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in South Algonquin

***A Community Zine from the Heart  
of the Villages of Madawaska  
& Whitney***

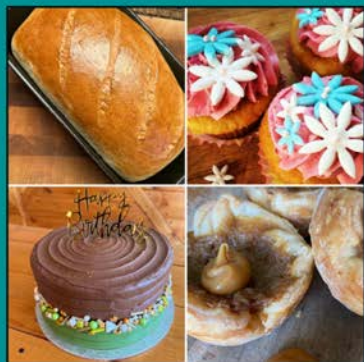


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# Letter from the Editors

## Dear Readers,

G'day and welcome to South Algonquin – Ontario's Hinterland – a region off-the beaten path, and just beyond the big city.

Times they are a changing, so the song goes, right? Whether it's the weather, new faces, or familiar places, the only constant in life is that nothing stays the same for long.

Take South Algonquin's origin story, for example: storyboards at our parks, "the" big park next door, and Wikipedia alike will tell you we are a logging and forestry town. While it is true that the current villages in South Algonquin began the colonialization process in about 1895, and that the logging and forestry industry brought both immigrants and an economic boom that created jobs and built homes, the reality of this magical place we adore is much more complex and deep.

Our story includes Indigenous stewardship dating back much, much farther. This is a story that will become increasingly important in the future as the imminent settlement of the Algonquin Land Claim approaches. You can read more about it here:

[www.tanakiwin.com/our-treaty-negotiations/overview-of-treaty-negotiations/](http://www.tanakiwin.com/our-treaty-negotiations/overview-of-treaty-negotiations/)

And while logging and forestry dominated the economy for decades (the village of Whitney started as a 'company town') the reality is that tourism operators today provide more than double the number of jobs in our community compared to forestry. Most of these jobs are

seasonal, and many are occupied by seniors, women and persons with disabilities.

But debating the quality of forestry jobs vs tourism jobs is a red herring. The reality is we need to focus now on the community we want to become in the future.

Our community needs a place for workers across all ages and stages of life. Not everyone can do heavy physical labour. Not everyone wants to work in the service industry.

But what everyone does want, is a community where they belong and feel at home; a community where they can earn a living wage and enjoy a high quality of life; a community where they can not only survive, but thrive.

Our zine is a way of ensuring that the stories we adopt, invest in, and share truly serve across generations: our grandparents, ourselves, and our children's children. That seems like a worthwhile effort, doesn't it? Whether you live here, left, are coming back or just passing through, we encourage you to be thoughtful about the many stories you walk through while you are here, and also about those you take with you when you leave. We are all part of the South Algonquin story.

**All the best from the South Algonquin Business Alliance,**

**Loretta Neil and Angela Pollak**  
Editors of One Fine Day

## Where's the Mare?

Back by popular demand, spot the Mare in this issue and you could win some sexy South Algonquin Business Alliance swag! Spot the mare hidden carefully among these pages, then send the page number you found it on, your contact info, t-shirt size and a note telling

us about why you love South Algonquin to [gday@mysouthalgonquin.ca](mailto:gday@mysouthalgonquin.ca) before December 31, 2024. Congratulations to Krista Townsend (The mare was on Eldon Perry's pocket on page 7).





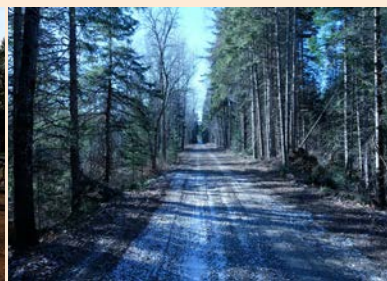
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# South Algonquin Business Directory

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Algonquin Accommodations  
Algonquin Wilderness Campground  
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Camp Bongopix  
Couples Resort  
Dreamcatcher Motel  
East Gate Motel  
MadMusher  
Rolling Rapids  
Waterfront Gallery House of David Kay  
Whitney Cabins

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Impressions of Algonquin  
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## BAKED GOODS

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Little Bear Bakes in the Woods

## CAMPGROUNDS

Algonquin Wilderness Campground  
Barkwick Camp  
Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins  
Four Corners Algonquin

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Aylen Lake Community Association  
Aylen Lake Cottagers  
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Whitney Public Library

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Madawaska Country Store

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Bellwood Inn B&B  
Downtown Whitney  
Dreamcatcher Motel  
East Gate Motel  
Four Corners Algonquin  
Freshmart in Whitney  
Rolling Rapids Motel  
Madawaska Country store

## FOOD/RESTAURANTS

Algonquin Lunch Bar  
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Lakeside Grill  
Madmusher  
Madawaska Lodge & Restaurant  
Moccasin House (ice cream)  
Opeongo Outfitters Fish & Chips Truck  
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Madawaska Country Store

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

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## MAPLE SYRUP

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Opeongo Outfitters  
Four Corners Algonquin  
East Gate Motel

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St. Matthew's Catholic Church (Madawaska)  
St. Paul & St. James United Church (Madawaska)  
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# Contemplative Nature

*Article by Marilyn Zehr and Kari Krogh  
Photos, haiku and nature prints by Kari Krogh*



Gazing at the horizon across the lake, I am drawn to the first rays of morning light as they filter through the floating mist above the water. In stillness, I watch as a golden glowing light extends across the water, igniting diamonds that dance atop the ripples. I often long to capture moments like these in my heart and memory. Such sparkling light upon the water's surface elicits a sense of awe that spreads throughout my body, expanding each cell as they make room for me to receive the wonder of it all.

Nature photographers, like the landscape painters Claude Monet and Vincent Van Gough, are particularly adept at recreating these awe-inspiring moments within images. Their own direct experience of connection awakens a sense of wonder in others who view their craft.

Patience, presence, receptivity, and relationship are all central to the process of contemplative photography. As we become still and soften our gaze we are invited to enter into a relationship with our surroundings and as we do this, we start to notice vivid details in the light, shadow, textures, colours and patterns. And then, in an instant we come upon a scene that enlivens a sense of a wonder in us - and our heart knows that this is the experience to capture in a photograph. With patience and practice, we can come to see things that a camera can convert into a sense of delight, surprise, curiosity, or awe in the viewer. The process can be experienced as transformative to both the photographer and those appreciating this form of artistic expression.

We call this intimate, relational, expansive, and creative process Contemplative Nature Photography.



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To My Open Heart Through Touch  
Sacred Texture Heals***

## **Contemplative Nature Photography Retreat**

**Friday August 9 - Sunday 11, 2024**

*Do you find that mindful nature connection nurtures your mind, body, and soul?*

*Would you like to gather with like-minded people who are non-judgemental, creative and caring?*

*Are you curious about ways to experience a deep and mindful connection to nature and have this reflected in your creative expression through photography?*

Join us as we combine contemplative and mindfulness practices with photography, creativity and guided nature-connection - otherwise referred to as forest bathing or shinrin yoku.

This unique retreat opportunity allows participants to explore nature's ability to foster connection, creativity, and comfort. This spacious retreat will include time for personal rest, forest walks, sitting by the edge of a lake and participating in sharing circles where speaking is optional.

This rejuvenating retreat will provide you with an opportunity to be guided in slowing down to notice the small miracles that surround us in a variety of natural environments. We will linger in those experiences that we find most pleasant, delightful, or awe-inspiring. From this state, we will initiate a process of creative expression. Creative activities will include photography, haiku and ink-based nature printing.

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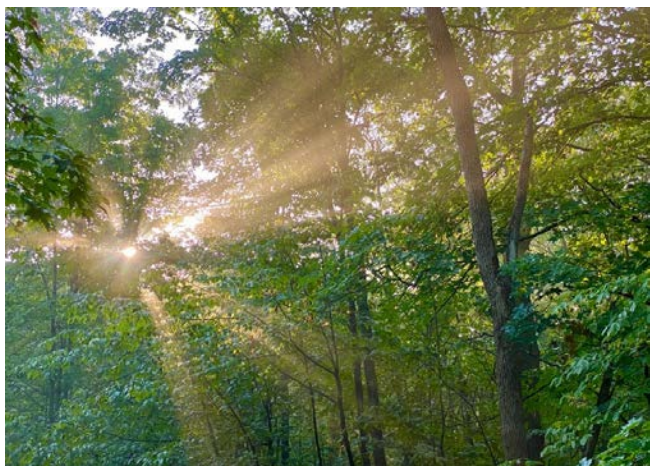
# Photography & Retreats

*Friday August 9 - Sunday 11, 2024*

A team of highly skilled facilitators will support your process as you learn techniques to help you first notice and then deepen your experience of phenomena such as mystery, beauty, wisdom, or awe in nature before capturing this within a photographic image.

Throughout the weekend, you will be taught self-care practices including nature-based mindfulness meditations and visualizations. We will also offer an overview of the neuroscience of mindfulness and what the research says about the ways shinrin yoku/ forest bathing improves mental and physical wellbeing.

Program participants will be supported by a team of certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guides.



## **More Information:**

### **Do I need special skills or a camera?**

No special skills or technology are required. A simple phone camera is just fine!

### **Where can I stay?**

We offer overnight accommodation or commuter rates. There are many wonderful local places to stay!

### **What if I am shy?**

You can participate as much or as little as you like in our sharing circles. We will encourage supportive and non-judgemental contemplative listening and sharing – you can contribute a story, show a photo, or offer a gesture in silence. Participants will be offered choices throughout the weekend.

### **What if I have low energy?**

You are welcome to attend as much of the program as you like. Activities can be easily modified to

accommodate people living with low energy. The EcoWisdom Forest Preserve is a social enterprise in the area that supports virtual and in-person nature connection programs that are accessible and inclusive of people living with disability, chronic illness, and seniors.

### **When does it start and conclude?**

You can arrive Friday night after 4 pm with supper at 6 pm followed by optional evening programming or Saturday morning with formal retreat programming starting at 10 am.

### **What are the health and wellbeing benefits of mindful nature connection/shinrin yoku?**

- Stabilize blood pressure and blood sugar
- Lower stress hormone cortisol
- Reduce depression and anxiety
- Increase in empathy, creativity, attention, and memory
- Foster hopefulness for the future

### **How can I learn more about contemplative photography?**

You can follow the Instagram Account: [ecowisdom\\_forest\\_preserve](https://www.instagram.com/ecowisdom_forest_preserve).

### **What is the cost?**

Onsite \$590 (shared accommodation onsite)  
Commuter \$460

### **Are meals included?**

Yes, meals, tea/coffee and snacks are included.

