their laboratory. Researchers who study reptiles and amphibians, birds, small mammals, fish, wolves, and even humans explained and shared their research.



2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LOGGERS DAY

Saturday, July 26th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Algonquin Logging Museum



OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH GLEN CARADUS Sunday, July 27th at 7:00 pm



MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY Thursday, July 31st from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Algonquin Visitor Centre (NEW LOCATION)

CELEBRATING ALGONQUIN PARK Saturday, September 6th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Algonquin Visitor Centre (ticket-holders only)

WINTER IN THE WILD Saturday, February 14th, 2026 at various locations along Highway 60

2024 DIRECTORS AWARD

On June 3, 2024, The Friends of Algonquin Park presented the award to the Algonquin Park Lodges, the ceremony was held at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre.

Algonquin's lodges have provided unique accommodations and amenities to park visitors since the early 1900's. If these facilities had not existed many people may never have experienced Algonquin Park.

During a brief Algonquin lodges history presentation, the former Algonquin Park lodges were honoured. These lodges include Glen Donald Lodge (Source Lake), Highland Inn (Cache Lake), Hotel Algonquin (Joe Lake), Kingscote Lodge (Kingscote Lake), Kish Kaduk Lodge (Ceder Lake), Lake Traverse Camp (Lake Travers), Minnesing Camp (Burnt Island Lake), Mowat Lodge (Canoe Lake), Poplar Point Lodge (Rain Lake), Whitefish Lodge (Whitefish Lake), and Wigwam Lodge (Kioshkokwi Lake). These lodges made it possible for visitors to enjoy and learn about Algonquin Park.



Left to Right Algonquin Park Lodges - The Friends of Algonquin Park 2024 Directors Award Recipients. Charlotte and Eric Miglin - Killarney Lodge, Theresa Pupulin - Arowhon Pines, Kim and Marilyn Smith - Bartlett Lodge

The three remaining Algonquin Park lodges, Arowhon Pines, Bartlett, and Killarney were recognized and presented with the Directors Award for their continuous contributions toward the appreciation of Algonquin Park. They not only provide their guests with accommodations and meals, but they have also supported The Friends of Algonquin Park through various projects such as hiking trails, human history exhibits, publications and interpretive program information.

The Friends of Algonquin Park is grateful for the lodges generous support over the years.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Thanks to our volunteers! 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 to the trail recognizes volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

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

Kevin Adamson, Gord & June Ashcroft, Clive Baugh, Jeff Bowman, Brent Access Point staff, Anne & Paul Coleman, Tom Conyers, Dan Demianiw, Ashalynn Fuller, Huntsville Nature Club, Barbara Hux, Neil Kuntze, Val Loney, Sarah MacBeth, David March, Lynne Newell, Gord & Bernadette Nugent, Carol Peterson, Sand Lake Access Point staff, Ron & Debbie Speck, Lynn Stewart, Diane Thomson, Steve & Janet Wright.

LOGGING MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The Friends of Algonquin Park once again provided volunteers to staff the Logging Museum from June to October 2024. Our volunteers helped Park visitors have a great experience at the museum.

If you are interested in volunteering,

please contact Stacey Finch at: volunteer@algonquinpark.on.ca

Thank you to...Gord & June Ashcroft, Bonnie Engel, Luna Franchino, Laura Finney, Lindsay Harrison, Antonio Rosa, Gavin Tessier-McLauchlan, Janet Webber, and Kristin Zerczi.

ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK'S 12TH ANNUAL WINTER IN THE WILD FEBRUARY 15, 2025

There was a wide variety of activities held at various locations throughout the Highway 60 corridor of Algonquin Park. Activities included snowshoeing, a winter bird walk, winter camping demostrations, marshmallow-roasting, a winter talk presentation and more...

Join us again on February 14, 2026!

