



WORKSHOP CALENDAR 2010

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The Friends of Algonquin Park (FOAP) is pleased to present the 2010 calendar for the Experience Algonquin workshop series, back for a second year after a successful launch in August 2009!

This new program was created to provide FOAP members with hands-on instruction and in-depth experiences in a wide range of natural history and recreational topics. Last year, 76 participants took part in seven workshops covering topics from wilderness cooking to outdoor photography, astronomy, animal tracking, and how to carve your own canoe paddle. This year, we have an incredible 29 (and counting) workshops on the calendar, bringing in both returning and new instructors from communities in and around Algonquin Park. We are also offering multi-day workshops for the first time, to give you even more time to enjoy everything that Algonquin has to offer.

Read on for a full workshop details and come experience Algonquin with us!

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Workshop Descriptions

Come Out for an Edible Treasure Hunt: Roots 'n' Shoots

Date: Friday, May 7, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Algonquin Park Visitor Centre (km 43)

Description:

An introduction to the edible and useful plants found in the Algonquin Park area. You will learn:

- Key seasonal identification features of Algonquin's edible plants
- Common plants that have been utilized through human history on the Canadian shield
- Where to find these plants and the surrounding habitat/wildlife
- How to ethically collect and safely use the specimens

The day will feature a slideshow presentation and two field excursions for 'treasure hunts' in different habitats.

Instructor: Rebecca Krawczyk

Cost: \$60 includes Park permit, a copy of *Wildflowers of Algonquin Park*, and all course materials

Photography Series: Spring Wildflower Walk (Open)

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Location: Algonquin Park Visitor Centre (km 43)

Description:

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

This workshop features a look at the beautiful spring wildflowers that carpet Algonquin's hardwood slopes. A Park Naturalist will accompany the group for plant identification and to explain the natural history of the plants we find along the trail. This workshop is suitable for point & shoot digital /advanced compact, digital SLR, and film cameras. Basic camera settings will be covered with an emphasis on how to best capture wildflower images. Participants may also be interested in the 'Edible Treasure Hunt' plant workshop offered on May 7, which focuses on edible and useful plants found in Algonquin Park.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley

Cost: \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville

Photography Series: Discovery of Wildflowers & Wildlife (Open)**Date:** Monday, May 17, 2010**Time:** 9:00am to 3:30pm**Location:** Algonquin Park Visitor Centre (km 43)**Description:**

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

This workshop focuses on all that spring in Algonquin has to offer. Learn and apply specific camera settings to capture the best close-up /macro image, filling the frame, and showing crisp detail of wildflowers like spring beauties and trilliums. Also take advantage of chance wildlife discoveries including birds and moose. You will learn how to capture action and use settings like continuous frame and focus tracking. This workshop is suitable for point & shoot digital /advanced compact, digital SLR, and film cameras and will include application of general camera settings.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley**Cost:** \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville**Wildlife Research Weekend (multi-day)****Start:** 5:00pm Friday, May 21, 2010**End:** 10:00am Monday, May 24, 2010**Location:** Wildlife Research Station, Algonquin Park**Description:**

Join this exciting workshop and accompany wildlife researchers into the field as they attempt to unravel the mysteries of the plants and animals of Algonquin Park. Experience first-hand the science behind wildlife research as you explore techniques used in both field and remote laboratory settings! This workshop includes:

- Meals and accommodation at the historic Wildlife Research Station
- An opportunity to interact with leading wildlife researchers and gain expert instruction on field techniques, such as trapping, banding, and DNA sampling
- A close encounter with Algonquin's wildlife species, including northern flying squirrels, common snapping turtles, and yellow-bellied sapsuckers

The Wildlife Research Station (WRS) is situated along a remote wilderness zone off the Highway 60 Corridor. Since its inception in 1944, this field station has hosted significant ecological research projects, including North America's longest continual study of small mammal distribution and abundance in forest habitats and Canada's longest ongoing life history research project on turtles.