### **How do I register?**

Go to the Rise Above Guest House Website:

<https://riseaboveguesthouse.ca/events/>

or call 613-314-3345

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# Contemplative Nature Photography & Retreats

## Who are the Facilitators?

**Kari Krogh**, PhD Psychology, is co-founder of the EcoWisdom Forest Preserve, where she lives off-grid with environmental educator, David Gordon. They lead a team that offers virtual nature therapy programs as well as nature and forest therapy guide training with a focus on inclusion and accessibility (see: <https://ecowisdom.ca/training/>). Kari supports research on the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being impacts of nature connection. She is a forest contemplative, photographer, and nature print artist: [kari@ecowisdom.ca](mailto:kari@ecowisdom.ca)

**Kim Dunlop**, RMT, is an EcoWisdom-certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide. She is also a co-leader of the international team offering EcoWisdom's virtual nature therapy guide training (see: <https://ecowisdom.ca/about-ecowisdom-ca/ecowisdom-team/>). Kim is an experienced mindfulness meditation guide (Buddhist Insight tradition) with decades of experience in the areas of health and wellbeing, having worked as a massage and shiatsu therapist, educator, and writer: [Kimdunlop8@gmail.com](mailto:Kimdunlop8@gmail.com)

**Marilyn Zehr**, Marilyn Zehr, MDiv, ThM, DSD is an ordained UCC minister and Eco-Spiritual Director attuned to the Sacred through the earth and her creatures. She is a certified Forest Therapy Guide with the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy (ANFT). Marilyn and her wife Svinda co-own and lead regular healing and training retreats at their off-grid Rise Above Guest House (see: <https://riseaboveguesthouse.ca/contemplative-nature-photography-retreat/>). Marilyn can often be found with her iPhone camera sharing her connection with the land through image and video:

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**DUNCAN LINES**

ALGONQUIN, ONTARIO



Hello, my name is Michael Luck. Not too long ago I made the decision to provide a unique guided fishing experience here in Algonquin Park. I have been coming up to Algonquin Park for over 40 years now. When I was younger, I was fortunate enough to attend summer camp on Lake Joe and during these times we would spend 3 to 4 nights in Algonquin Park every year, hiking, canoeing, and exploring. I have always felt a peace and calmness about these trips and four days was certainly not enough.

This park is huge with over 2700 lakes roughly 7500 square kilometres in area and so much wildlife to view. It was truly incredible. My parents had a cottage in Muskoka, which we spent many, many weekends at in the summer. I soon discovered a true passion for fishing, and being out on the water was one of my favourite ways to spend a summer day. Eventually, life called and after a few thousand or so hours and five years of apprenticeship, I obtained my red seal as a chef. I have spent the last 30 years cooking and running kitchens here in Canada and abroad. Roughly five years ago, my wife and I chose to buy a house up here in Whitney, a small town just outside the park where we would visit twice a year for an extended stay and often we would drive from the city just to hike in the park for a day. Our friends thought we were crazy. They would say "you're gonna drive eight hours round trip, just to hike in Algonquin Park for a day" and we would laugh to ourselves

because we knew how beautiful it was and well worth the drive. We would have driven further if we had to. Fortunately, one day, we found our perfect place to settle down and enjoy our new natural surroundings year round. 3 years later...I started Duncan Lines.

Duncan Lines is my way of showing a side of the park most visitors may not get to experience if they are visiting for the first time or have not got to experience Algonquin Park from the water.

I am a fishing guide, and a Red Seal certified chef. I provide a guided fishing experience in Algonquin Park and the surrounding areas. Included in the package is all the fishing equipment required for the day, including rods, reels and tackle. PFD's and soft cushions to sit on. A continental breakfast will greet you upon your arrival as we go over the day's itinerary, all beverages including coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be provided throughout the day as well. I will provide a "Back in Time" shore lunch experience just as the guides before me would have done and I encourage you to take as many photographs as you can. Hopefully I will see you soon. Have a great day while you are here in Algonquin Park.

**Michael Luck**  
**Guide**



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# The Perfect Mix

## K FULLER CREATIONS & LITTLE BEAR BAKES IN THE WOODS



KELSEY FULLER

*The Artist*

I'm **Kels**, I am the creative being behind this collaborative duo and a self taught artist

I'd love to share a bit about my journey...

Growing up in Whitney all I ever dreamed about was when I could leave, to venture out and explore the world. So when the opportunity came I left in hopes of finding a different me separate from my small town, but all I found was my way back. My world took a detour when my grandmother passed in 2021 and the life I made separate seemed unappealing and no longer important. My mental health declined and I found that I lost a huge part of me by trying to find a place in a world that wasn't made for me to fit into and now that small town I tried so hard to escape from was ultimately my saving grace. It was a difficult path but I eventually found my way back to myself, to my hometown and to the wonderful people that make this place home.

Coming back I took to nature, being inspired by my forgotten surroundings I dug myself up out of my hurt and found joy in the things I let go of. I began creating, starting with embroidery, clay sculptures, candle making, everything that could fill my busy mind and bring happiness back into my soul. This led me back to painting, and once I picked up that brush and put my first stroke onto the canvas something changed in me and I finally felt my inner child smiling again.

I now share my passion with others in a way that helps to inspire creativity and encourage others to tap into their inner creative being.



TANIA JERMOL

*The Artisan*

I'm **Tania**. I am the renegade and somewhat chaotic being behind this collaborative duo who has always known that I wanted to be here at home, my inspirational and magical little space in this Algonquin Forest. It was on my 7th birthday that my parents moved our little family home to Whitney and into a wee log cabin my grandfather had built. My dad and uncle built the family home that I am so fortunate to be living in to this day.

At the age of 4 I kicked my mom out of the kitchen to finish baking a cake with the instructions to her "I do it". From then on nothing ever felt impossible for me and I've greeted every challenge throughout my life as an adventure. My dad opened a small bakery in our home in the early 80's and together he and I created a busy little cottage business. Sadly, I was 17 when he left this world, and growing up quickly was the only way I could think of how to survive the rest of my life without him.

I have lived away in many places since then, but always yearned to be back home and to create a beautiful space to share with everyone. I love cooking delicious food from the freshest ingredients I can find locally and filling my dining room and home with family and friends to share these meals. Being able to run out to the henhouse for a few fresh eggs needed in a recipe, to harvest honey from my hives, herbs and vegetables from my gardens and soon beautiful fresh goats milk, seriously fills my soul and heart beyond explanation. Living a healthy and natural lifestyle is truly important to me, and sharing this little bit of magic that I call home with others has become a dream come true... My little forest farm.

*experience the perfect mix*



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- more information on advertised events
- how to sign up and secure a spot
- a wonderful way to meet us!

**Forever You Will Roam Forest Farm**  
Located at the edge of Whitney  
within South Algonquin Township

*Our Journey*



LITTLE BEAR BAKES IN THE WOODS



K FULLER CREATIONS





# Loving Algonquin Park

Facebook Group

Photo: Willow Reed



## When You're Small and Blue and You Really Want to See a Moose!

Have you ever wanted to have a place where you can share your blurry pic of seeing your first moose and have others share your excitement about your experience? Do you wish you didn't have to worry about negative comments or being verbally attacked online? We have created a place where people come together as a community, make new connections, build real friendships and support each other when someone is having a hard time. This is Loving Algonquin Park, it's a safe haven where we enjoy the park and leave the issues outside.

Now, Small & Blue? Well, this would be our group leader Poo, The Rare Blue Canadian Dwarf Dragon (and his best friend Fart!). He gained the attention of Algonquin Outfitters and was asked to write an article for their website. The article was about the challenges of having limitations and still going to the park and seeing wildlife. This became a huge part of the group, as we love to assist people with limitations in seeing wildlife and experience Algonquin as fully as possible. We have many members who are widowed or disabled and are not able to visit the park anymore, and we do our best to bring a bit of that former joy back into their lives. We also encourage people to post things from home that remind them of Algonquin, even if it's just their backyard.

Most of us are not professional photographers, and don't have a lot of money to go out and hire a guide. With or without a guide, there are never any guarantees. But you have to look! And for wildlife enthusiasts this is the greatest game: seeking out any little movement, strange ripples in a lake or pond, or movement in the trees. I could type dozens of pages on the secrets and special spots of Algonquin and how to enjoy wildlife, and this is why the group exists, to answer questions and help out.

When we visit the park we are always over on the East side in Whitney in South Algonquin. I would always recommend contacting Algonquin Accommodations. They have a variety of places to stay with a lot of free perks for their guests. Whitney has everything at a fair price to take care of all your needs, while feeling like a real Northern Ontario experience. When we speak of the park, we talk about its potential. That around any corner you may see something, and it's the same for South Algonquin. On the weekends, when the park becomes more busy there's always new roads or places to explore just outside the park. How many sightings we have had down highway 127 heading to Bancroft I could not remember, but there seems to always be a moose around.

If you want to join a community of people who enjoy sharing the best of Algonquin Park, find us on facebook!

**We're Loving Algonquin Park:  
look for the little blue dragon!**



Photo: Tammy Nash



Photo: Willow Reed



# Tips for a Pet-Friendly Trip to South Algonquin

*One of the great joys of exploring the great outdoors is spending time with our beloved fur friends. Typically this means dogs, but we have seen all manner of animal tag along on the family road trip. Ensuring the safety of pets in Algonquin Park requires careful planning and adherence to some official and common sense rules. These tips will help keep pets safe while visiting our neck of the woods with your entire brood.*

**Leash Requirements:** Always keep your pet on a leash. Leash use not only prevents pets from wandering off, disturbing wildlife, or getting lost, it also keeps the animal close to you, where it is less likely to become prey to other animals in the woods.

**Stay on Designated Trails:** Stick to marked trails and designated areas that allow pets. Avoid venturing off-trail, as this can lead to encounters with wildlife or exposure to hazards like rough terrain or poisonous plants.

**Water Safety:** Keep pets away from fast-flowing rivers, deep lakes, and other bodies of water, especially if they're not strong swimmers. Consider using a pet life jacket near water and always supervise them closely.

**Wildlife Awareness:** Remember that the forest is full of predators that think of your pet as dinner, not a guest. Educate yourself about the wildlife in the park and how to respond in case of encounters. Small pets are especially vulnerable, so consider leaving small dogs, birds, cats, and rabbits at home where you know they are cared for and safe. NEVER leave your pet unattended, for any amount of time.

**Animal Psychology:** New environments can cause anxiety in animals too. Your pet may respond to the forest environment in ways that they wouldn't at home, including shaking, barking, aggression toward people and other animals, growling and so on. Remember, they can sense threats that you might overlook. Pay attention to their behaviour and respond appropriately.

**Tick Prevention:** Algonquin Park is known to have tick populations, which can transmit diseases such as Lyme disease to pets. Use veterinarian-recommended tick prevention

products on your pet and check them regularly for ticks, especially after spending time in grassy or wooded areas.

