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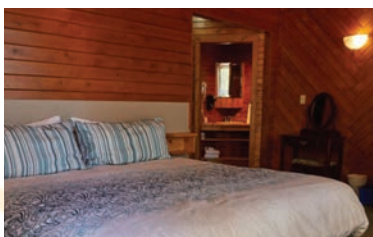
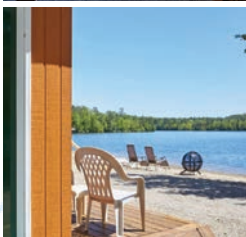


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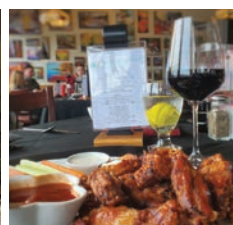


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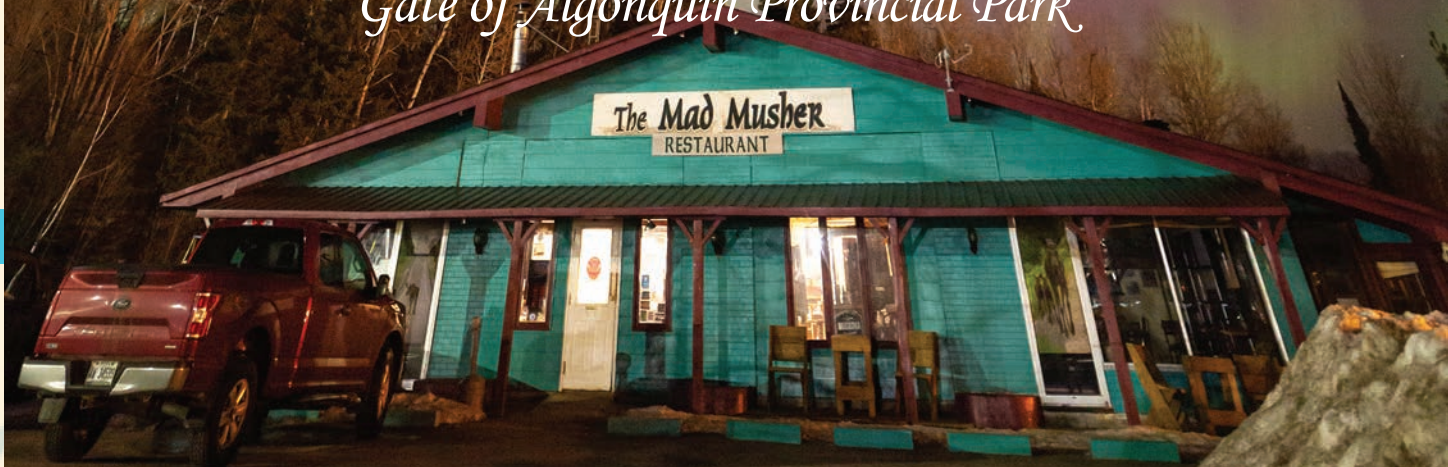


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One Fine Day is an annual community zine highlighting the best parts of living, working, and playing in the Township of South Algonquin.

We hope the content helps us get to know ourselves, each other, and our shared past, present and future better. Wildly imperfect, but also wildly beautiful and wildly fun, the content is written by the people, for the people. Many thanks to the volunteers who made this happen this year, including Deborah Alexander, Barney Baker, Steve Dunsford, Dave Bird, Gabriela Hairabedian, Edward Lentz, Loretta Neil, Kelly Martin, and Angela Pollak. Published in Whitney, Ontario, Canada by the South Algonquin Business Alliance (SABA).

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

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

We say “welcome back” because we know that for so many of you, our home is also your home away from home. Whether you're a traveller, a resident, a cottager, a camper, or someone visiting for the first time, South Algonquin is a place folks come back to year after year after year. And we're so glad you do!

We want you to know that your choice to visit South Algonquin matters to our operators, to our employees, to their families, and to our community a great deal. We are grateful for your smiles, your patronage and your enthusiasm. Your tourism dollars sustain us.

In this time of provincial, federal and international conversation about travel and trade, our every day local choices matter more than ever. Research shows that money spent in local ecosystems tends to stay local. Operators spend the money on taxes, grocery stores, daycare, restaurants and on other local services. Much of every dollar you spend in South Algonquin gets recycled through the South Algonquin economy multiple times before it leaves. When the system works ideally, it means stronger businesses and more choice when you return the following year.