Cost: \$300 includes 3 nights accommodation and 8 meals, a Park permit, a set of 5 field guides introducing the Park's wildlife, and copy of the 2008 & 2009 WRS annual research reports

Photography Series: All About Composition (Open)**Date:** Tuesday, June 8, 2010**Time:** 9:00am to 3:30pm**Location:** Algonquin Logging Museum, Algonquin Park (km 54.5)**Description:**

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

This workshop is about image composition, using the historical features and beautiful scenery of the interpretive trail at the Algonquin Logging Museum as a setting. The composition of an image can speak volumes. Develop an eye for points of interest, while using specific camera settings to highlight your subject. Explore wide angles, telephoto, differing shapes, lines, textures, and views to produce varied effects. Review placement of the subject in the frame and the “Rule of Thirds” to make a creative image. This workshop is suitable for point & shoot digital /advanced compact, digital SLR, and film cameras.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley**Cost:** \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville.**Containers, Baskets & Natural Fiber****Date:** Sunday, June 20, 2010**Time:** 9:00am to 3:30pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Join Chris Gilmour from Earth Mentorship Programs in exploring the world of natural fibers. We will spend an afternoon making rope from plant and tree bark and learning about various different techniques for making natural containers including: birch bark, pine needle coil baskets, weaved dogwood ribbed baskets, burnt bowls, and more. Each participant will make a piece of rope and get a chance to start and possibly finish one or two of the basket types listed above to bring home. See <http://www.earthmentorship.com> for more information on Earth Mentorship Programs.

Instructor: Chris Gilmour**Cost:** \$75 includes a Park permit, expert instruction, and all materials**Tandem Canoe Skills: Lake Canoe Basics****Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2010**Time:** 9:30am to 12:00pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Perfect your canoe paddling skills so that you can experience Algonquin’s vast network of canoe routes. This course is perfect for anyone new to canoeing or looking to master new strokes with two paddlers in a canoe. This is a Paddle Canada accredited course.

Instructor: Becky Mason**Cost:** \$50 includes Park permit and expert instruction

Solo Canoe Skills: Lake Canoe Basics (multi-day)**Date:** Thursday, July 8 & Friday, July 9, 2010**Time:** 9:30am to 12:00pm each day, plus an evening session of dry land theory 7:00pm July 8**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Perfect your canoe paddling skills so that you can experience Algonquin's vast network of canoe routes. Canoe expert Becky Mason will lead a two-day solo canoeing course July 8 & 9. This course will introduce you to classic solo strokes and techniques so that you are ready to head out onto the water on your own (a season of tandem paddling experience recommended before taking this course). This is a Paddle Canada accredited course.

Instructor: Becky Mason**Cost:** \$120 includes Park permit and expert instruction**Wildlife Detectives: Family Animal Tracking Day****Date:** Saturday, July 17, 2010**Time:** 10:00am to 4:00pm**Location:** Algonquin Visitor Centre (km 43)**Description:**

Join Park Naturalist Ethan Huner for a fun-filled day searching the Algonquin forests, trails, and shorelines for clues of wildlife whereabouts. If you've ever wondered who made this track or what left this mark, come out and learn how to find the answers yourself. Learn how to make full use of your senses as we stalk, walk, and even crawl our way through investigations of wildlife in wonderful places.

Instructor: Ethan Huner**Cost:** \$20 per adult / \$10 per child**Photography Series: Midsummer Day's Dream (Basic)****Date:** Wednesday, July 21, 2010**Time:** 9:00am to 3:30pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

This workshop will cover the basics of digital photography for point & shoot /advanced compact digital cameras as well as general settings for digital SLR cameras. Participants will learn how to choose image quality & size, how to apply automatic and preset scenes including portrait, landscape, close-up, and action. This is a perfect introductory course for anyone looking to use more of the camera's functions. Participants desiring more detailed instruction and practice are encouraged to sign up for the advanced course on July 22 or August 22, which will build on experience gained from this course.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley**Cost:** \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville

Photography Series: Midsummer Day's Dream (Advanced)**Date:** Thursday, July 22, 2010**Time:** 9:00am to 3:30pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

This course focuses on continued learning and application of advanced settings using program, shutter & aperture priority, depth of field and manual settings. There will be plenty of time for practical application of skills and learned settings. This course is geared toward advanced compact digital & SLR cameras – digital or film. It is highly recommended that users who are not yet familiar with basic camera operation begin with the introductory course offered on July 21.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley**Cost:** \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville**Introduction to Wilderness Survival & Ancient Wilderness Living Skills (multi-day)****Start:** 6:00pm Tuesday, August 3, 2010**End:** 10:00am Friday, August 6, 2010**Location:** Whitefish Lake Group Campground (km 36.9) and East Beach Picnic Pavilion (km 35.4)**Description:**

Join Chris Gilmour from Earth Mentorship Programs and be immersed in the ways of living in the wilds! Over this 2½-day program, you will learn the fundamentals and some of the advance skill sets around Shelter, Water, Fire and Food. Program specifics will include:

- How to make shelters that will get you through the rain, winds, cold and snow
- How to make containers out of natural materials and boil and purify your water
- Lighting fires in various weather conditions, friction fires (learn to use the hand drill, bow drill & how to make a natural rope to string it)
- Learning about common poisonous and edible plants and an easy survival trap

Participants will camp in the Whitefish Lake Group Campground and prepare their own meals. Please bring a lunch that can be carried with you as we explore some of the many resources and beauty of Algonquin Park. See <http://www.earthmentorship.com> for more information on Earth Mentorship Programs.