**Weather Considerations:** Be mindful of weather conditions and how they may affect your pet. Bring plenty of water to keep your pet hydrated (especially on long walks), and be aware of temperature extremes that could pose risks of heatstroke or hypothermia.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Carry a pet first-aid kit and know how to respond to common pet emergencies. The nearest veterinary service is in Huntsville or Barry's Bay – a 60-90 minute drive away, so come prepared.

**Pack Essentials:** Bring along essentials for your pet, such as food, water, bowls, bedding, waste disposal bags, and any medications they may need. DO NOT throw food discards into the bush as it will attract predators.

## Pet Friendly Lodging and Beaches

The following lodgings in South Algonquin advertise as pet friendly. There may be others. Always confirm the details when you book.

- Algonquin Accommodations
- Allstar Resort
- Camp Bongopix
- Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins
- Four Corners Algonquin
- Spectacle Lake Lodge

While most beaches in South Algonquin are signed as pet-free, most beachgoers will tolerate pets if they are well-behaved and stick to the shoreline edges, away from where people are actively swimming. Algonquin Park also has specific beaches designated dog friendly. **Lake of Two Rivers Campground, Mew Lake Campground, and Rock Lake Campground** have maps and signage to point you to where pets are welcome.

Some Algonquin Park programs are pet-friendly – ask at an access point to confirm.





**Pet Free Areas in Algonquin Park**  
**Domesticated animals are not permitted in the following areas of Algonquin Park:**

- Inside buildings and roofed accommodation
- Waters adjacent to all backcountry campsites where campers obtain drinking water
- Swimming areas not marked as pet-friendly
- Any area designated as pet free including parts of Achray Campground, Canisbay Campground, Mew Lake Campground and Pog Lake Campground and all of Mizzy Lake Trail

**Service Animals**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-ontario-what-you-need-to-know>

Service animals are not pets. Additional fees or requirements that apply to pets do not apply to service animals. If you have a guide dog or other

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According to the AODA's Customer Service Standards, a service animal is easily identifiable as relating to your disability (for example, it is a guide dog or other animal wearing a vest or harness), and/or you can provide documentation from a regulated health professional confirming the animal is required due to a disability. If your guide dog/service animal does not wear a vest or harness, you can show documentation from one of these regulated health professionals to obtain service: audiologist or speech-language pathologist, chiropractor, nurse, occupational therapist, optometrist, physician or surgeon, physiotherapist, psychologist, psychotherapist or mental health therapist.

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# Uncovering Buried Treasure

Submitted by  
Hazel Switzer



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On a Sunny day in February Loretta my niece and I Took  
road trip to Barry's Bay we had appointments -  
and falling we decided to go a little farther  
not a cloud in the sky the warmth from the sun  
we ended up at a favorite spot Buried Treasures  
in Killaloe. Its a bonus - Tuesdays at  
Buried Treasures, my sweet friend Mary volunteers  
that Day - Its a pleasant atmosphere for sure -  
always an enjoyable outing  
Soon unknown a conversation starts and much to our  
surprise also at Buried Treasures was a cop from  
Whitney and his loving wife The Cop who drove  
The shiny red Corvette many years ago.  
Roy Weckworth - WOW!  
Years Passed but what a pleasure -  
Small world - Turns out Mary and Roy are  
neighbours near Golden Lake a great reminiscence  
with Roy memories of his Whitney time were  
spoke of - He knew most and I do we shared  
memories and were privileged to meet his wife!  
Loretta Took the Pictures I shared -  
Buried Treasure's in Killaloe sure had unexpected  
Treasures that Day!  
Treasures and Blessings Never to be forgotten -  
To my surprise - Roy and his wife made a Whitney  
visit and included stopping at my house with  
Tim Norton muffins in hand  
A Beautiful Day  
You Can Say  
we uncovered Treasures at Buried Treasures  
That Day -

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Owned and operated by Allan Bickle out of the community of Harcourt, Algonquin Yeti Paddling (AYP) in the Haliburton Highlands offers lightweight Kevlar Souris River Canoe Rentals and Guided Experiences for all seasons in the Panhandle of South Algonquin Park and surrounding area. You'll also find canoe rentals, shuttles, guided backcountry camping, custom guided hikes, bushcraft and foraging workshops, snowshoe excursions & jump off camping sites for those arriving late on their trip. New in 2024, AYP will be offering ORCKA certified Basic Canoe instruction courses. Basic canoe instruction like this allows beginner paddlers a safe introduction to canoeing and backwoods camping.

Open since 2022, AYP goes beyond providing outdoor activities and excursions to create fun, meaningful experiences that connect people to nature and foster an outdoor community. Allan is an outdoor enthusiast, and an experienced backcountry guide who has been coming to the Haliburton Highlands area for almost 20 years to a family cottage on Benoir Lake. When Allan had the opportunity to move to the area, it was a perfect fit to open an outfitter business and share his love of nature. South Algonquin Park is his backyard. Allan credits the TV survival show Alone for inspiring him to further develop his skills, and his time spent with Lure of the North in Espanola expanded his winter survival skills and bushcraft techniques.

AYP believes in community collaboration and partnerships, and welcomes referrals between local business, networking and building bridges for the community. This past winter AYP partnered with Haliburton Tourism and Haliburton Hike Festival to host a free Guided Snowshoe on his property for the community. Guided by Allan, participants collected fire building materials and had the opportunity to start fire using a wooden bow drill. Everyone gathered around the fire for lunch to share stories.

**To book your Outdoor Experience contact  
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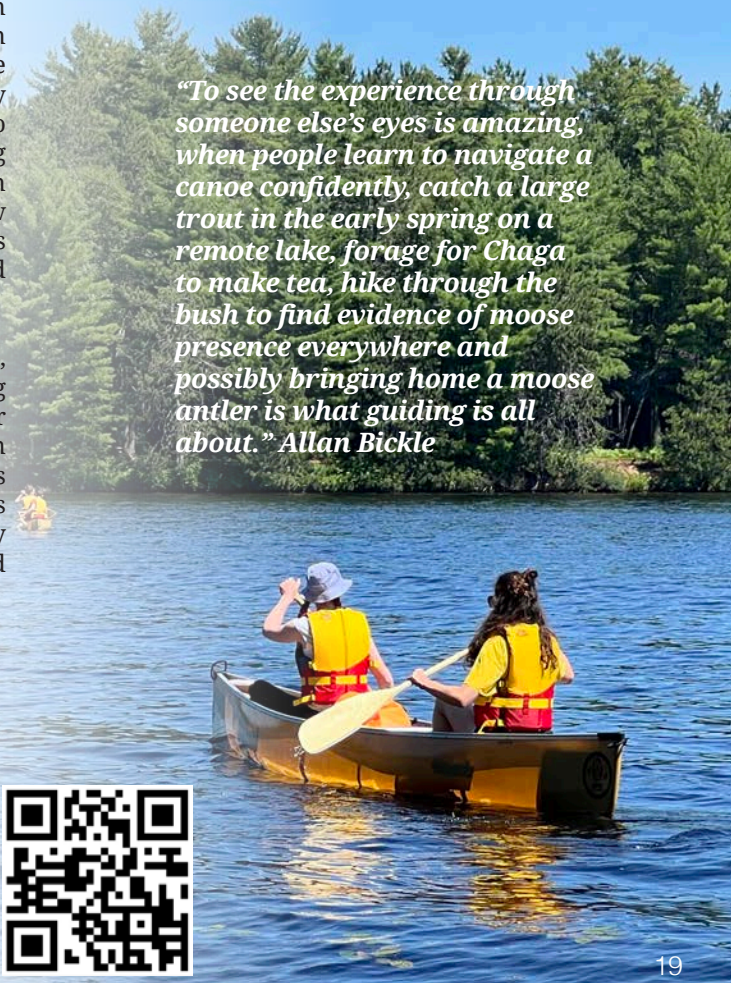
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*"To see the experience through someone else's eyes is amazing, when people learn to navigate a canoe confidently, catch a large trout in the early spring on a remote lake, forage for Chaga to make tea, hike through the bush to find evidence of moose presence everywhere and possibly bringing home a moose antler is what guiding is all about." Allan Bickle*





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# Our Camp in Cross Lake

By Edward Lentz

I believe it started as a nostalgic adventure into the past but became a labour of love. The restoration of the original log homestead of my great grandparents, Urban and Sarah Ann Brown of Cross Lake became for us, my wife and I and our parents and our children, a journey of memories that would last forever. Our first Christmas was held there on the Old Pell property of Cross Lake, as our new two-storey home on River Road near Ottawa was being painted.

After working on the chinking until late fall, it didn't look like much. Our youngest son Darren was born in September, 1971. His first Christmas was in the restored home. My Grandmother Mary Emily (Brown) Ward spent her first Christmas there 1886.

The homestead had lots of recycled materials in it as well as many additional improvements over the years. I added a fireplace with steel enclosure that would heat the home and an extra chimney for the wood stove. We replaced the roof board with tongue and groove red pine and added insulation under the new steel roofing. But the most important were the stories that have been told and retold of the many adventures that we had using it as our summer vacation home and also fall hunting season and the winter holidays spent here.

Jo and I built our retirement home here in 1992 on property we had purchased many years earlier beside the Camp, property from Jerry Murray. The Camp then became my hunting camp. The last renovation was a cement floor and foundation.

Lastly we decided to sell it and added 2 acres from our house property to the 4-acre Camp property from the sugar bush property. Now it's the home for Charlie & Bertha who love it. It now has an indoor bathroom in what was the screened in south porch. It has hydro delivered underground from the highway.

The interior still has the same rich brown colour of the boiled linseed oil. They have started to replace the upstairs windows. The upstairs has the original round pole rafters. The downstairs has a log engraved with my Grandmother's name Mary on it. Also they added a screened front porch that their granddaughter just loves to sit in.





# Geological History of South Algonquin

By: David Lentz, PhD

*Dr. Lentz is Research Chair in Economic Geology at the University of New Brunswick. He has served on the editorial boards of Frontiers in Earth Sciences, Journal of Geochemical Exploration,*

*NRC Facets, and the Journal of Earth Sciences.*

## Welcome to South Algonquin!

This specific region of the southern portion of the Canadian Shield is dominated by light granitic gneisses and darker amphibolites (both originally igneous rocks) that are part of the Central Gneiss Belt of the Grenville Structural Province, which represents the deep crustal root of the supercontinent Rodinia formed from a Himalayan-style collision between 1.1 and 1.0 billion years ago. Since then a major mountain belt has been eroded to the rolling hills we see now in the region, further modified by glaciation.

In the past 2 million years there have been 4 glacial periods mainly centred in the Hudson Bay region, but extending throughout much of Canada and well into the central United States. The last glacial period produced glaciers as thick as 3 km that flowed southward until they began warming, melting, and retreating from this area approximately 10,000 years ago, leaving vast amounts of unconsolidated surficial material as glacial till, drumlins, eskers, and in some areas extensive outwash plains formed by enormous rivers from glacial meltwater. These fluvial systems are responsible for much of the geomorphology (physical geography) of the Madawaska Valley.