When things are not ideal, your choices become our lifeline. Yet people from away often feel they don't deserve an opinion on local matters. The truth is your opinions do matter. In addition to your tourism

dollars, your participation helps connect us to other parts of the province and to new ideas and new technologies. It helps us steward an environment where folks who visit annually or occasionally say, “hey, I can see myself living here. I can see myself investing here!”

With more than a million vehicles passing through our communities every year – full of people with talents and skills and compassion enough to care – we need to widen the circle of voices and build longer tables not taller fences. Dear friends, there is much work ahead to create a thriving South Algonquin. Won't you pull up a chair and join us for conversations throughout the year?

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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 before December 31, 2025. Congratulations to Mr. Bob Walker from Cicero, New York. (The mare was under “Winter in the North” on page 41).



South Algonquin Business Directory

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what readers are saying ...

Dear South Algonquin Business
Alliance Team,

I am writing to inform you about
my participation in your recent
Spot the Mare competition. The
mare can be found on page 41,
under the section titled “Winter
in the North.”

I am from Barcelona. I have
always been captivated by the
beauty of Algonquin’s nature,
which inspired my visit.

Additionally, I wanted to
take a moment to express my
appreciation for Mr. Cameron’s
poem, “The Art of Conversation”.
I thoroughly enjoyed the poem
and would like to extend my
congratulations to Mr. Cameron
for his excellent work.

Thank you for your attention,
and I look forward to any updates
regarding the competition.

Best regards,
Gerard.

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South Algonquin: The Original Slow Tourism Destination

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In a world dominated by fast-paced itineraries and checklist vacations, slow tourism offers a refreshing alternative. It's about taking a step back, immersing yourself in the local culture, and appreciating the beauty of life at a leisurely pace. Instead of rushing from one destination to the next, slow tourism encourages travelers to linger, connect, and truly experience a place. It's not just a way of travel; it's a philosophy that celebrates mindfulness, sustainability, and meaningful connections with nature and communities.

Slow tourism is more than a way to travel—it's a lifestyle that prioritizes mindfulness, sustainability, and meaningful connections with the world around us. In contrast to the hurried pace of typical vacations, slow tourism encourages travelers to immerse themselves in a destination, savoring every moment and building authentic connections with local culture and nature. It's about quality over quantity, choosing depth instead of breadth, and making memories that last a lifetime.

The values of the slow tourism movement are rooted in:

Mindfulness: Taking the time to truly experience and appreciate the present moment, whether it's listening to the sounds of a forest, tasting local cuisine, or enjoying a quiet sunrise.

Sustainability: Traveling in a way that minimizes environmental impact and supports the preservation of natural and cultural heritage.

Authenticity: Seeking genuine connections with local communities and cultures, rather than curated, commercialized experiences.

Well-being: Embracing travel as a way to rejuvenate the mind and body, fostering a sense of peace and balance.

Community Support: Choosing local businesses, artisans, and services to ensure that tourism benefits the host community directly.

Top 10 Slow Tourism Experiences in South Algonquin
Nestled at the southern edge of Algonquin Park, South Algonquin is a sanctuary for those seeking simplicity and tranquility. Its pristine wilderness, small-town charm, and welcoming communities make it a haven for slow tourism enthusiasts. Unlike bustling tourist hotspots, South Algonquin invites visitors to step away from the frenzy and embrace the rhythm of nature. Whether you're paddling along serene waters or chatting with a local artisan, South Algonquin offers the perfect backdrop for slowing down and reconnecting with what matters most.

Here are the top 10 slow tourism experiences in South Algonquin that invite you to unwind and savor every moment:

1. Canoeing on Galeairy Lake – Explore the tranquil waters of Galeairy Lake, where the rhythm of your paddle sets the pace. Surrounded by lush forests, this serene experience is perfect for spotting wildlife and soaking in the natural beauty.

2. Hiking the Old Rail Trail – Take a leisurely hike along this trail to enjoy panoramic views of the forested landscape. Pause often to appreciate the vibrant flora and fauna and let the peaceful ambiance of nature envelop you. Enter the trail in Whitney or Madawaska.

3. Stargazing at one of four beaches – South Algonquin boasts some of the darkest skies in Ontario. Spend an evening marveling at constellations, planets, and the Milky Way in stunning clarity.



4. Visiting South Algonquin's Farmers' Market – Connect with local farmers and artisans while browsing fresh produce, handmade crafts, and baked goods. It's an opportunity to support the community and taste the flavors of the region.

5. Birdwatching in Whitney – Whitney's proximity to Algonquin Park makes it a hotspot for bird enthusiasts. Bring your binoculars and spend a quiet morning observing species like loons, woodpeckers, and warblers.