Toronto generously

donates birdseed to the

This allows visitors to enjoy Algonquin Park's beautiful birdlife during

winter and supports

best experience

But for those

The Friends

of Algonquin

Park offers live

of the feeders

Park Visitor

streaming views

at the Algonquin

Centre between

December and

who can't visit,

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

Algonquin Visitor Centre.

Thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers: Rosabella Ashick, Chris Cameron, Tove Christensen, Clyde Clute, Kayla Janke, Maddie McRae, Ken & Bev Richardson, Dawn Sherman, the Sonnetag family, and Paul and Andrea Waldron.

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Wild Birds Unlimited



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Thank you to Killarney Lodge who partnered with us so you could watch the ice out on Lake of Two Rive



ice out on Lake of Two Rivers in Algonquin Park on a live video feed.

Third-Party Fundraising

Coffee with a Cause

Ottawa Valley Roast House was founded with a purpose and they wanted to be able to give back to their community. Their promise is to donate a portion of every sale to support wildlife and nature right here in the Ottawa Valley. Not only did they provide a donation, owner Kayla attended Winter in the Wild and gave out free coffee & matcha tea throughout the day at the Visitor Centre.

Greg Worsnop, longtime member of The Friends of Algonquin Park, commissioned Julie Brackenreid to design this poster in 2019 to be sold by The Friends of Algonquin. We had sold out in 2022 so in 2024, Greg had this poster reprinted which means 100% of poster sales are again staying in Algonquin Park.

Thank you to all our partners for these creative fundraising ideas in support of Algonquin Park!

For more information about Third-Party Fundraising, visit
www.algonquinpark.on.ca.foap.donate/third-party-fundraising.php





THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK BOOKSTORE & NATURE SHOPS

Our Visitor Centre and Logging Museum 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 Canadian and locally made items.

NOW IN STORE!

A FEW RUSTIC HUTS

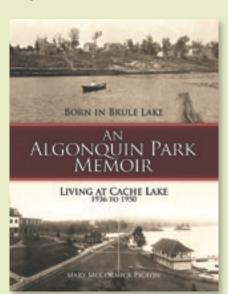
Revised and updated, this second edition contains historical and present-day photographs of Ranger Cabins and Logging Camp Buildings of Algonquin Park. A glimpse into Algonquin Park's early ranger lodgings. Some of the cabins have been refurbished and are currently available for overnight rental through Ontario Park's reservation system.



THE CAMBOOSE SHANTY IN ALGONQUIN PARK

This is the second edition of this popular publication. Explore the rugged lives of the early loggers in Algonquin Park while learning more about the simple, one-roomed structures

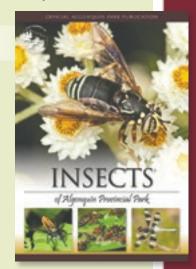
where 50 or more men lived during their winter months in the Park.



COMING SOON

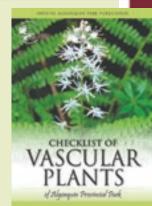
INSECTS OF ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK

Updated and revised. A great majority of animal species in Algonquin Provincial Park are insects. The purpose of this book is to give you an overview of these fascinating creatures. It is impossible to include all the thousands of insect species found in the Park, but the major groups, most common, and especially interesting insects are discussed and captured with over 200 colour photographs.



CHECKLIST OF **VASCULAR PLANTS**

This **updated** Algonquin Park list includes 1,165 taxa (1,125 species, 25 hybrids, and 28 varieties and subspecies of the preceding species). Of these, 828 taxa are native, and 337 taxa are exotic. An important aspect of this list is that every species' occurrence in Algonquin can be verified by a specimen or photograph with a documented date and location. This checklist is the product of 125 years of botanical exploration and study of Algonquin Park's flora.



ALGONQUIN PARK CALENDAR

The 12-month full colour Algonquin Park calendar has stunning photographs by naturalist Michael Runtz. This 12" x 9" calendar makes a great conversation starter or a great gift for those with a special Algonquin Park connection. Wonderful images of Algonquin's scenery and wildlife throughout the year accompanied by a naturalist's message.