Glacial rebound, uplift after removal of the immense mass of glacier during deglaciation, is still occurring.

Of special note are very large glacial erratics (boulders) of Grenvillian rocks transported within the glacier, that were dropped onto the underlying till (mixed sediments) and fluvial sands as that glacier retreated northward. These huge erratics were somewhat eroded within the glacier, but because of freeze and thaw cycles and weathering due to exposure over the past millennia since glacial retreat, their surfaces have been further rounded.

For all you kids out there, here is what some of those big words mean. (For more information, see the University of Waterloo's Earth Sciences Museum <https://uwaterloo.ca/earth-sciences-museum>)

- Metamorphic means rocks that were re-shaped through heat and pressure.
- Gneiss rhymes with "nice." It is a type of metamorphic rock which formed by heating granite. It is easily recognized by its banding pattern.
- Igneous is rock that forms when molten magma cools underground. Granite is a type of igneous rock.
- Amphibolites are a type of crystal-like rock formation. Colours can range from clear to white, green, brown, black, blue or lavender.
- Fluvial describes the characteristics of how rivers form over land.
- Surficial means items that can be found on top of the earth, on the earth's surface.
- Geomorphology is the field of study that describes the processes that shape the land around us.

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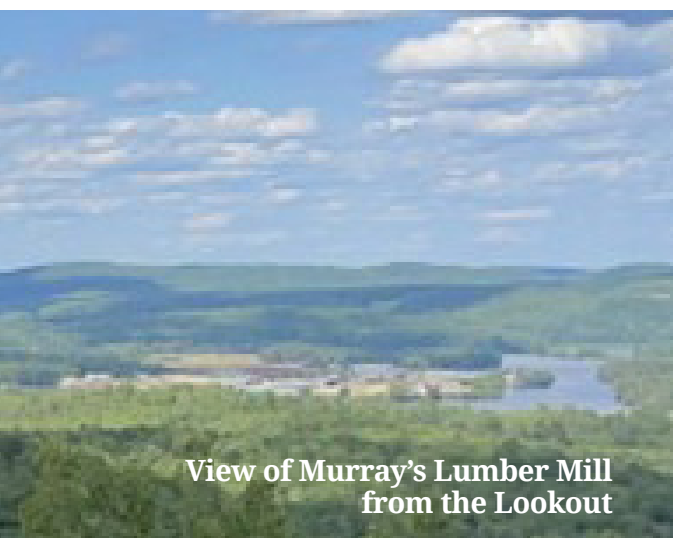
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**Erratic dropstone on Green Lake  
Lookout in Lyell township**



**View of Murray's Lumber Mill  
from the Lookout**



**Green Lake from lookout  
facing west**

## what readers are saying ...

Forest bathing; I love  
South Algonquin  
because of the trees!  
**Wendy Jo Hanninen**

What's not to love about  
South Algonquin?? :) The  
tribute to Eldon Perry  
& Billy Bennett were  
touching.  
**Dan Fanelli**  
Pickering, ON

I like finding out what's  
going on in the area.  
**Sabrina Fanelli**  
Pickering, ON

I love South Algonquin  
because it's my  
hometown and the night  
skies with the stars are  
gorgeous. You don't find  
stars in the city.  
**Jane Sovie**

Hi there just a hello from  
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Love your magazine - so  
interesting!! Absolutely love  
being up there in nature!!  
**Cindy Drury**  
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# Madawaska







# Autumnal Odyssey: Capturing Algonquin's Beauty Through the Lens

Story and photo by Steven Lang

I've traveled. A lot. Almost 50 countries as of this writing. My passion as a photographer has led me all over the world, as far as my wallet allowed me anyway. I've been pretty lucky to do that, I must admit. The landscape of Ontario never appealed to me much for photography, given its intimidatingly vast and flat terrain, however my perception of Ontario for photography has only recently started to shift since I visited Algonquin Park in the last week of September of 2023 during the prime fall colours. I suppose I kept putting it off since I'm from London, Ontario and it was never too far out of reach.

I'm keen on dramatic landscapes, moody scenes and, with contrast, vibrant colours be it in nature or architecturally. It's a wonder why I never visited Algonquin until last year. Spoiler alert: I wasn't disappointed. I only spent 3 days in the park but those 3 days turned out to be some of the most vibrant, moody and dramatic landscape shots I've taken in my nearly ten years of photography. One has to go to Algonquin at just the right time to get the changing leaves and one has to get lucky with the weather. Fortunately last year, both conditions were met.

I started my day along the Outlook View, getting the typical shot of the fall colours dotting the landscape but I managed to do it between two trees which made a nice composition. I ended my day along the Spruce Bog trail where I photographed some gorgeous shots on the boardwalks with the fall leaves dotting the path. I'd start the next day early in hopes of catching some morning fog and got lucky by capturing some nice fog scenes close to the Mizzy Lake trail. The Mizzy Lake Trail was great as it highlighted the beauty of Algonquin in the fall. For budding

photographers, I recommend a medium zoom (I use a 16-80) for an all purpose lens and a wider lens (I use a 10-24) if you want to capture more of the scenery.

The overall highlight for me however was the morning of my 2nd day there along Costello Creek. If I had just one suggestion for any visitor to Algonquin it would be to get up early one morning and drive along Costello Creek. I was greeted with morning fog along the creek, vistas of Lake Opeongo and the scene of canoes resting outside of Algonquin Outfitters. All in all, these were the best shots of the whole trip as they captured everything I wanted from Algonquin, except for wildlife unfortunately.

One of my other favourite photography challenges is Milky Way photography. I didn't plan my trip to coincide with the new moon but I did manage still to get a unique shot with a faint hint of the Milky Way. To get this shot, I had to leave BongoPix Tavern at 1030pm and hike, going in reverse, the Centennial Ridge trail to marker 12. This shot, planned along my afternoon hike with the PhotoPills app, had the Milky Way line up directly over a little island on Whitefish Lake. I did indeed end up getting it and I'm happy with the end result, especially given light pollution and crescent moon brightness. I won't soon forget my Algonquin fall trip as it had everything I wanted as a photographer and hiker!

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## Meteor Shower Dates

Looking to kick back and catch a star-studded night sky show? There is no greater opportunity than a stunning meteor shower! Best viewing will be from a dark location (like South Algonquin) after midnight far away from city lights, unless otherwise specified. The constellation origin is given, but meteors can appear anywhere in the sky.

**July 12-Aug 23 Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower** (peaks July 28, 29). 20+ meteors per hour, produced by comets Marsden and Kracht. Meteors originate from the constellation Aquarius.

**July 17-Aug 24 Perseids Meteor Shower** (peaks Aug 12, 13). 60+ meteors per hour, produced by comet Swift-Tuttle. Meteors originate from the constellation Perseus.

**October 6-10 Draconids Meteor Shower** (peaks October 7). 10+ meteors per hour, produced by comet 21P Giacobini-Zinner. Best viewing will be in the early evening, with meteors originating from the constellation Draco.

**October 2-November 7 Orionids Meteor Shower** (peaks October 21, 22). 20+ meteors per hour, produced by comet Halley. Meteors originate from the constellation Orion.

**September 7-December 10 Taurids Meteor Shower** (peaks November 4, 5). 5+ meteors per hour, produced by Asteroid 2004 TG10 and Comet 2P Encke. Meteors originate from the constellation Taurus.

**November 6-30 Leonids Meteor Shower** (peaks November 17, 18). 15+ meteors per hour at its peak, produced by comet Tempel-Tuttle. Meteors originate from the constellation Leo.

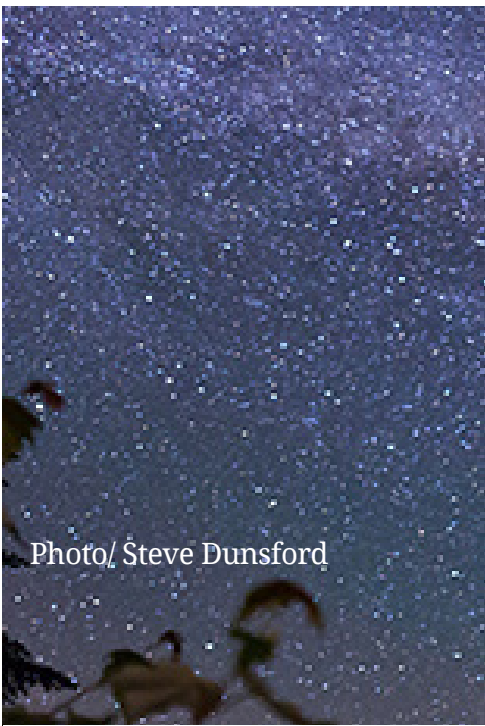
**December 7-17 Geminids Meteor Shower** (peaks December 13, 14), producing 120+ multicolored meteors per hour at its peak from asteroid 3200 Phaethon. Meteors originate from the constellation Gemini.

**December 17-25 Ursids Meteor Shower** (peaks December 21, 22) producing 5+ meteors per hour from comet Swift-Tuttle. Meteors originate from the constellation Ursa Minor (the Little Dipper).

**January 1-5 Quadrantids Meteor Shower** (peaks January 3, 4), producing 40+ meteors per hour from extinct comet 2003 EH1. Meteors originate from the constellation Bootes.

**April 16-25 Lyrids Meteor Shower** (peaks April 22, 23), producing 20+ meteors per hour at its peak, from comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher. Sometimes consisting of bright dust trails that last for several seconds, meteors originate from the constellation Lyra.

**April 19-May 28 Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower** (May 6, 7), producing 30+ meteors per hour at its peak in the Northern hemisphere, from comet Halley. Meteors originate from the constellation Aquarius.



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## Other Astro Events of Interest

### Changing of the Seasons:

Celebrate the changing of the seasons in South Algonquin.

**Summer and Winter Solstice:** June 20 and December 21

**Fall and Spring Equinox:** Sept 22, Mar 20

### Full Moons & New Moons

Full moons and new moons are like the sky's "old faithful". Because the moon is so large and bright, full moons present the best opportunity to observe the moon surface. Modest binoculars and telescopes will help. New moons, on the other hand, present the best time to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no light in the night sky.

#### Full Moons

**2024:** May 23, Jun 22, Jul 21, Aug 19 (Blue Moon), Sept 18 (Super Moon), Oct 17 (Super Moon), Nov 15 (Super Moon), Dec 15

**2025:** Jan 13, Feb 12, Mar 14, Apr 13, May 12

#### New Moons

**2024:** Jun 6, Jul 5, Aug 4, Sep 3, Oct 2, Nov 1, Dec 1

**2025:** Jan 29, Feb 28, Mar 29, Apr 27, May 2

### Eclipses:

According to NASA.gov, an eclipse happens when one heavenly body such as a moon or planet moves into the shadow of another heavenly body. The following eclipses will be visible from North America in the upcoming year.