6. Relaxing in a Cabin – Unplug and unwind in a cozy cabin in the village or lakeside. With no schedule to follow, enjoy the simple pleasures of reading, journaling, or watching the sun set.

7. Guided Workshops at Wild Company – Join a local expert for a guided workshop in art, pond science or on a trail. Learn about the treasures of the forest while deepening your connection to the land.

8. Exploring the Madawaska River by Kayak – Paddle at your own pace along the gentle currents of the Madawaska River. The quiet waters provide the perfect setting to reflect and recharge.

9. Snowshoeing Through Frosty Forests – In the winter, South Algonquin transforms into a snowy wonderland. Strap on some snowshoes and trek through peaceful, frost-covered trails, where the only sound is the crunch of snow beneath your feet.

10. Enjoying Local Cuisine at a Slow Food Restaurant – Savor a meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients at one of South Algonquin's charming restaurants. Each bite tells a story of the region's rich culinary heritage and commitment to sustainability.

South Algonquin's tranquil atmosphere and abundance of nature make it an ideal destination to embrace slow tourism. Whether you're paddling through still waters or savoring a freshly baked pie from a local vendor, every experience invites you to slow down, connect, and create lasting memories.

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editor(s),

I just received my latest issue of your "One Fine Day" in South Algonquin Magazine. My good friend Steve Dunsford upon my request mailed me the magazine. I want to commend you and those who helped produce the magazine and offer my congratulations on an excellent job. Steve has sent me several copies of the magazine ever since you had it first published. It just keeps getting better every time I read it.

Hats off to your advertisers also who help support the publication with their ads. Your article/poem by Mr. Maurice Cameron was heart warming to say the least. You have a great talent in Mr. Cameron's poetry who reminds us of those good old days so many of us enjoyed and points out where we are today.

Have you ever considered having a Letter To The Editor column? This would offer you feed back on your magazine and give you an idea of your readership. I think the magazine has great potential not only for your community but for all of Canada.

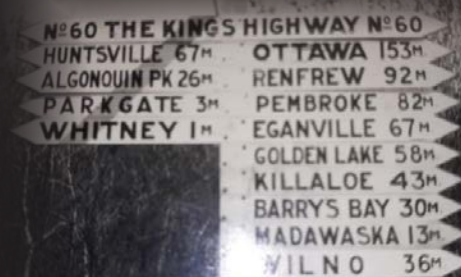
Thank you for offering your publication and I hope to see more of it in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. Bob Walker
Cicero, N.Y.

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The Night my Teetotaling Grannie Got Tipsy

By Maurice Cameron (2025)
Whitney, Ontario, Canada



It was a normal evening as evenings go
People mingling around, to and fro.
Relatives were talking and telling jokes.
And I know Grannie enjoyed all of this
As well as most of the folks.

She loved her children and spouses dearly
Whenever they came to visit yearly.
Now, my grannie did not condemn the use of
alcohol
But she preferred if it was kept out in the hall.

The punchbowl was the centre of attention that
night.
It was there for everyone's pleasure and delight.
Now, the gentlemen (my uncles) who made the
punch, were bold and brave
They knew in their hearts what everyone craved.

The makers of the punch were very generous with
the fruit.
They didn't stop to think it might make some people
toot.
That is only part of the effect of the punch,
Sometimes it sneaks up on a person after lunch.

It was my grannie's custom as she passed the punch
bowl by,
To snatch a piece of fruit or whatever caught her
eye.
Later on, she had a grin on her from ear to ear
Like someone who had tapped a barrel of beer.

I don't know what kind of a head she had the next
day,
Because try as we might, we could not get her to
come out and play

what readers are saying ...

My husband and I have been traveling to South Algonquin for over 37 years now. We enjoy stopping in Whitney. We routinely stop at the grocery store, gas station and Mad Musher. This recent visit had us check out the Farmers Market where we purchased baked treats and knitted items before a delicious meal at the Mad Musher. Such a great visit.

Thanks again,
Rhonda Perry

I am from Barcelona. I have always been captivated by the beauty of Algonquin's nature, which inspired my visit.

Additionally, I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation for Mr. Cameron's poem, "The Art of Conversation". I thoroughly enjoyed the poem and would like to extend my congratulations to Mr. Cameron for his excellent work.
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A Reflection on Snowmobiling, Volunteerism, and the Future of the Opeongo Snowbirds



By Leah Geddes

I moved to Barry's Bay in 1999 looking for something to occupy my time in the winter months. I reached out to the local snowmobile club to offer my help. Strangely, I didn't hear back for nearly two years—despite the fact that the club, like so many others across Ontario, was actively seeking volunteers. Eventually, I connected with the club, and I've been involved ever since.