AN ALGONQUIN PARK MEMOIR

Winter Home of the Early Pine Loggers

Originally printed under separate covers, back by popular demand and now combined as one book. Memoirs of Mary McCormick Pigeon's life in Algonquin Park, growing up in Brule Lake followed by her 14 years living at Cache Lake.

MAKE YOUR

Show your passion for Algonquin Park 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.

35th ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Friends of Algonquin Park's 2024-2025 Fundraising Raffle was another great success, raising over \$34,312! This raffle has been an annual event since 1990, and has now raised over \$640,612 since it began.

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 prize winners:

1st prize – M. Maclean, Owen Sound, ON 7th prize – D. Benia, Richmond Hill, ON 2nd prize – D. Tedball, Forest, ON

3rd prize – A. Cameron, Ottawa, ON 4th prize – S. Corbett, Stella, ON

5th prize – S. Macaulay, Brantford, ON

6th prize – M. Fraser, Sarnia, ON

8th prize – J. Hrabowyj, Oakville, ON

9th prize - G. Burry, Port Carling, ON **10th prize** – C. Dawson, Windsor, ON

11th prize – M. Escobar, Toronto, ON 12th prize - S. Miletic, Thorndale, ON



Winner of the 1st prize package, M. Maclean of Owen Sound.

The Friends of Algonquin Park

Our fundraising raffle will be occurring again for the 2025-2026 season. If you would like to be the winner of a great Algonquin-themed prize, be sure to pick up your tickets while visiting the Park this summer and fall.

The Raffle promises to include many amazing prizes such as canoes, backcountry trips and 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!



The Algonquin Provincial Park Archives and Collections (APPAC or "Archives") is the repository for artifacts of significance to the natural and cultural history of Algonquin Park and is owned by Government of Ontario, with substantial funding and operating assistance from The Friends of Algonquin Park. The Archives is dedicated to the education, interpretation, and conservation of Algonquin Park's heritage. Its mandate seeks to promote knowledge & awareness, spark curiosity, and inspire visitors to develop a deeper connection with the natural and cultural history that surrounds them.



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The Friends of Algonquin Park ould also like to extend thank
to all our seasonal staff!

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In Memory of our DEAR FRIENDS



Bruce Falls (1923 - 2024)

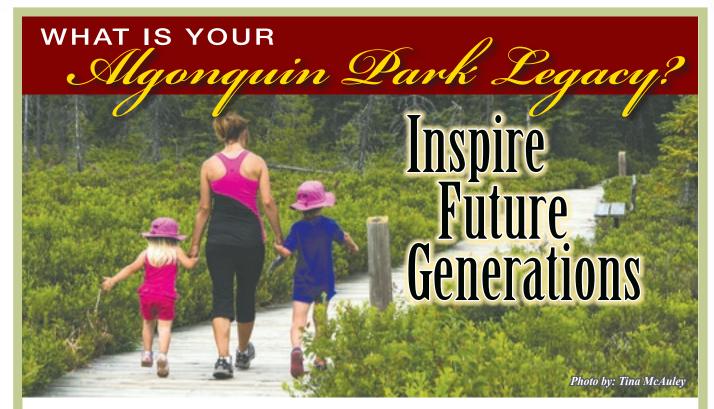
Bruce Falls did his post-secondary education at the University of Toronto and then joined the Department of Zoology as a faculty member in 1954, where he was a valued colleague and mentor. His research encompassed a range of ecological questions, including his 36year study of small mammal population dynamics in Algonquin Park, and the breeding behavior of birds. As part of his extensive work, he pioneered the use of the playback of bird song recordings to study their territories and behaviour. In 1992, he received The Friends of Algonquin Park Directors Award for these accomplishments.