#### September 18, Partial Lunar Eclipse

Occurs when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra, and only a portion of it passes through the darkest shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse a part of the Moon will darken as it moves through the Earth's shadow.

#### March 14, 2025, Total Lunar Eclipse

A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes completely through the Earth's dark shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse, the Moon will gradually get darker and then take on a rusty or blood red color.

#### March 29, 2025 – Partial Solar Eclipse

A partial solar eclipse occurs when the Moon covers only a part of the Sun, sometimes resembling a bite taken out of a cookie. A partial solar eclipse can only be safely observed with a special solar filter or by looking at the Sun's reflection.

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# My Aunt Haze

*A funny tribute to Hazel Switzer  
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I am always amazed at my aunt Haze,  
how her memory comes and goes.  
She remembers the old ways, the old folks, the old talk  
But if you ask for the time, she'll grin and say, "Fine.

Now where did I set my clock?"  
I am always amazed at my aunt Haze,  
how her memory comes and goes.

To paraphrase my Aunt Haze,  
she always speaks her mind.  
Though you might later rethink the asking,  
She'll tell you the truth, even when it's not couth,  
with little concern for the dressing.  
To paraphrase my Aunt Haze,  
She always speaks her mind.

Nowadays, my aunt Haze  
Is as active as ever she's been.  
At 88 years her mind is still sharp and able  
Though some say she's bossy, she prefers "saucy"  
Since she keeps everyone on their toes.  
Nowadays, my aunt Haze  
Is as saucy as she ever has been

My aunt Hazy is a little bit crazy,  
But don't tell her I told you so.  
She considers everything tickety boo.  
So instead, if you get the chance, ask her to dance,  
And she'll tell you some tales on her own.  
When my aunt Hazy asks if you're crazy,  
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# South Algonquin: The #1 Drone-Friendly Alternative

By Algonquin Accommodations

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*Adjacent to Algonquin Provincial Park, South Algonquin offers a compelling alternative for drone enthusiasts. With a good awareness of federal drone laws to consider, and landscapes as captivating as Algonquin Park's, visiting South Algonquin provides an opportunity to fly freely while capturing breathtaking footage.*

So, you want to fly a drone in Algonquin Park, eh? You're not alone & we're not here to judge. The allure of capturing the stunning landscapes of Ontario's provincial and national parks through the lens of a drone is undeniable.

Within the sprawling wilderness of Algonquin Provincial Park, including the adjacent and serene beauty of South Algonquin's landscapes, drone enthusiasts have a plethora of options to explore while visiting our area. However, navigating the legal and ethical guidelines for drone use in these areas requires a nuanced understanding of the regulations in place.

## Tips for an enjoyable drone experience

- Know whether you need a license to operate your drone. Transport Canada regulates the Drone Pilot licensing system. Their website is a great place to start.
- Stay informed: Always check the latest regulations from Transport Canada, specific park and municipal authorities before planning your drone flights. There are currently no bylaws prohibiting drone use in South Algonquin.
- Consider alternatives: Explore areas adjacent to protected parks, such as South Algonquin, where there are fewer restrictions.
- Respect the environment, animals and people: Avoid flying drones in areas where it could disturb wildlife or the tranquility enjoyed by residents and other visitors.

- Be discreet and be safe: If flying in less frequented areas, do so with minimal impact and be mindful of your surroundings to ensure your own safety. This is still the wilderness.

## Transport Canada Regulations

Transport Canada oversees drone laws across Canada including in Ontario, setting forth rules that ensure proper licensing, safety and privacy. These rules are designed to maintain the safety of both people and property, as well as the privacy and enjoyment of outdoor spaces by all. Transport Canada's regulations include maintaining line-of-sight with your drone, avoiding close proximity to people and private property, and steering clear of airports and restricted airspace. These rules form the basis of responsible drone operation across the country. Make sure you are aware of all the rules that apply to you and the location you plan to fly.

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## Park Regulations

In national parks, the use of drones is generally prohibited without explicit permission. This restriction is in place to protect wildlife and the visitor experience, with permits mainly granted for scientific or conservation-related activities.

Drone laws related to provincial parks (including Algonquin Provincial Park) can vary. A notable technicality is that flying a drone is not explicitly prohibited within Algonquin Provincial Park, but launching or landing one within the park is. This opens a potential gray area for drone operation, where one might theoretically launch and land from outside the park's boundaries to capture the natural beauty at the perimeter. However, you still need to be compliant with Transport Canada's rules. Considerations like the line-of-sight regulation from Transport Canada will impact your decisions. Make sure you do your homework so you can defend your decision should you be approached by a compliance officer.

## Where to Stay, Where to Film, When to Visit

For those looking to immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the area while enjoying drone flying, accommodations like the Dream Catcher Motel, Bellwood Inn, East Gate Motel, Rolling Rapids and the Wilderness Campground offer guests an opportunity to fly and capture the beauty of Algonquin Park right from your room. As an added bonus complimentary park passes and equipment rentals are included with every stay.

Attractions like Poverty Lake, Galeairy Lake, and the scenic vistas along the Old Rail Trail by the Madawaska River are prime spots for aerial photography. Utilizing bikes or canoes to access remote launch sites, especially along the Old Rail Trail, can significantly enhance your ability to

capture unique footage without encroaching on restricted areas.

All of South Algonquin's seven seasons provide outstanding and extraordinarily unique aerial views with both animate and inanimate subjects to film. Summer and leaf season are obvious choices for the depth of greenery and changing fall colours. It is quite nearly possible to film every day from September – November and see something different each day in terms of changing colours. We have seen some spectacular imagery during storms, although we urge anyone trying to make safety a first priority. For more ideas and some sample drone photographs from different seasons, see the article in this issue called The Other Seasons in South Algonquin.

While the desire to capture the majestic landscapes of Ontario's parks from the sky is strong, it's crucial to navigate this desire with respect for the law, the people and the natural environment. By understanding the regulations, considering ethical implications, and exploring drone-friendly alternatives like South Algonquin, enthusiasts can enjoy their hobby without compromising their access or the integrity of these cherished natural spaces. Remember, the goal is to fly responsibly, ensuring that our skies and parks remain safe and enjoyable for everyone.

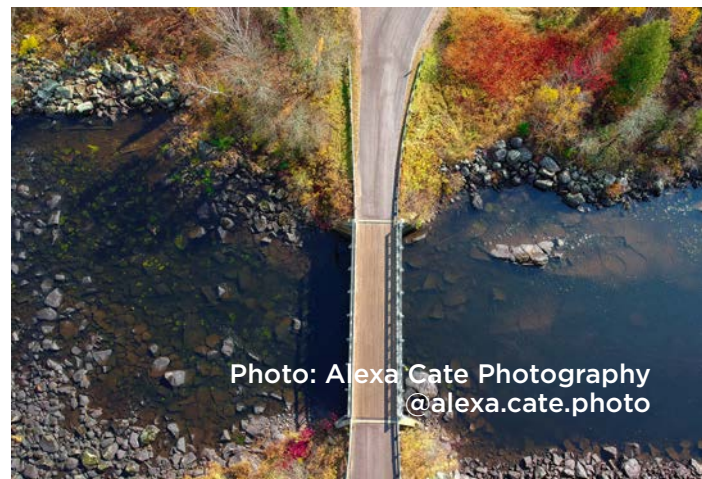


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# South Algonquin's "Sense-ational" Old Rail Trail

By Angela Pollak

Parents of sensory children know how difficult it can be to introduce kids to a new and different environment. Whether your challenge is a child with no boundaries or one that erupts in total meltdowns, thinking about how to ramp the excitement up or tone it down as necessary before you hit the trails will pay dividends. South Algonquin's Old Rail Trail (or any trail in Algonquin Park really) offers unique sensory experiences that enhance children's enjoyment of nature and deepen their connection to the environment. Remember to always prioritize safety and respect for the natural surroundings during your hike.

## Sight:

**Cloud Gazing:** Find a clear spot along the trail to lie down and watch the clouds drift by. Encourage children to observe the different shapes and patterns.

**Scenic Views:** Stop at viewpoints along the trail to admire the scenic vistas of the surrounding landscape, including trees, the Madawaska River, and even the detail in the gravel beneath your feet as you walk.

**Wildlife Watching:** Birds, squirrels, and butterflies are all easily spotted on a long or short walk. Bring binoculars or a magnifying glass to get a closer look at creatures in their natural habitat.

## Hearing:

**Birdsong:** Listen for bird calls as you hike along the trail. Bring a bird guidebook or use a bird identification app to help children identify the different bird species.

**Rustling Leaves:** As you walk through areas with dense foliage, listen to the sound of leaves rustling in the breeze. Encourage children to close their eyes and focus on the soothing sound. **Babbling water:** Stop by a stream or creek along the trail and listen to the sound of flowing water. Take a moment to sit by the water's edge and enjoy the calming atmosphere.



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**Touch:**

**Tree Bark Exploration:** Encourage children to touch the bark of different trees along the trail, noting the varying textures and patterns.

**Wildflower and Leaf Petals:** Allow children to gently touch leaves and petals of wildflowers growing along the trail. Note the differences in texture and color between different flower species.

**Mossy Rocks:** Find rocks covered in moss or lichen along the trail and encourage children to feel the soft, velvety texture of the moss. Point out the different colors and patterns of the moss and lichen.



**Taste:**

**Trailside Snacks:** Pack a picnic lunch or snack to enjoy at a scenic spot along the trail. Encourage children to savor the flavors of their food while surrounded by nature.

**Wild Herb Tea:** Bring along a thermos of hot water and some wild herb tea, such as mint or chamomile, to make a soothing herbal tea during your hike.



**Smell:**

**Forest Fragrances:** Take deep breaths and inhale the fresh, earthy scents of the forest. Encourage children to notice the different aromas of pine trees, wildflowers, and damp earth.

**Aromatic Plants:** Seek out aromatic plants such as wild mint or sage growing along the trail. Crush the leaves between your fingers and inhale the fragrant aroma.



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# BE BEAR AWARE

Did you know? There is 1 black bear for every 4km<sup>2</sup> in this region. North American black bears are smart, curious, powerful and potentially dangerous. **And they don't like surprises.** Be Bear Wise to avoid an encounter.

## BE PREPARED!

While you could encounter a black bear at any time of the day or night, bear attacks are **extremely rare**. A threatened black bear will give off warning signs to let you know you are too close. A black bear standing on its hind legs is not a sign of aggressive behaviour. The bear is trying to get a better look at you or catch your scent.