Instructor: Chris Gilmour**Cost:** \$180 includes 3 nights camping, instruction, and course materials

Come Out for an Edible Treasure Hunt: Summer Bounty

Date: Friday, August 6 or Sunday, August 15, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Location: East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)

Description:

An introduction to the edible and useful plants found in the Algonquin Park area. You will learn:

- Key seasonal identification features of Algonquin's edible plants
- Common plants that have been utilized through human history on the Canadian shield
- Where to find these plants and the surrounding habitat/wildlife
- How to ethically collect and safely use the specimens

The day will feature a slideshow presentation and two field excursions for 'treasure hunts' in different habitats.

Instructor: Rebecca Krawczyk

Cost: \$60 includes Park permit, a copy of *Wildflowers of Algonquin Park*, and all course materials

Families in Nature – A Day of Natural Mysteries and Educational Adventures

Date: Saturday, August 7, 2010

Time: 12:30pm to 5:00pm

Location: East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)

Description:

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of immersing ourselves in the various ecosystems of Algonquin Park. Through fun and creative games, stories & crafts we will learn all about Algonquins birds, mammals, trees, plants & ourselves. We will also touch on some basic survival skills. Plan on getting your knees dirty, having your senses expanded and having a great time!

Instructor: Chris Gilmour

Cost: \$20 per adult / \$10 per child

Carve Your Own Canoe Paddle

Date: Saturday, August 14, 2010

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Location: East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)

Description:

Back by popular demand! Spend a day with the always-popular Ray Kettlewell learning the traditional skills necessary to build your own canoe paddle. Using a variety of simple hand tools and a kiln-dried tulipwood (yellow poplar) blank, discover how to carve your own paddle suitable for your next canoe trip in Algonquin Park.

This intimate workshop is limited to a maximum of 16 participants per course, so register early! This program is open to anyone over the age of 12 and does not require previous woodworking experience.

Upon completion of your time with Ray, you will have a canoe paddle that requires just some light sanding and several coats of varnish before it is ready for your favourite lake or river. If you
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had Ray make one of these paddles for you, you would have to pay him \$80.

Instructor: Ray Kettlewell

Cost: \$60 includes your canoe paddle blank, expert instruction on carving and finishing your paddle, plus a few good stories about canoeing

Photography Series: The Emotion of Water, Rocks & Trees (Basic)

Date: Saturday, August 21, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Location: East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)

Description:

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

Today's workshop will cover the basics of digital photography for point & shoot / advanced compact digital cameras as well as general settings for digital SLR cameras. Participants will learn how to choose image quality & size, how to apply automatic and preset scenes including portrait, landscape and close-up. Subject matter will provide an opportunity to use specific settings to stop action or show motion. This is a perfect introductory course for anyone looking to use more of the camera's functions. Participants desiring more detailed instruction and practice are encouraged to sign up for the advanced course on the following day, which will build on experience gained in this course.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley

Cost: \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville

Photography Series: The Emotion of Water, Rocks & Trees (Advanced)

Date: Sunday, August 22, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Location: East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)

Description:

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

This course focuses on continued learning and application of advanced settings of program, shutter & aperture priority, depth of field, and manual settings. There will be plenty of time for practical application of skills and learned settings. This course is geared toward advanced compact digital and SLR cameras – digital or film. It is highly recommended that users who are not yet familiar with basic camera operation begin with the introductory course offered on July 21 or August 21.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley

Cost: \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville

Logging History & Archaeology**Date:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010**Time:** 10:00am to 4:00pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Step back in time with Park Naturalist and Historian Rory MacKay, for an in-depth examination of the history and archaeology of the camboose shanty from the old logging days.

