

THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK



The Friends of Algonquin Park is proud of its continued devotion to the enhancement of the educational opportunities in and about Algonquin Provincial Park!!

There are so many ways The Friends enhance Algonquin Park, whether it be through interactive interpretive events like Loggers Day and Meet the Researcher Day, educating school-aged children about the wonders of Algonquin Park through the Group Education Program, funding research to explore the plants, animals, and cultural history of the Park, or through its many publications, The Friends of Algonquin Park is dedicated to sharing the magic of Algonquin Park with everyone.

In this newsletter, you will see these and many more examples of how The Friends has enhanced Algonquin Park recently. These contributions to Algonquin Park are truly a result of the dedication of our members,



volunteers, donors, partners and devoted staff. Thanks to support from individuals like you, The Friends is able to continue to pursue its objective of furthering the appreciation of Algonquin Park.

Every year with help from our supporters, we commit to many new projects and improve on existing programs to enhance Park visitors' enjoyment of this truly unique place. To all of you who help The Friends execute our mission – 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

CHAIR'S REPORT

As the Chair of the Board of Directors of The Friends of Algonquin Park, I have the good fortune to see, firsthand, the hard work and dedication of our employees and fellow Board Members. All of us are committed to expanding your knowledge about the many, many facets of Algonquin Park, including human history beginning with Indigenous inhabitants, natural and physical history and, of course, the wild creatures of all shapes and sizes.

As an organization, The Friends have endured another difficult and disrupted year. The Visitor Centre was closed by Order, for over 100 days. Despite these challenges we are emerging from Covid in good financial condition with Staff and Volunteers who are eager to resume their regular duties and continue to deliver programs, publications, and interpretive services to all Park Visitors.

We are continuing to engage with our Ontario Parks partners as we define our future working relationship with them. I am confident that the co-operation between both organizations will result in new and improved features to be added to the Visitor Centre in the coming years. I am particularly appreciative of the commitment Park Superintendent John Swick has shown to The Friends of Algonquin Park and its future role as a strong and important interpretive organization serving Park visitors and staff alike.

We hope to see many of you in the Park this season and as always, we invite you to make a tax deductible donation to The Friends of Algonquin Park to help us further our work.

Kim Smith - Chair

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 education@algonquinpark.on.ca, or call the Group Education Coordinator at (249) 700-0015.



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 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 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.



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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2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LOGGERS DAY
Saturday, July 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Logging Museum



WAKAMI WAILERS OUTDOOR CONCERT
Sunday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Outdoor Theatre

MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY
Thursday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion

WINTER IN THE WILD
Saturday, February 18th, 2023 at various locations along Highway 60

RICK STRONKS HAS RETIRED



After 25 years in Algonquin Provincial Park, Rick Stronks retired from the Discovery Program (Natural Heritage Education Program).

Park visitors appreciated Rick’s natural and cultural history knowledge when stopping by the Visitor Centre to ask questions or when attending his presentations at the Outdoor Theatre, especially the “Wolf Howl”.

Rick was always willing to help in any capacity; as an exhibitor at Loggers Day, assisting customers in the Bookstore & Nature Shop or working the barbeque at Winter in the Wild.

We thank you Rick, for your commitment to The Friends of Algonquin Park, over the years. Your guidance, devotion and friendship has helped us do great work in Algonquin Park!

ALGONQUIN’S BACKCOUNTRY

Thank you to Doug & Ann McGill for their assistance in purchasing a boat motor for the “Lake Opeongo” Stanley boat. Their gift will enable the Park’s backcountry staff to patrol the lake and educate Park visitors about safety and stewardship of this valuable resource.



2021 DIRECTORS AWARD

On April 24, 2021, The Friends of Algonquin Park presented the 2021 Directors Award to Frank Kuiack, for his contributions to the appreciation of Algonquin Park, during an informal ceremony held at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre.

Frank Kuiack was a full-time Algonquin Park fishing guide who started his career at just 8 years of age. Over the decades, Frank fished in countless lakes in the Park and gained a significant knowledge that he shared with scientists, clients and children. Frank was also a storyteller and was almost as famous for his one-of-a-kind personality as he was for his fishing.

His skills, personality and stories attracted the attention of writers, journalists and authors. He was profiled in several articles and his story was told in two books by Ron Corbett, *The Last Guide*, and *The Last Guide’s Guide*. Despite this notoriety, Frank always remained true to himself, kind, funny and eager to fish.