### A defensive or threatened bear will:

- Salivate excessively & exhale loudly
- Make huffing, moaning, clacking and popping sounds with its mouth, teeth and jaws
- Lower its head with its ears drawn back while facing you

Charge forward, and/or swat the ground with its paws (known as a 'bluff' charge)

### A predatory bear:

- Will approach silently
- May approach regardless of attempts to deter it with noise or throwing rocks

### If the bear attacks:

- Use bear spray
- Fight back with everything you have
- Do not play dead unless you are sure a mother bear is attacking in defence of her cubs

### Ontario Bear Wise Information:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise>

### Be Bear Aware Campaign

<https://bebearaware.org/>

## ALWAYS KEEP A CLEAN CAMPSITE!

1. Do not eat or feed pets in your tent.
2. Store anything with a scent – food, waste, soap, toothpaste, candles, perfume – in a locked vehicle when not in use, and take it with you when you leave your site.
3. Do not throw food waste in the woods.

## STOP. DO NOT PANIC. REMAIN CALM.

Generally, the noisier the bear is, the less dangerous it is, provided you do not approach it. The noise is meant to scare you off and acts as a warning signal.

- ✓ Keep the bear in sight, slowly back away & wait for it to leave.
- ✓ If the bear does not leave, throw objects, wave your arms and make noise with a whistle, car alarm or air horn.
- ✓ Prepare to use bear spray.
- ✓ If you are near a building or vehicle get inside.
- ✓ Drop any food you are carrying and slowly move away.
- ✓ If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Leave the area. The bear will come down when it feels safe.

## NEVER:

- ✗ Eat or store food or waste inside your tent
- ✗ Run, climb a tree or swim to escape
- ✗ Kneel down
- ✗ Make direct eye contact
- ✗ Approach the bear to get a better look
- ✗ Attempt to feed a bear

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# CAMPFIRE SAFETY GUIDE

Campfires are a Canadian right of passage enjoyed for recreation, warmth, cooking, and ceremonies. They also pose a risk for properties, people and entire communities. Read on to learn how to enjoy your campfire safely and within the rules.

## ARE THE CONDITIONS SAFE?

Start a campfire **only** if there is no fire ban **AND** you can answer **yes to all** these questions:

- ✓ Do you have permission of the property owner to have a campfire?
- ✓ Is the fire pit less than 1m in diameter (39") and less than 1m high, with a non-combustible ring (metal or rocks for example)?
- ✓ Is the fire pit at least 3m away from other flammable materials, including overhanging branches or vegetation?
- ✓ Can the fire burn safely from start to extinguishment?
- ✓ Is there a competent adult in charge of the fire at all times?
- ✓ Can you summon assistance if the fire gets out of control?
- ✓ Are you burning only "Class A" carbon based combustibles such as wood, paper, leaves (no plastic or other materials)?
- ✓ Is it during the prescribed time (no more than 2 hours before sunset, or later than 2 hours after sunrise)?
- ✓ Do you have enough water available to put the fire out with?

## EXTINGUISHING A FIRE -

### "DROWN-STIR-DROWN-FEEL"

1. Allow your campfire to burn completely to ashes.
2. Pour water on it to cool the ashes. Stir the ashes with water to make a 'mud pie'. When you think the fire is out, add more water.
3. Check with your hand just above the ash to sense if the ash is still hot. **DO NOT TOUCH** the ash or you might burn yourself!!! If you feel heat, add more water.

REMEMBER: If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!

## BURN FIRST AID

1. Remove any clothing and jewellery. Clothes hold in the heat and can make a burn worse.
2. Never use ice, butter, toothpaste or creams.
3. Apply 20 minutes of cool running water.
4. Cover with a clean cloth, gauze or bandages.
5. Seek medical advice if the skin is broken or the burn area is larger than a 25-cent piece.

## FOR YOUR SAFETY...

- ✗ NEVER use an accelerant to start a campfire
- ✗ NEVER leave a fire unattended, or kids/pets unattended with a fire
- ✗ NEVER leave your fire until you are CERTAIN it is out
- ✗ NEVER bury hot coals or ashes
- ✗ NEVER burn plastic, glass or metal
- ✗ NEVER horseplay around a campfire

## MORE INFORMATION? CHECK OUT THESE LINKS!



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Content approved by local fire chief 02/24

Ontario Forest Fire Map:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>

How to prevent forest fires

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-prevent-forest-fires>

Municipal Burn Rules:

[www.southalgonquin.ca](http://www.southalgonquin.ca)

ON Assoc. of Fire Chiefs – Campfire Safety

<https://www.oafc.on.ca/spring-summer-fire-safety-tips>

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# Congratulations to Krista Townsend

*“Krista is the winner of our Where’s the Mare 2023 contest”*



Krista and her husband  
Cliff Stroud

Although I’ve lived in Ontario and BC and camped in every province in Canada, my childhood was spent in Ontario lakecountry reminiscent of South Algonquin. Retreating to the forest, rock, and water environment of South Algonquin is as close as I get to the much loved landscape of my early years.

I love the communities in South Algonquin. We frequently use the services of Perry’s Pit Stop and that of his Uncle the previous owner. We also go frequently to the Whitney Fresh Mart and the Algonquin Outfitters store in town. My family started to come to Algonquin Park Rock Lake when the campground first opened in the 1960s.

I was born in 1967 and have been coming to Algonquin since I was three months old. We used to spend most summers there first in a tent and later in a truck camper. We started in May and ended in October. I was the youngest of four children and the only girl. Once we turned 12 we were expected to set up, tear down (within 15 minutes) and sleep in our own pup tents. I see film where I was learning to stand up with the help of my older brother 11 years my senior. We fished, hiked and waterskied on Rock Lake. My Dad would teach the cottagers and other campers to waterski if they were brave enough to try. It was a rite of passage to swim across the lake. We would go every night at dusk to the MacRae sawmill on Whitefish Lake to watch the bears.

I remember when the deer were so plentiful they came to the side of highway 60 to be pet and fed. I heard many wolves over the years from my tent. I also got snowed on many times. As an adult I am married to a retired military Navy Commander, we lived in BC for eight years. On our visits to Ontario, I visited Algonquin every time.

As an adult with a very stressful job, when I come to Algonquin all my problems disappear. It is home to me. I spend about 80 days per year in our trailer.

Many of the younger retirees spend from May to October going from camp site to camp site. Since Covid I walk 10 to 12 km along the highway each day. It is a magical place for me, rich in beauty.

Thank you so much for your magazine. I read it from cover to cover. I love to learn about the local people and see the photographs of them. My husband found a pile of your magazines at the Department of National Defence Carling building in Ottawa and thought I would like it. I am very glad he did!

**Krista Townsend**  
**Kemptville, Ontario**











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# The Wasmund Connection in Lyell

By Edward Lentz



My wife Josephine and I often went with her parents, John and Violet Lacombe, to the Wasmund reunion: a pot luck noon gathering which was held in the Ottawa Valley at a provincial park. Violet (nee Wasmund) was the daughter of Allen and Caroline (Trolley) Wasmund of Cross Lake in Lyell Township.

After Josephine's mother passed, we continued to attend these gatherings and eventually found new friends that we often met year after year. We met several of her second cousins and when we retired here in 1993 we became friends with Gilbert and Beth Trolley who were living in Bancroft. Gilbert's parents Wilfred and Bella (Wasmund) Trolley were last residents of the farm where we built our retirement home.

At the Wasmund Reunions we would always see Bert and his brother, Web Wasmund who always started a fire for boiling the corn that Bert would bring. When they started to have the reunions at the Tom and Mick Murray Park, I assisted to boil the corn. Bert and Birgit soon became close friends and always brought our maple syrup. His son Eric would fly home from B.C. to attend. Slowly we got to know Bert and his family as he gave us a booklet that he had written about his visit to Germany and his research about his ancestors and he asked everyone to help with their family tree. We became friends and when we moved to Ottawa we were invited to dinner with his family and representatives of Hatch industry, when he was inducted to the Order of Canada.



During the Pandemic he would phone me and I guess I knew he was not well. When he passed, and at the celebration of life in Bancroft that my son Donald and I attended in May of 2022, we were able to know the man and his humility.

I want to share his story with you. Also to let you know that his Grandfather, Horatio Albanas was one of the fourteen children of Theodor and Elizabeth Wasmund as were Allen and Benjamin Wasmund. Also, Allen Thom is son of Frank and Minnie (Wasmund) Thom. Frank Rogge, had some things in common with Frank Thom: they married sisters in 1890 at the Wasmund family home in Raglan Township and moved to Lyell but by 1921 Frank and Carrie were living in Madawaska. Wesley Brown of Cross Lake married Elizabeth Wasmund daughter of Ben and Christine (Trolley) Wasmund and had 7 girls. Oliver, Wesley's brother married Sarah Thom and lived in Lyell before moving to Pembroke. They were brothers of my grandmother Mary Emily Ward.





Wasmund Family Reunion was held second Sunday in August at Tom and Mick Murray Millennium Park on Bark Lake Until the Covid Pandemic of 2020

Dr. Bert Orland Wasmund

September 10, 1939 – Jan 30, 2022

Bert was the beloved son of the late Theodore and Esther ("Cooksey") Wasmund of Bancroft, Ontario and dear brother of Webster, Gurna (Audrey) and Sarah (Ernie) Prokop, all deceased. Bert is survived by his devoted spouse Birgit, children Eric (Beverley), Robert, Jeffrey and Douglas (Evelina), grandchildren Valerie, Heather, Kyle, Jackson, Clayton, Orianna, Joel, Pierce and Benaiah, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and relatives.

Bert's ancestors immigrated from Germany to the Ottawa Valley near Bancroft in the late 1850's, availing themselves of land grants that were being offered to new Canadians. Bert was raised on the family farm in Monteaigle, Ontario, where he excelled in learning in a one-room public school and received a thorough immersion in rural community living. He fondly remembered how neighbours co-operated with one another and attended to their needs when misfortunes occurred. Bert's family later moved to Bancroft where he attended North Hastings High School (1951-56) and also earned some solid business skills by assisting in the family's general store, the Wasmund General Store, which was located on Highway 62, just to the east of what is now Millenium Park on the York River. After graduating from high school, he worked for over a year in the metallurgical laboratory of nearby Bicroft Uranium Mines. Bert had strong mentors at Bicroft and they encouraged him to study Chemical Engineering at Queen's.

Upon obtaining his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1966, Dr. Wasmund joined Hatch Ltd., a small but dynamic engineering firm serving the mining and metallurgical industry. He soon became known for his solid technical skills and innovative approach for solving longstanding industrial problems. Most noteworthy was his 1973 invention of technology for protecting the walls of smelting furnaces using solid copper elements, which greatly enhanced their productivity, lifespan and energy efficiency. This patented technology was first used by the Falconbridge nickel-smelting complex in the Dominican Republic and later became the cornerstone of Hatch's thriving custom-design furnace business, with more than 200 installations worldwide.