Instructor: Rory MacKay**Cost:** \$60 includes Park permit and expert guide**Puffballs, Jelly Babies & Dead Man's Fingers: An introduction to mushrooms and other fungi****Date:** Wednesday, September 1, 2010**Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Get up close and personal with Algonquin Park's vast array of fungi. With Richard Aaron as your instructor, and field guide in hand, you will soon begin to make sense of this mysterious world. The day begins with an overview presentation, with the remainder of our time spent on the trails looking for and identifying as much as we can. Depending on conditions, expect to see somewhere between 50 and 100 species. Each participant will be given a checklist to record the day's finds. Very soon that bewildering range of mushroom shapes, sizes, and colours will start to make a whole lot more sense.

Instructor: Richard Aaron**Cost:** \$60 includes Park permit and mushroom checklist; field guide and/or hand lens available for purchase at an additional cost.**Puffballs, Jelly Babies & Dead Man's Fingers: A closer look at mushrooms and other fungi (multi-day)****Start:** 7:00pm Wednesday, September 1, 2010**End:** 1:00pm Saturday, September 4, 2010**Location:** Wildlife Research Station, Algonquin Park**Description:**

If you want to delve deeper into the world of fungi, this is the workshop for you. Depending on conditions, we can expect to see over 100 species. The 2½ days will include a mix of field trips, lab time, and presentations, interspersed with discussions on ecology, natural history, and lore. On one of the evenings we hope to have an opportunity to look at bioluminescent mushrooms glowing in the dark. If time permits, we will also take a look at slime moulds, a fascinating group of organisms that has traditionally been studied by mycologists (those who study fungi).

Instructor: Richard Aaron**Cost:** \$300 includes Park permit, mushroom checklist, meals and accommodation at the historic Wildlife Research Station; hand lens and field guide (George Barron's *Mushrooms of Ontario and Eastern Canada*) strongly recommended – available for purchase at an additional cost, so please inquire upon registration if you need one or both.

Photographing the Night Sky**Date:** Saturday, September 18, 2010**Time:** 2:00pm to 3:30pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Have you ever wanted to take pictures of the Milky Way, constellations, or star trails? This workshop will focus on using a standard digital camera (DSLR) to take pictures and short videos of the night sky with various types of lenses. Just a tripod is required to be able to get some seriously impressive images. The afternoon workshop session will be followed by a practical session at 8:00pm on Mew Lake Campground beach, where you will get the chance to practice your newly gained photography skills while doing some lunar and deep sky observing (weather permitting).

Participants are also encouraged to attend the special public evening program on Friday, September 17 at 7:00pm at the Algonquin Visitor Centre (km 43): 'The Life and Death of a Star.'

Instructor: Francois van Heerden**Cost:** \$20 includes Park permit**The Art of Fire Making – Adventures in Friction Fire****Date:** Sunday, September 19, 2010**Time:** 10:00am to 5:00pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

The art of fire making is one that you can never know enough about and should always be practicing. Most people have made a fire before, but what about lighting one with natural materials after it has been raining for a week or if you lose your lighter and matches? In this daylong fire-making intensive, Chris Gilmour from Earth Mentorship Programs (EMP) will teach you about all-weather fire lighting with all-natural tinders, plus several friction fire making techniques including the bow drill and hand drill. Come deepen your connection to the natural world and increase your survival skills while practicing this ancient skill. Each participant will begin to construct their very own bow drill kit to take home with them. More information on EMP can be found at: <http://www.earthmentorship.com>.

Instructor: Chris Gilmour**Cost:** \$60 includes a Park permit, instruction, and all materials**Photography Series: True Colors (Open)****Date:** Friday, September 24, 2010**Time:** 9:00am to 3:30pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice. A Park Naturalist will lead the group on a guided walk to a scenic lookout, making stops to explain how and why Algonquin's hardwoods turn such beautiful shades of yellow, orange, and
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red. There will be ample opportunity to explore and photograph along the way, with a focus on use of wide angle and zoom/telephoto lenses, and creative photography techniques. This workshop is suitable for point & shoot digital /advanced compact, digital SLR, and film cameras, and will cover application of general camera settings.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley

Cost: \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville

Four Seasons RVing

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 5:30pm

Location: East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)

Description:

Join Frank & Lucy Spence to learn how to comfortably enjoy your RV all year long! They will provide helpful tips and tricks and all the information you need to extend your RV season weeks, or even months, into the future. Topics include:

- Getting Ready
- Controlling Moisture
- Fresh Water System
- Waste Water & Disposal
- Keeping Warm – Insulation, Electrical, Propane
- Gals Only with Lucy / Guys Only with Frank
- Snow & the RV
- Useful Hints
- Keeping in Touch
- Safety
- Canadian Off Season RVing Locations
- Additional Questions & Answers

Instructor: Frank & Lucy Spence

Cost: \$35 per person / \$50 per couple

Photography Series: The Importance of Light & Exposure (Advanced)

Date: Monday, September 27, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Location: East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)

Description:

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

Today's session is all about examining the quality and quantity of light to determine the right exposure. Learn how to master settings such as white balance, ISO, exposure compensation and how to read the histogram for immediate feedback. You will gain a good understanding of the effect when using flash, dealing with backlight - learning how to adjust your exposure for the best possible result. This course is geared toward digital camera users with knowledge of basic settings, as most time will be spent working on advanced applications.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley

Cost: \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville

Carve Your Own Canoe Paddle**Date:** Saturday, October 2, 2010**Time:** 10:00am to 3:00pm**Location:** East Beach Picnic Pavilion, Algonquin Park (km 35.4)**Description:**

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This intimate workshop is limited to a maximum of 16 participants per course, so register early! This program is open to anyone over the age of 12 and does not require previous woodworking experience.

Upon completion of your time with Ray, you will have a canoe paddle that requires just some light sanding and several coats of varnish before it is ready for your favourite lake or river. If you had Ray make one of these paddles for you, you would have to pay him \$80.

Instructor: Ray Kettlewell**Cost:** \$60 includes your canoe paddle blank, expert instruction on carving and finishing your paddle, plus a few good stories about canoeing**Photography Series: Autumn Landscape (Open)****Date:** Tuesday, October 12, 2010**Time:** 9:00am to 3:30pm**Location:** Algonquin Park Visitor Centre (km 43)**Description:**

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice. Learn to apply your camera features and settings to make creative scenery pictures – apply preset scene modes or manually adjust shutter speed and aperture. Discover tips on composition, focus modes, light metering and the effect of polarization and filters. This workshop is suitable for point& shoot digital/advanced compact, digital SLR, and film camera enthusiasts.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley**Cost:** \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville**The Way to Wildlife – Discovering the Lives of Animals through Tracking (multi-day)****Start:** 7:00pm Friday, October 15, 2010**End:** 4:00pm Sunday, October 17, 2010**Location:** Wildlife Research Station, Algonquin Park**Description:**

Tracking is an art and science and perhaps the greatest tool in understanding animals and their relationship with their environments. This 2-day course will introduce you to and engage you in various concepts of animal tracking, through exciting field activities and excursions into a variety

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of Algonquin ecosystems, including exploring Algonquin at night. This workshop combines both the hard skills like measuring trails, collecting information and making plaster casts, plus the soft skills such as exercises to enhance sensory awareness and storytelling that are necessary to facilitate a holistic tracking experience.

Instructor: Ethan Huner

Cost: \$225 includes all meals and two nights accommodation at the historic Wildlife Research Station, a field guide, all materials, and expert instruction from an Algonquin Park Naturalist.

Photography Series: Discover your Creativity (Open)

Date: Sunday, October 17, 2010

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Location: Algonquin Logging Museum, Algonquin Park (at km 54.5)

Description:

Enjoy a day of photography capturing the natural beauty of Algonquin Park, beginning with an indoor instructional session and review, followed by an afternoon field excursion for practice.

Today's workshop will be all about artistic and creative modes. Take your photography to a different level by applying tips and settings such as multiple exposures/ image overlay, bracketing, lens rotation, and image shift. Our afternoon field excursion will feature scenic views of Opeongo bog and creek, sure to inspire your creativity. We will take advantage of chance wildlife encounters and enjoy the tail end of the fall leaf colour change, when bogs are dressed in beautiful yellow and golden hues. This workshop is most suitable for SLR camera enthusiasts – digital or film.

Instructor: Debbie Bradley

Cost: \$60 includes Park permit, plus a workshop booklet and registration package provided compliments of Cavalcade Color Lab, Huntsville

About the Instructors

Richard Aaron

Richard Aaron is a seasoned naturalist who has been leading mushroom walks and workshops since 1996 in both Canada and the United States. He has also conducted mushroom surveys, founded a microscope study group, and created a field checklist used by several mushroom clubs. Richard has written for several leading nature magazines and was even the subject of a feature article in 'Seasons' magazine (now 'ON Nature'), which followed him around as he led a guided mushroom walk. Witty, passionate, and knowledgeable, he is the perfect guide to introduce you to the mysterious and fascinating world of fungi.