Frank gave a lot back to the Park. He spent countless days contributing to the Rock Bass Family Fishing Day at Whitefish every year and he was a regular donor to the Friends of Algonquin Park annual fundraising raffle.

Sadly, Frank Kuiack passed away on May 4, 2021 at the age of 87, leaving behind a lasting legacy. He will be deeply missed by the Algonquin Park community including Park staff, visitors and everyone at The Friends of Algonquin Park.



Frank Kuiack rowing a canoe, in his signature style.

Image courtesy of Wayne Simpson Photography.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Thanks to our volunteers, all of our interpretive trails were adopted in 2021! 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 grateful to the following dedicated trail volunteers:
Gord & June Ashcroft, Jeff Bowman, Brent Access Point staff, Leon Budziszewski, Stephen Derraugh, Dan Demianiw, Mariska McEathron, Morwen Galway, Jordan Hill, Chris Herbener, Janice Hubbert, Neil Kuntze, Sarah MacBeth, Dale & Bill Northcote, Lynne Newell, Carol Peterson, Lynn Stewart, Peter & Beth Ward and Steve & Janet Wright.

LOGGING MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS



The Friends of Algonquin Park once again provided volunteers to staff the Logging Museum from June to October 2021. 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, Lori Beecroft, Rory Craig, Jennifer Dailloux, Ainsley Dreossi, Bonnie Engel, Lily & Payton Etmanski, Catherine Harrison, Davis Knight, Kieley & Kiera Partridge and Janet Webber

RORY MACKAY RECEIVES PAPA AWARD

The Friends of Algonquin Park supported the Ontario Archaeological Society in presenting Roderick “Rory” MacKay with the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award. The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased that Rory has received this well-deserved award in recognition of his many contributions to archaeology in Ontario and the dissemination of cultural history to so many people over the years. “Congratulations Rory!”

Rory with his award presented in October 2021



ALGONQUIN LOGGING MUSEUM ENHANCEMENTS

The Friends of Algonquin Park hired a Project Technician to do some much needed maintenance on the exhibits along the outdoor Logging Museum trail.

A Special Thanks to McRae Lumber Company Limited for their generous donation of logs and lumber to accomplish these projects!

Be sure to stop by to see the wonderful enhancements to the exhibits at the Logging Musuem.



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.

A thank you to everyone who has supported us through COVID-19 by following safety measures to visit us in person or shopping online at www.algonquinpark.on.ca.

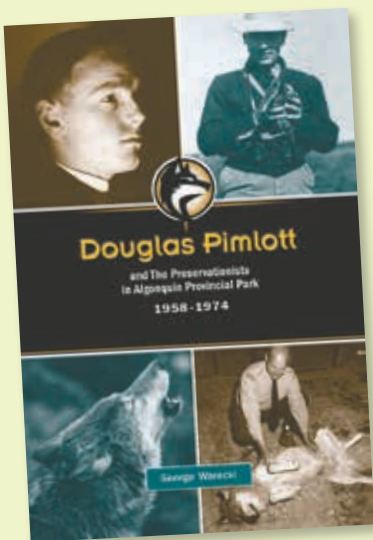


NEW PRODUCTS

FISHING IN ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK

Algonquin Park Anglers! — *Fishing in Algonquin Provincial Park*, published by The Friends of Algonquin Park, is back in print and has been significantly updated.

DOUGLAS PIMLOTT AND THE PRESERVATIONISTS IN ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK 1958 – 1974

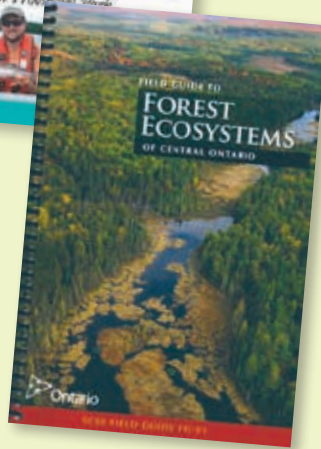
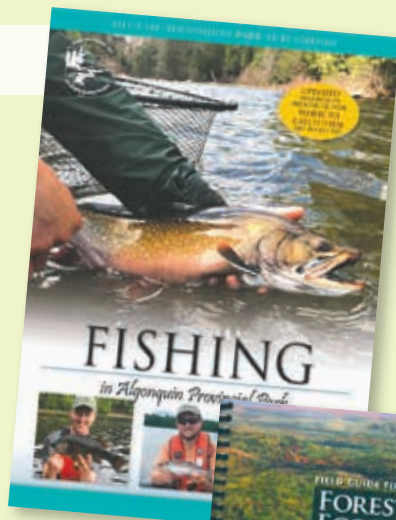