In the 1970s and 80s, Bert Wasmund was recognized for his contributions to the environmental progress in the mining industry for his work in Sudbury's nickel district. He assisted the Falconbridge team in implementing a strategy to replace outdated blast furnaces with a new smelting process using electric furnaces and fluid-bed roasters, from which the SO<sub>2</sub> was converted to marketable acid. With a similar SO<sub>2</sub> abatement program at Inco, the air quality dramatically improved and the vexing acid-rain problem was virtually eliminated.

Bert Wasmund's numerous successful innovations have gained wide recognition and awards, including the Noranda Airey Award in 1998, induction into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame in 2011, the Ontario Professional Engineer's Gold Medal in 2012, and inclusion into the Order of Canada in 2018. Bert keenly followed his devoted mentors, intensely collaborated with his peers and colleagues and inspired his proteges to excel. Bert was himself a kind and generous mentor to many young engineers whose professional and personal accomplishments he supported and guided.

Throughout his successful academic and professional career, Bert never lost sight of how his ancestral roots shaped him as a person. He saw the transformative power of higher education to change people's lives. Bert felt deep gratitude and humility for all his many achievements.

The Wasmund Family Memorial Scholarship named to honour his parents, reflects those same values of his forebears, all of whom possessed a deep love of the North Country, valued hard work, and worked to provide more opportunities for those in their community.

A similar Wasmund Family Aboriginal Scholars Award was established in 2011 that provides funding for worthy Indigenous students to earn four-year degrees and achieve the highest level of academic accomplishment and achievement.

The Wasmund Family Memorial Scholarship and the Wasmund Family Aboriginal Scholars Award have supported over 100 students at Queen's since their inception.

Bert was a man of few words, profound beliefs, and wide knowledge. His commitment to his profession, his personal integrity and his incredible work ethic were legendary. Bert's many friends and family will miss his towering presence, his wisdom and his tenacity.

Bert will be laid to rest in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, near his grandfather Horatio Albanus Wasmund.

what readers are saying ...

I love South Algonquin because it becomes the setting of our annual womens' retreat for the week, following the weekend after the Labour day long weekend (you read right) !

And, what a setting!

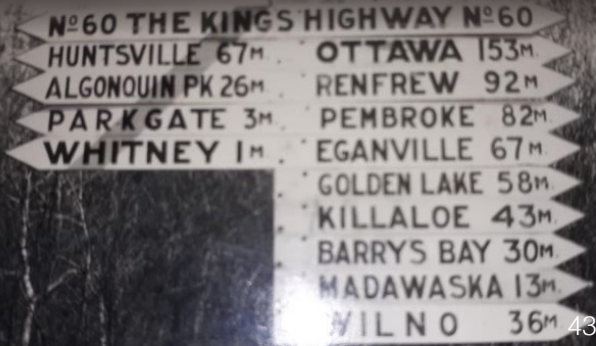
My sister, and her daughter, have neighbouring trailers situated by the Opeongo River and near Bark Lake. It is from this location that we spend time in (brrr!), on, and by, the water.

We wander - walk and quad, explore nearby village and town offerings, play games in the autumn sun or inside when a day cools. We share chores, meals, stories, and make memories (not always easy as time pursues us). Mostly we sleep soundly and wake refreshed! Such is South Algonquin life.

**Anne (Gould) Lockhart**  
Choiceland, SK

South Algonquin is a unique community with members like Steve Dunsford for continuously contributing towards the enrichment of local environment and conservation. South Algonquin is unique to have not one but all community members continuously working towards its conservation. I will be eagerly looking forward to hearing back from you. Cheers!

**Gauravi Saini**  
Brampton, ON





# The Art of Conversation

By Maurice Cameron  
Whitney, Ontario, Canada  
August 2023



I am sure as a young person there was talk that I wasn't supposed to hear.  
But they paid little attention as I was so small and dear.

Now there was crying, and then laughter and talking about the hereafter.  
Maybe a little swearing,  
But always more about caring.

There were stories that would make your hair stand on end.  
Then you didn't know if you should run away and hide or stay awhile and see what will abide.

As you heard the stories over and over, you knew some were made up. But that didn't matter.  
They were so much fun you still listened even above the chatter.

Oh I miss those days so much, now with most people keeping their phones so close... in touch

They are looking for some digital conversation far off in the universe,  
When there are people in front of them who would love to converse.

What ever happened to conversation?  
It seems to have left the nation.

With the invention of the cell phone and tablet.  
People seem to have picked up a different habit.

I grew up with family and friends sitting around the kitchen table.  
Everyone talked and laughed and told stories as they were able.

About old times and humorous mistakes,  
about people and lost loves and very bad looking birthday cakes.



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# So We Opened A Tavern...



When we started Camp Bongopix in May 2015 our first and only goal was to make a living by renting cabins. To make our guest experience unique we began organizing communal campfires for our overnight guests. At these campfires we enjoyed deep conversations, entertaining stories, jokes... and then local musicians from the neighbourhood began to drop in and share their musical talents by singing campfire songs on guitar. We were inspired and began to learn how to sing and play music. Little did we know, musical entertainment would become a central part of the Bongopix experience.

Between 2015 and 2019 our musical nights grew in popularity. Thanks to positive word of mouth, visitors staying at other accommodations in the area would wander over to experience the live music. More locals were attending. Our music room at the Tavern was too small to accommodate the size of the crowds we were attracting. Being enthusiastic entrepreneurs, we sensed a new opportunity, and in early 2019, we applied for a building permit and committed to expanding the live entertainment aspect of our business: convert the bottom level of the Tavern into a fully licensed bar.

By summer 2019, the construction of the bar was completed. If it wasn't for the pandemic which struck in March 2020, we would have opened Bongopix Tavern in July 2020. We adapted, and used the pandemic hiatus to refine our Tavern business plan, menu, and operations. The extra time to plan our bar business was a blessing in

disguise. When we opened in July 2022 we were ready. We were blown away by the support from locals, all of whom were ecstatic about having a local pub with live entertainment conveniently located in the neighbourhood. Of course, tourists to the area began discovering us and were receptive to having a new food, beverage, and entertainment option in South Algonquin.

As we begin our third year of operating a Tavern, the beat goes on! We have made significant investments to improve the quality of our instruments and sound system. Our countless hours of singing at campfires has allowed us to blossom into professional entertainers. Our employees can make charcuterie boards and panini sandwiches in record time. We now even have Big Rig draught beer on tap! What was initially a vision inspired by the culture of campfire music has transformed into South Algonquin's entertainment headquarters (live entertainment offered every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday night). The entrepreneurial spirit is alive in South Algonquin!

**-Bongo and Andrea**





# The Other Seasons in South Algonquin

By the South Algonquin Business Alliance



Everyone knows Canada's four seasons, and we're willing to bet that when you think of Algonquin you think of mostly two: summer and fall colours. But did you know that South Algonquin – Ontario's Hinterland region – actually experiences seven distinct weather and travel patterns throughout the year? Located just 250 km north of Toronto and west of Ottawa, quick weekend getaways are both easy and unforgettable travel experiences in every season - especially in the seasons you didn't know exist. Here is your guide for what to do in South Algonquin from November to May.

## Definitely Not Muskoka

Anyone who has braved Muskoka crowds will recognize right away that South Algonquin is the place to be if you're looking for the most sought-after vacation experience of all – authentic, quiet repose. Even on a busy day, you'll seldom experience a line up in our communities. From rustic adventures to tranquil, restorative retreats, not only will you not feel rushed or crowded, the crackling sound of the fire and the wind through the bare trees are better than any Spotify playlist for refreshing the soul, all year long.

## October to November – The Silver Encore

Like Easter eggs in the credits at the end of your favourite movie, South Algonquin's silver encore carries with it a thousand shades of grey, set against the backdrop of the rusty oak leaves and yellow tamaracks. Enjoy a strikingly different performance of colour remains, delighting your senses to the fullest.

Hike the trails of the **Spectacle Lake/Bear and Burnetts Mountain** system and stop at the Lookout to appreciate the beauty of the world you're wandering through. Or hike the Old Rail Trail which runs from Whitney all the way to Madawaska and beyond - over 40km of mostly flat groomed trail. Cross the trestle bridges in Whitney, Rapid Lake or Madawaska. Pass by the infamous turtle crossing - the section of trail that's closed to ATV's and Snowmobiles in spring to preserve the turtle breeding season. Wrap up your visit in **Algonquin Provincial Park** by walking the **Logging Museum Trail**, or take your camera along to **Beaver Pond Trail**.


**View wildlife** while you walk - keep an eye out for moose, deer, bears, and various bird species as they prepare for winter. **Fishing enthusiasts** can enjoy some late-season angling in the park's lakes and rivers. Species such as trout and bass can still be caught during this time. The waning fall colors provide excellent opportunities for **photography enthusiasts**, amateurs and professionals to capture the beauty of the disappearing leaves, wildlife, and landscapes.

## November to December – Winter Prelude

Just after the busier tourist season ends, and just before the snow falls in earnest, there is a season of almost total quiet. The animals are cozied up in their warm homes for the winter and have begun their rest, and the only noise in the forest is the hum of the wind. We take our cues from nature and look forward to slowing down, resting and restorative activities. We invite you to explore this season mindfully too!

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**While snowfall may begin in late November, early December can still offer opportunities for early winter hiking before trails become heavily covered.**

Enjoy the crisp air and changing scenery as you explore the trails in Algonquin Provincial Park or surrounding areas. As snow begins to accumulate, **snowshoeing** becomes a popular activity in South Algonquin. November and early December are excellent times for **wildlife observation** in South Algonquin.

With the transition to winter, animals such as moose, deer, and various bird species may be more active as they prepare for the colder months ahead, **leaving tracks** in the snow cover. **Photography** is an all-year-round sport in South Algonquin. Capture the beauty of the winter landscape with your camera. The snow-covered forests, frozen lakes, and wildlife against the backdrop of a winter wonderland provide endless opportunities for stunning photography.

## **December to March – Winter Wonderland**

The winter forest in South Algonquin is a distinctly monochromatic experience in greys, browns and white. Artists and photographers have long known the beauty of the winter months, and now you can enjoy it too!

December marks the beginning of the **winter meteor shower season**, with the Geminids, Ursids, and Quadrantids all happening in quick succession. Producing as many as 120+ multicolored meteors per hour, a cloudless night makes the Geminids the best meteor shower all year.

**Join the Christmas Bird Count (CBC)**, North America's longest-running Citizen Science project which takes place between December 14 and January 5. Alternately, the [\*\*Great Backyard Bird Count\*\*](#) is an annual four-day event in

February that engages bird enthusiasts of all ages around the world in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are. [Visit BirdsCanada.org](http://VisitBirdsCanada.org) to learn more and get started!