Debbie Bradley

Debbie Bradley is an experienced wildlife, landscape, sports, wedding and event photographer, and she regularly teaches digital camera and photography courses. You will frequently see her work published in media such as Huntsville Forester, Weekender, Muskoka Sun, Our Homes, Sideroads and Horse Sport Magazines. As an avid film and digital photographer, photography has been her life long passion. She lives on the edge of Algonquin Park in Dwight, Ontario and enjoys the opportunity to capture images on a daily basis.

Chris Gilmour

Born in Ontario and spending the majority of his adult life in the wilderness, Chris Gilmour has gained a great deal of experience in the outdoors. After graduating from the Forestry program at Sir Sandford Fleming College, he spent a number of years living in and exploring the mountains of British Columbia and traveling throughout North America. From there, he went on to work as an outdoor educator, backcountry wilderness guide, dog sled guide, and teacher of naturalist knowledge, ancient wilderness ways, and survival skills. In 2008, Chris founded Earth Mentorship Programs (www.earthmentorship.com), which focuses on mentoring people of all ages in skills that teach us about nature and ourselves.

"I have always had a deep kinship with the natural world and am a devout student of all of nature's teachings. Learning these ancient skills and ways of relating to the land has transformed the lives of countless numbers of people, including myself. I love to learn, love to explore, and love to teach. To me, Earth Mentorship is a way of life!" - Chris Gilmour -

Ethan Huner

Ethan Huner is a professional naturalist working in Algonquin Provincial Park, and previously in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Pennsylvania. He has been involved in wildlife monitoring projects for both the National and Provincial Park systems. Ethan has been honing his skills as an animal tracker for adventure, science, and the continuation of our primitive roots for over a decade. From Nova Scotia to Florida, New York to Yellowstone he brings his experiences and awareness of this ancient practice to life.

Ray Kettlewell

Ray Kettlewell has been involved with canoeing and with wood most of his life. Prior to 1970, he worked in the hardwood lumber industry, logging and managing a sawmill in southwestern Ontario. Much of his spare time was spent paddling, on his own and guiding groups of adults and children on canoe trips. Ray earned a canoe instructor's certificate in 1973, and 15 years of marathon canoe racing earned him a bushel basket full of trophies.

Ray began making paddles in 1970 to supply himself with the kind of paddles he wanted. After all, he had access to the best hardwoods and years of accumulated knowledge of woods. Since 1977, making paddles has been Ray's full time occupation. To learn more about Kettlewell Paddles, visit: www.kettlewellpaddles.com.

Rebecca Krawczyk

Rebecca Krawczyk has been immersed in the forests, wetlands, and waters in and around Algonquin for over 30 years. She grew into a career in Environmental Sciences, maintaining a sharp focus on biodiversity, horticulture and botany, which are the keystones of her business, *Bark Ecologic: Gardens and Nursery*. With her partner, artist Peter Buwalda, she banks and propagates edible, heirloom and indigenous plants on 201 wooded acres near Dorset, and distributes her plants through farmer's markets, veggie and wildflower garden installations, and site restorations.

Wildcrafting and First Nations' principles and practices have been Rebecca's lifelong passions. She is happiest in her botanical gardens in the woods, nibbling away with her girls, Stella and Mim. When the gardens are dormant, she can be found pounding trails through the forest on her snowshoes. Rebecca records her outdoor findings in daily photos and notes, which she includes in her educational venues and literature.

Rory MacKay

Rory MacKay is a life-long naturalist and historian of Algonquin Park and the surrounding area. He has spent as much time as possible in Algonquin since 1950. He has worked as a Park Naturalist and Archivist, conducted oral histories and research, and written numerous books, article, and reports. Rory's archaeological investigations in the Park have proven invaluable. He helped design the Blacksmith Shop at the Algonquin Logging Museum and donated many of the tools himself. Rory continues to be an interpreter at Loggers Day and operates the forge for the popular event.

As a retired schoolteacher, Rory divides his time between Gananoque and his family cottage on Lake of Two Rivers, and remains very active in the education of visitors to Algonquin Park.