A founder of the modern environmental movement in Canada, Dr. Douglas Pimlott, set the prerequisite strategy for successful pressure groups - research, public education and action. Doug Pimlott's impact on Algonquin Park was both dramatic and positive. His research on wolves contributed strongly to the park's interpretive program. His systematic use of the media shook the Ontario public out of its complacency, encouraging more public input into the decision-making process for Algonquin Park. He fostered the growth of

preservationist sentiment by pointing out the vulnerability of natural areas to resource extraction and recreational overuse. Author: George Warecki. 2021. Softcover. 75 pages. **The printing of this book was made possible by a generous donation in memory of Sheila McFeeters.**

2023 ALGONQUIN PARK CALENDAR

The 12-month full colour Algonquin Park calendar has stunning photographs by former Park naturalist Michael Runtz. This 30.5cm x 23cm (9"x12") calendar makes a great conversation starter or a great gift for those with a special connection to Algonquin Park. It includes wonderful images of Algonquin's scenery and wildlife throughout the year, and each month is accompanied by a naturalist's message.



FIELD GUIDE TO FOREST ECOSYSTEMS OF CENTRAL ONTARIO

The Forest Ecosystem Classification is part of a larger Ecological Land Classification initiative in Ontario. This field guide focuses on forest ecosystems. A continuum of ecosites exists, from non-forested terrestrial sites, to forested terrestrial sites, to forested terrestrial and wetland sites to non-forested wetlands.

ALGONQUIN STORY

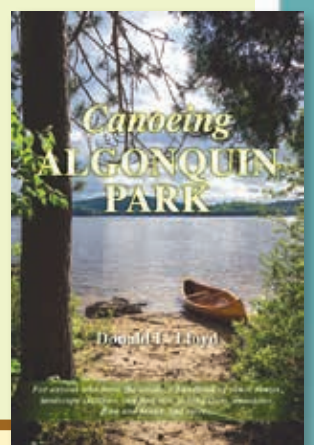
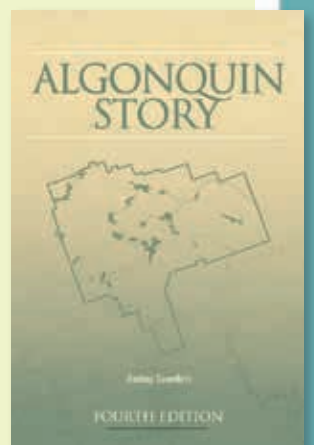
Algonquin Story is Back in Print! — The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to announce the reprinting of *Algonquin Story*. Written by Audrey Saunders Miller (1913 - 1993), this book was originally published in 1946. With every edition a new generation has the opportunity to read first-hand tales about the Park's early history that were gathered by Audrey Saunders at the end of Algonquin Park's first fifty years. This 206-page softcover book, published by The Friends of Algonquin Park, includes a new introduction by Roderick (Rory)

MacKay, author of *Algonquin Park: A Place Like No Other*, plus an index of people and places mentioned in the text. New maps have also been added.

CANOEING ALGONQUIN PARK

Donald L. Lloyd's 350-page softcover book full of canoe tripping advice, maps, scenic sketches, drawings of park flora and fauna, and historical notes.

A great companion to the official Canoe Routes Map of Algonquin Provincial Park, *Canoeing Algonquin Park* remains the best and most complete [backcountry] canoeing guide to Algonquin Park. Don Lloyd (1932-2013) first started paddling in Algonquin Park in 1945 and paddled many of Algonquin Park's lakes over the next sixty years. Don infused his knowledge and love of Algonquin Park into this classic trip planning book creating a fine bedside or campsite read. Use it to plan, or dream about, your next Algonquin Park canoe trip.



MAKE YOUR PURCHASE COUNT!

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.

32nd ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Friends of Algonquin Park's 2021-2022 Fundraising Raffle was another huge success, raising over \$44,800! This raffle has been an annual event since 1990, and has raised over \$536,000 since it began.