**Cross-country ski or snowshoe** down snow swept trails and amongst some of Canada's oldest and most majestic canopies. Rent an affordable pair of skis or snowshoes from Bongopix Outfitting or the East Gate Motel and hit the Old Rail Trail in town, or the award winning Leaf Lake ski trail in Algonquin. If you're not up for the thrill of **ice climbing** at McCauley Lake or along Algonquin Park's JR Booth trail, take a drive through the highway 60 corridor of Algonquin Park and be impressed by the massive ice walls along the roadside.



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Visit the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs - Snow Country Region 6 to discover where you can take a ride if you're looking for one-of-a-kind snowmobiling experiences. Visit South Algonquin's skating rinks, or pop into Mew Lake, during the February Festival of Outdoor Rinks. Pro tip: if you don't own skates, you can often find them second hand this time of year at your local thrift shop. Be sure to take them for sharpening before you leave home so they'll be in tip top shape.



### April and May – Ice Out

When the days start to get longer and the snow begins to melt, you'd be forgiven for thinking there's not much to do but wait for the forest to do its thing and turn green. But this transitional period in South Algonquin offers an extraordinary beauty unique in its own right, with all the quiet contemplation you've come to know and love, without the blackflies!

If you come in the early part of April, enjoy South Algonquin's world class maple syrup farms. Stop by for a leisurely stroll in the sugarbush at **Madawaska Maple Products**. Be sure to ask about their bee hives, and don't leave without a bottle of their Dark Amber grade. Or visit Carrick Brothers Maple syrup online and order their **Bourbon Barrel Aged maple syrup**. Incredible!

Book a quick weekend getaway with your beau or belle (they won't mind if you also bring your drone) and you can also experience first-hand the "other-worldly" top down view of South Algonquin's lakes as winter lets go its icy hold and the swirling waters start to warm.

### May and June – Spring Awakening

May and June provide excellent opportunities for land or water-based excursions as **fishing season** begins in earnest. Whether you're exploring **crown land camping, back country camping, or highway camping**, living outdoors this time of year can be a refreshing experience as the weather starts to warm up. Whether you prefer leisurely bike rides along groomed paths or more adventurous **mountain biking** trails, there's something for every cyclist to enjoy. Pitch a tent or stay in a cabin and enjoy the beauty of the natural surroundings without the summer crowds.

**Photography, hiking and wildlife** watching are all-year-long sports in South Algonquin, but especially fun in spring as forests come to life with budding trees and blooming wildflowers. Keep an eye out for **migratory birds** returning to the area to nest, as well as animals like moose, deer, and black bears emerging from hibernation. Try out the water-access-only **whitewater** of Opeongo Lake Provincial Park, or Upper Madawaska River Provincial Park.



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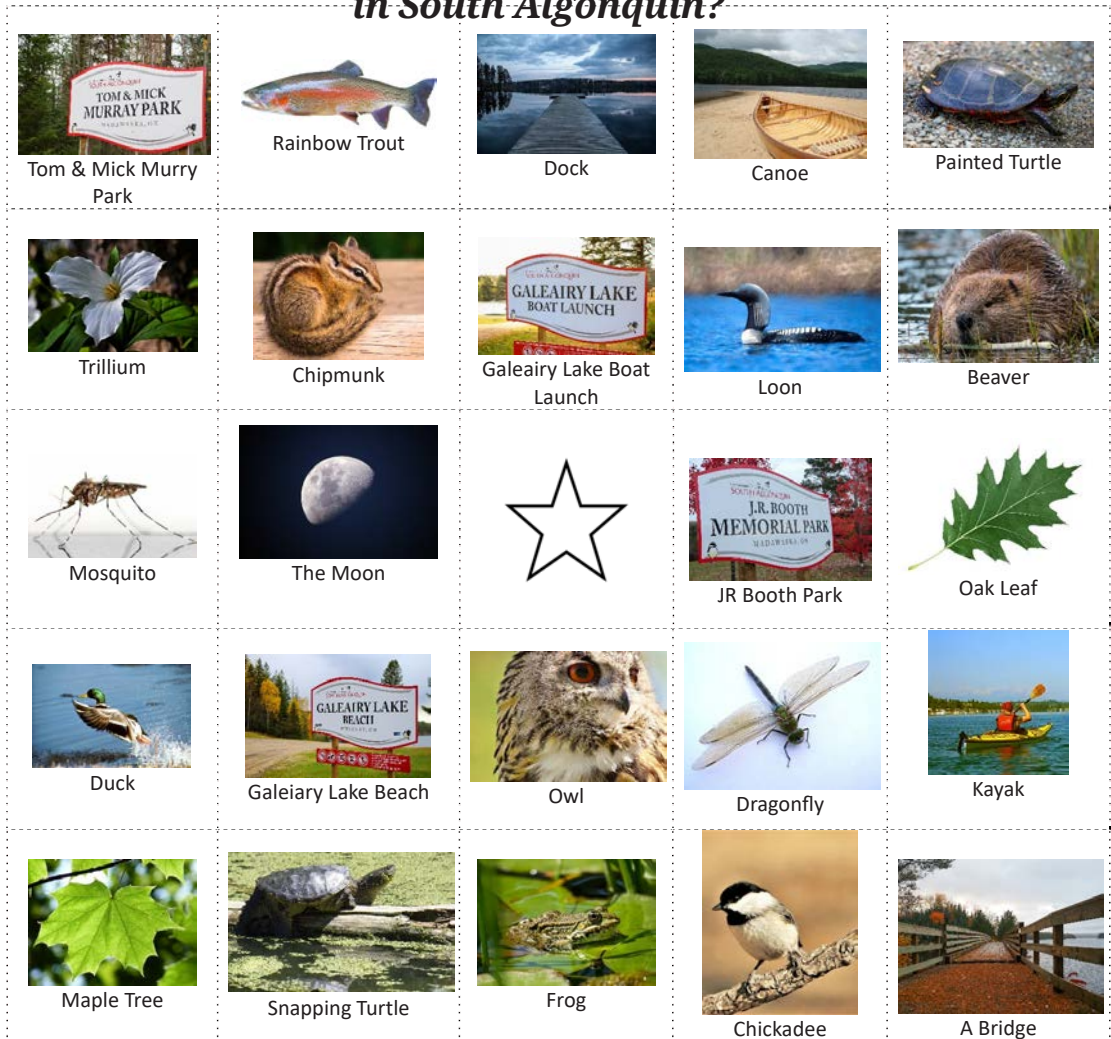
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# Nature Bingo

*How many of these items can you spot during your stay in South Algonquin?*



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Anyone who's been here before, knows that a stop at Opeongo Outfitters is a very special experience. So much more than just a place to buy things, you feel the nostalgia every single time you walk in the door, where four generations of our family have had the privilege to know and serve just as many generations of your families. Whether you're looking for gifts or gear, to purchase or rent, we're the last stop before heading east into the Park, and your last chance to browse or buy before you begin your adventure. We see so many familiar faces year over year, you may be surprised to know that we often don't need a computer to tell us who you are. If you've been here before, we are likely to remember you, and many times we know your family too. It's this type of connection that has kept us in business for so many years. And whether we know you or not, we are dedicated to making your experience in our village of Whitney and neighbouring Algonquin Park the best it can possibly be. But don't take our word for it, here are some testimonials from our 'extended' family...

Jimmy and his crew took amazing care of us. We had a group of 40 and the tents, canoes, and all camping items were perfect. Jimmy also went out of his way to provide us with water when a water advisory took place the afternoon of our arrival. Look no further for all your needs in Algonquin. Thanks Opeongo!- **Richard Annesley**

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makes you feel like a valued customer every time I visit.- HC

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I've been dealing with Opeongo Outfitters for many years and have had nothing but positive experiences. Being a canoe guide in the Park I've had the pleasure of purchasing as well as renting top rate gear. Taking the awesome cedarstrip water taxi on Lake Opeongo has always been an amazing worthwhile experience. After a canoe trip I always stop for a tasty cheeseburger and fries from the friendly cook in the chip stand beside the Outfitter.

Giving back to the community to me is a sign of truly great operation. That's exactly what Opeongo Outfitters, the Avery family and staff did in donating items to be raffled off in the "raise the roof" campaign. I was extremely lucky to win 1st. prize (a H20 kevlar canoe). Almost 10K was raised to go directly back into the community by this raffle. Hats off to everyone involved and thanks again for your efforts in support not only to the people in Whitney but visitors to Algonquin Park alike!

*Cheers and happy paddling, Richard Harris*

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# Loggers Loop

Come explore South Algonquin's premier multi-use trail system!



South Algonquin's Loggers Loop multi-use trail system (maintained and safety-patrolled by Renfrew County ATV Club volunteers) is a perfect place for abandoned rail line and logging roads travel, boreal forest scenery, Madawaska River whitewater viewing, and scenic lookouts. In total, this trail system is about 106 kms. in length, but need NOT all be completed.

**There are three sides to the Loggers Loop trail system:**

Whitney to Madawaska to Lake St. Peter to Whitney.

The Whitney to Madawaska section (pictured above at the 'Iron Bridge' crossing the Madawaska River just east of Whitney) is Easiest, and serves as a multi-use trail for off-road vehicles, mountain bikes, hikers, and even horses! The powerful 'Little Niagara' is part way along and, if you take the side trail just a bit south of Madawaska, you can also enjoy the breath-taking views of the Green Lake Twin Lookouts (Green Lake and the historic Murray Bros. Lumber Mill). From there, you can turn back to Whitney.

Or, for the much more adventurous, plan a full day to complete all three Loggers Loop trail sections.

**'Little Niagara's' rushing rapids. (Photo 1)**

Accommodations, Food, and Fuel are all available in all of Whitney, Madawaska, and Lake St. Peter. But remember that Whitney has the most choices; and that you'll have to detour a few minutes south off of the trail to actually reach Lake St. Peter.

**Lookout View of Green Lake (Photo 2)**

The OFATV Recreational Trail Guide is available at <https://quadon.evtrails.com/#> and trip planning questions can be e-mailed to [southalgonquin@renfrewcountyatv.ca](mailto:southalgonquin@renfrewcountyatv.ca). Please consider helping us out by purchasing a trail pass at [renfrewcountyatv.ca](https://renfrewcountyatv.ca)

**Lookout View of Murray Bros. Lumber Mill (Photo 3)**





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Registration and Breakfast (Included) 8 a.m. / Safety Briefing 9 a.m.

Guided or Independent 106 kms. Loggers Loop Poker Run OR

Shorter Beginners Poker Run

(All Rides include a scenic run along the beautiful Madawaska River old rail trail, a stop at Little Niagara, and the Green Lake Twin Lookout viewing.)



Registration Fees: Drivers - \$35 / Passengers - \$25

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