Tom Linklater (1930 - 2024)

At Loggers Day 1999, Tom was presented with the Directors Award for his valuable contributions from 1990 -1998 to the interpretation of Algonquin Park's logging history and the physical heritage of the Park through his skilled craftsmanship. Tom generously donated the manuscript for his book, The Last Forest Ranger: Algonquin Park Memories (2020) to The Friends of Algonquin Park. His long life featured some amazing experiences, most of which are captured in his book.

The Board and Staff express our condolences to the Falls and Linklater families.



On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of The Friends of Algonquin Park, I am honoured to share this newsletter with you. This publication is for you, our Park Visitor, and for all those who feel a strong connection to the remarkable gem we call Algonquin Park.

While we cooperate closely with Ontario Parks to support its mandate, we are entirely funded by donations and proceeds from the sale of our programs, books and materials. With the exception of our small staff, we are volunteers who share the same connection with our visitors. As a registered charity, we are 100% dependent on contributions and hope those who share an experience in the Park will become sustaining donors. Please help to pay it forward by becoming a contributor.

Wayne MacGregor Parker Fund Development Chair

THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK ANNOUNCES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW INTERPRETIVE WALKING TRAIL **IN ALGONQUIN PARK**

It has been more than 20 years since visitors have experienced a new interpretive walking trail in Algonquin Provincial Park. The last time was in 2001, when The Friends of Algonquin Park supported the building of the 3-kilometre Big Pines Trail that educates visitors about the history and ecology of Ontario's provincial tree, the White Pine. Prior to that, The Friends of Algonquin Park funded the spectacular 10-kilometre Centennial Ridges Trail that was opened in 1993 to celebrate Algonquin Park's birthday, and the establishment of Ontario's provincial park system a century prior.

Since 1983, The Friends of Algonquin Park has been actively involved in supporting Algonquin Park's interpretive walking trails. Whether coordinating Adopt-A-Trail volunteers to report problems, focusing maintenance efforts, publishing millions of copies of educational trail guides, or funding the creation of new trails, Algonquin Park's hiking experiences would not be the same without the recreational, educational, and financial contributions of The Friends of Algonquin Park.

"Algonquin Park's walking trails, known as interpretive trails for their educational trail guides and corresponding numbered posts, are extremely popular with visitors." says Lee Pauzé, Executive Director of The Friends of Algonquin Park. Research shows that 94% of Algonquin Park visitors state that access to hiking is an extremely important part of their visit, with more than 80% of visitors walking one or more interpretive trails during their visit to Algonquin Park.

With the approval of Ontario Parks, and the support of community partners, The Friends of Algonquin Park is constructing a new interpretive trail in Algonquin Park. The new trail, that will visit scenic lookouts, requires the construction of an innovative floating boardwalk and numerous footbridges to protect sensitive areas, plus building two significant sets of stairs like those found on the existing Track and Tower and Booth's Rock Trails. All these measures will not only provide for a more enjoyable recreational experience, but will also help to protect Algonquin Park's ecological integrity.

This new interpretive trail will be the seventh trail The Friends of Algonquin Park has supported since its establishment in 1983. Like the other interpretive trails located in Algonquin Park, this new trail will feature an educational trail guide published by The Friends of Algonquin Park, allowing visitors to better appreciate Algonquin Park's natural and cultural heritage during their hike.

"The construction of a new interpretive hiking trail doesn't just happen" says Linda Leckie, Chair, The Friends of Algonquin Park. "Our staff, along with dedicated volunteers have been working relentlessly behind the scenes to create this exciting recreational and educational opportunity for Algonquin Park visitors. At this time, we need your support to help fund this project, and I would encourage everyone to help us by funding a metre (or more) of this brand-new trail."

The Friends of Algonquin Park is currently seeking private and corporate donations to support this new trail. Won't you donate and be a part of this exciting new trail in Algonquin Park?



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 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 • Gift of Life Insurance • Shares or Securities • Gift of Real Estate Registered Assets (RRSPs & RRIFs) • Residual Interest • Endowment

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

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

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

If you wish to join our monthly giving program, please contact

(613) 637-2828 ext. 239

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Thank you for your support!

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