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 prize winners:

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| 1st prize – P. Eyles, Hamilton, ON | 6th prize – M. Moore, Maynooth, ON |
| 2nd prize – M. Masri, Ottawa, ON | 7th prize – R. Bell, Toronto, ON |
| 3rd prize – B. Taylor, Toronto, ON | 8th prize – M. Thomas, Oakville, ON |
| 4th prize – M. Norley, Bayfield, ON | 9th prize – J. Burnett, Ottawa, ON |
| 5th prize – J. Territo, Ottawa, ON | 10th prize – A. Lawson, Peterborough, ON |



Winner of the 1st prize package, P. Eyles of Hamilton.

THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK FUNDRAISING 2022 RAFFLE

Our fundraising raffle will be occurring again for the 2022-2023 season and tickets traditionally go on sale the May long weekend. Be sure to pick up your \$10 tickets while visiting the park this summer and fall at the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum.

The 2022-2023 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!

BUY YOUR TICKET for just \$10

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The Friends of Algonquin Park would also like to extend thanks to all our seasonal staff that did an amazing job during the pandemic and helped us by assuring visitors were adhering to safety measures.

In Memory of DEAR FRIENDS



Edward "Ray" Townsend (1925 – 2021)

Ray received the FOAP Directors Award in 1998 for his significant contributions to the appreciation of Algonquin Provincial Park. In 1975 he accepted a position as Operations Superintendent with the Algonquin Forestry Authority in Algonquin Park, which Ray claimed was the best job of his career. Ray spent many years attending Loggers Day as the exhibitor at the dam & chute.



Dr. Alan Gordon (1929 – 2019)

Al received the FOAP Directors Award in 1992 for his outstanding contributions to the appreciation of Algonquin Provincial Park. Dr. Gordon was a research scientist focusing on forest genetics, soil chemistry and ecosystem productivity. He inspired and mentored Junior Rangers and shared his knowledge of the forest and his powers of observation with many student field crews inspiring them to appreciate the natural world. His passion for forests and forestry lives on in the Alan Gordon Acadian Park, in Ottawa, and Gordon's Grove, in Algonquin Park, which are both named after him.

MEET OUR PARK FRIENDS, LYNN STEWART & JEFF BOWMAN

My first visit to Algonquin Park was in 1959. My family enjoyed car camping every summer, until 1967 when we purchased a vacation property in Whitney – as close to Algonquin Park as we could get. Decades of vacations spent walking or skiing Algonquin's trails and on backcountry canoe trips with my husband followed, until we retired and in 2017 moved permanently to Whitney – again, as close to Algonquin Park as we could get.

We have been members of The Friends of Algonquin Park for over 25 years. We joined the monthly giving program, which makes it easy and painless to budget. We support The Friends and Algonquin Park in other ways as well: we've participated in several terrific



Experience Algonquin workshops and attended many public education events (responsible for some of my best and strongest childhood memories), and since 2017 have participated in the Adopt-a-trail program by hiking Centennial Ridges trail. We are fortunate and privileged to be close to all that Algonquin Park has to offer, and so grateful for the efforts of everyone who works and volunteers in the Park.

Covid-19 has taught us of the critical importance of nature and wild spaces. Now, more than ever, we believe that contributing to The Friends of Algonquin Park is essential to support their valuable work – we can give something back to Algonquin Park, even though Algonquin Park has given us more than we can ever repay.

WHAT IS YOUR

Algonquin Park Legacy?



Photo by: Francine Ferguson

Inspire Future Generations

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 & RRIIs) - 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 RRII 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 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

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.

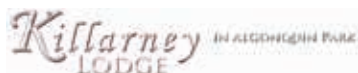


Algonquin Park Wild Bird Cam Live!

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, The Friends of Algonquin Park offers live streaming views of the feeders at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre between December and March.

Ice Out

Thank you to Killarney Lodge who partnered with us so you could watch the 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. 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. They were humbled and happy to say that they were able to donate a sum of \$750.00 to The Friends of Algonquin Park.



The Portage Store

The Portage Store partnered again this season with The Friends of Algonquin Park to support our education and interpretive work. The Portage Store donated \$1,788.00 from the sale of their butterfly-themed merchandise sold, throughout the season.



The "Hopcraft" Canoe

It was an honour to be a part of a memorial fundraiser honouring a Tim Hortons employee in Bracebridge known for his kindness, James "Sunshine" Hopcraft. The "Hopcraft" canoe was donated to The Friends of Algonquin Park by Kari Greene and all the people who got involved in remembering James Hopcraft. A special thanks to Algonquin Outfitters for helping make this possible.

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



MONTHLY GIVING

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

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For more information please contact The Friends of Algonquin Park

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