Through my involvement with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), I discovered that my experience is part of a broader challenge faced by many clubs across the province. While there is a clear and growing need for new volunteers—especially younger ones—many clubs are still learning how to better welcome and integrate them. Longtime members bring valuable experience, old tricks and great stories but there is a growing recognition of importance of embracing fresh perspectives and new approaches to ensure the future of the sport.

My first season with the club was a memorable one. We had just received a new (well, new to us) trail groomer—a massive Pisten Bully ski hill groomer with 16-foot-wide tracks. We had to cut the tracks down to 10 feet and widen the trail system to accommodate it. Previously, we were using a Bombardier 100 with 8-foot-wide trails. That meant brushing over 160 km of trails with chainsaws, brush cutters, and clippers—just six of us working from September through November.

I was 52 at the time—the youngest member of the crew. The others, in their late 60s and 70s,

could outwork me any day of the week. Of that original crew, I believe only three are still with us: Tommy Bryce, Warwick Fortune, and Jack McClellan. Others, like Bill Wainwright, Pat Cybulski, and Albert Bratley, have passed on—but not without leaving their mark.

During those long days brushing trails, the “old timers” shared stories from the golden era of snowmobiling—of camaraderie, parties, euchre tournaments, and weekend rides. In those days, the Snowbirds had a clubhouse 10 km from Barry's Bay. It was the heart of the club's social life. But by the late 1990s, the clubhouse was sold and with it went much of the club's social fabric. Life got busier, and the club became less about connection and more about responsibility. Still, we never lost our pride in our trails.

We faced plenty of challenges. Groomers would break down constantly, and parts were hard to come by. I once borrowed an old Skidoo Alpine and a 4-foot drag from the Bonntrea Snowmobile Club and spent days grooming trails at -30°C.

I remember the legends of Broughten's Hill—deep in the bush northwest of Barry's Bay. A steep 40-degree incline that required the groomer operator to haul a steel cable up by hand, tie it off on a tree, and winch the groomer up. Stories of breakdowns and long, freezing walks out of the bush at -25°C in jeans and runners still stick with me. We had no reliable communication and no cell service—just blind faith, a lot of grit, and some stubborn optimism.

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Fortunately, things have improved. The Opeongo Snowbirds now operate a more reliable 5-year-old Piston Bully. We run a full grooming schedule, seven days a week, with double runs on two of them. But new challenges have emerged.

A few summers ago, our club nearly fell apart. The long-standing executive resigned due to frustration over limited support and political interference at the provincial level. An emergency meeting drew a disappointingly small crowd. But once word spread that the club might cease operations, something unexpected happened—new, younger volunteers stepped up. We now have a revitalized executive team and many key positions filled. Our trails are prepped and we’re optimistic about a successful season.

Still, we need more help. Several important roles remain vacant. My hope is that this new era of the club also brings a return to the social roots that once made the Snowbirds so special. Trailside bonfires, poker runs, weekend rides—these are the kinds of events that bring people together and build community. And with community comes more volunteers, more passion, and a stronger future.

To everyone who’s ever thought about getting involved—now’s the time. This club has a proud past and, with your help, an even brighter future.



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The Story Behind Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins

By Gabriela Hairabedian

I immigrated to Canada many years ago from Buenos Aires, Argentina. My husband is from Iran. I remember back in 2013 sitting in my office in Hamilton, dreaming how we could spend our summers surrounded by nature but at the same time make a living. I looked online and found a 100-year-old log home that needed lots of upgrades for sale. It was in Madawaska, a small rural town I never heard of.

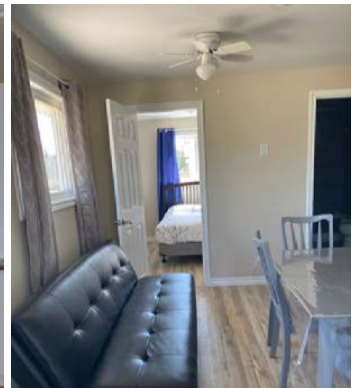
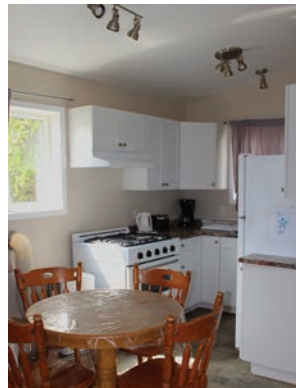
Madawaska is located on Highway 60 about half-way between the East Gate of Algonquin Park and Barry's Bay, which is a main shopping town in the area. It's a quiet central location that allows you to enjoy pristine beaches and nature. Algonquin Park is close enough to visit if desired, though it's very crowded on weekends.