Becky Mason

Becky Mason acquired her paddling skills and her fondness for canoes from her father, Bill Mason, the author and filmmaker of the Path of the Paddle series. She continues the family tradition of sharing her passion for canoeing through her canoeing courses, art, and filmmaking. In the year 2000, she produced an award winning video called Classic Solo Canoeing, profiling her course and her love of paddling. Becky has also travelled the country presenting her beautiful and captivating slide shows, and she has contributed to many books on canoeing. Some writing projects include a forward for the book *Paddling the Boreal Forest, Rediscovering A.P. Low*, a chapter for *The Canoe in Canadian Culture*, writing and painting images for *Rendezvous with the Wild: The Boreal Forest*, and updating her father's books *Song of the Paddle* and *Path of the Paddle* with her brother Paul.

Becky has recently been profiled in the new DVD 'This is Canoeing' and in the Spring 2010 issue of Canoeroots Magazine and has just been inducted as a Patron of Paddle Canada. She is a fully accredited Paddle Canada flatwater Instructor and trainer. Becky is also a professional visual artist and has participated in a wide array of exhibitions at galleries since 1988. She lives in Chelsea Quebec with her husband Reid.

Frank & Lucy Spence

Authors and RV experts Frank and Lucy Spence have been living full-time in their 34-foot Winnebago Motorhome since May 1, 2004. They spent the first winter of this adventure in Algonquin Park where they acted as campground hosts, welcoming visitors to the Park and helping them with winter camping needs. Noticing a lack of information available to the public, they created a series of workshops that focus on RVing in the off-season. They now spend the year traveling to remote locations, seeing new parts of Canada, and sharing their expertise in seminars offered throughout Ontario. Their articles have appeared in 'RV Lifestyle' magazine, and their book *Four Seasons RVing* was released in September 2009.

Francois van Heerden

Francois van Heerden ('Van') has been a life member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Toronto Centre since the mid-1970's. He is an avid amateur observer who believes in sharing his hobby and providing entertaining presentations interspersed with anecdotes from his own experiences. During his visits to Algonquin Park, you can usually find him (and his telescopes) on the beach of Mew Lake Campground, where he is happy to share his knowledge and his latest observations with anyone who stops by.

Information	Backpacking Trail (overnight)	Restaurant
Fee Collection	Interpretive (day) Trail	Groceries
Telephone	Interior (backcountry) Access Point	Gasoline
Bulletin Board	Bike Trail	(Available in Park only from early May to Thanksgiving)
Campground (See page 26 for more details on campgrounds)	Picnic Ground	Trailer Sanitation Station
Group Campground	Flush Toilet	Wheelchair Accessible
	Vault Toilet	

Watch for Moose! Your chances of seeing moose along the highway are good (almost guaranteed on May and June mornings). At night, however, moose (and deer) pose a serious danger. Stay alert and never exceed the speed limit (60-70 km/hr is even better) and you may avoid an expensive, or possibly fatal, collision.

Western Uplands (at Km 3)
(32, 55 & 88 km loops)

Whiskey Rapids

Tea Lake Dam

Tea Lake

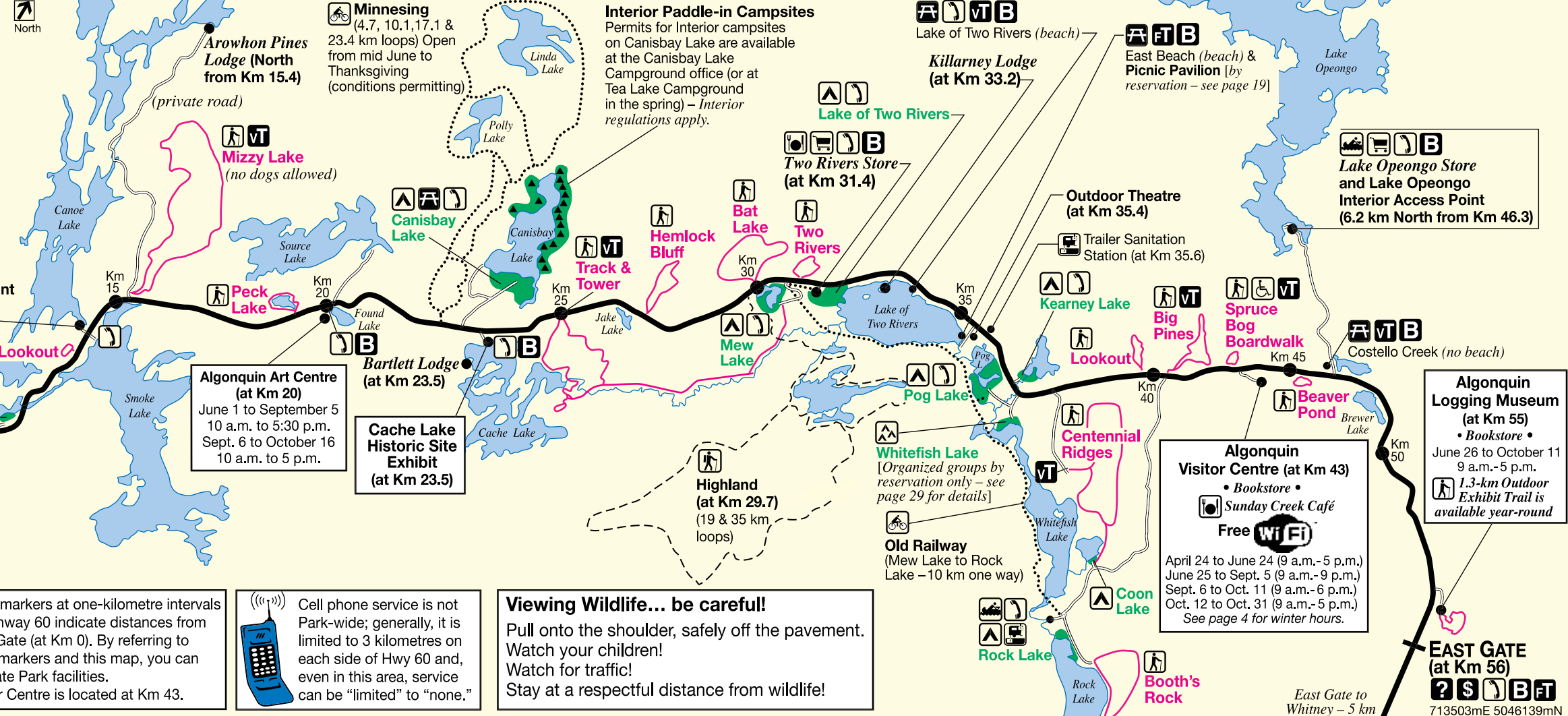
WEST GATE (at Km 0)
West Gate to Huntsville – 45 km
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Kilometre markers at one-kilometre intervals along Highway 60 indicate distances from the West Gate (at Km 0). By referring to kilometre markers and this map, you can easily locate Park facilities. The Visitor Centre is located at Km 43.

Cell phone service is not Park-wide; generally, it is limited to 3 kilometres on each side of Hwy 60 and, even in this area, service can be “limited” to “none.”

Viewing Wildlife... be careful!
Pull onto the shoulder, safely off the pavement.
Watch your children!
Watch for traffic!
Stay at a respectful distance from wildlife!



How to Register

Pre-registration required - please register at least one week prior to the event date to guarantee your spot. Most workshops are limited to 15 or fewer participants to allow plenty of individual attention, so be sure to sign up early! To register for a workshop, or for more information, please contact:

Sophie Mazowita
Group Education Specialist
The Friends of Algonquin Park
(613) 637-2828 ext. 227
groupeducation@algonquinpark.on.ca

When you call to register, please be ready with full contact details and a Visa or MasterCard number.

Workshops are open to members of The Friends of Algonquin Park. A one-year individual membership can be purchased at the time of registration for \$12 (or a family membership \$17, youth/senior \$7).



All workshop proceeds will go to The Friends of Algonquin Park, towards the enhancement of Park educational and interpretive programs.

About The Friends of Algonquin Park

The Friends of Algonquin Park (FOAP) is a non-profit, registered charity, dedicated to furthering the educational and interpretive programs in Algonquin Park, Ontario's oldest and most famous provincial park. Founded in 1983, with a volunteer Board of Directors, the FOAP provides front-line staff at the Algonquin Visitor Centre and Logging Museum throughout the year, and also:

- Expands and publishes the Park's official publications which educate about Algonquin's amazing natural and cultural heritage
- Runs the Group Education Program, which brings 5000 participants in school, youth, adult and family groups to the Park each year to participate in unique learning experiences
- Raises funds for the development, construction, and maintenance of interpretive exhibits
- Has played a leading role in the development of over 75 km of interpretive trails
- Supports research on Park wildlife and cultural history

To achieve its special goal, The Friends raise money through generous donations from individuals and corporations, membership fees, publication sales and net proceeds from their bookstores at the Algonquin Visitor Centre, Logging Museum, and online.

For more information, visit www.algonquinpark.on.ca