My husband being an outdoor enthusiast, loved the idea of discovering that area. We bought the house in 2014, completely renovated it and started using it as a get away. For the next three years we went back and forth almost every weekend, year-round from Stoney Creek. We discovered the beauty of four seasons, hunting, fishing, ATVing, swimming, snowmobiling. It was beautiful year-round. It was the beginning of a dream.

In 2017 we decided to move to Madawaska for good. I started to work at home. I am a book keeper and I transferred my clients to work

online. It was something new at that moment and some clients hesitated, but it was a great decision. Now with COVID-19 I would probably be working in my basement anyway.

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FOUR SEASONS ALGONQUIN CABINS

It is a dream! I love the beauty of Madawaska's colourful fall, with so many scenic routes and trails. I love the green summers with canoe routes, boat launches, beaches for swimming. I love the spring with beautiful colourful singing birds, the relaxing sound of frogs in the creek at night while we sitting beside the fire, and the sound of ATV and dirt bikes riding along the trails! I love the different sounds of white winters, from the snowmobilers riding along the trail, to fishermen drilling with their augers and sitting on the ice to catch delicious fish, to adventurous ice climbers who visit South Algonquin to enjoy our spectacular cliffs that create natural ice walls.

I knew this was something I needed to share with

the world, so I opened Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins! We're right off the decommissioned Ottawa-Arnprior-Parry Sound railway, which is now an ATV and snowmobile trail that goes around Algonquin Park. Within walking distance to the Madawaska river, a beach and a boat launch, we are across the road from Algonquin Outfitters where you can rent canoes. We are also across from the Madawaska Store with a gas station, LCBO, seasonal take-out restaurant and a variety.

It has been the perfect location to settle down, build the cabins and enjoy a lifestyle we can't find anywhere else. We see many guests each year, and are able to greet them in English, Spanish and Persian! We are adding a fourth cabin soon!

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- Cigarettes
- LCBO - liquor and beer store
- Gas station

Tributes to Incredible People

AC Park's Baby



She lived here and then she left town. Raised Ozzy and Nicole, beautiful children. She's strong. She's resilient. She's determined. She's a fighter. She's an inspiration to all of us. She's celebrating her 74th turn around the sun this year. And those lucky to call her Aunt Bun are truly, truly blessed.

Hazel Switzer



Sometimes we call her Martha. Other times, she's simply Auntie.

At times, we find it hard to keep up with her – because she's always bustling about, adventurous on the road, assisting others.

For over 25 years, she has served as a volunteer driver for a home support program.

At 89 years young this year, she's slowing down just a tad... but you really have to look closely to notice it.

She has been a blessing to many – an incredible daughter, sister, wife and auntie.

She's strong.

She's spirited.

And you better ensure you're on the right side of the road when you cross paths with her.

We love you, Auntie

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Whitney Cabins, located 7 km from the east gate of Algonquin Park on Highway 60, offers travelers comfortable double occupancy accommodation (queen, two twins, or king bed).

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Whether you're looking to take a break from the ordinary, a quiet couples' retreat or a base for your outdoor adventure, our cabins provide the ideal escape to nature while still enjoying the comforts of a cozy cabin.

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Hosted by Quianna and Shannon Lynch,
honouring the legacy of our parents,
Linda and Phillip



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Tributes to Incredible People

A Roast to Our Friend “Bung”



On the occasion of his 73 birthday Local Legend. Full Time Menace. For a Certified Good Time, call Bung. Every town's got one, but none quite like ours. Truman “Bung”. Built like a brick outhouse, and still somehow acts like he's just out on bail from his teenage years.

If you know Bung, you've got a story. If you don't? Well, you haven't really lived here, have you?

He's been a poacher, a scrapper, very loud, a heartbreaker. Always ready with a filthy joke, and more charm than sense. Still living out here in the woods.

Top 5 Bung moments...

1. Once bartered a dead muskrat for two beer and a ride home.
2. Used a chainsaw to open a water melon
3. Fought a racoon in the middle of the night and won
4. Drove a lawnmower to a wedding wearing only suspenders and church socks
5. Made a turkey call using a wrench, a bootlace and an empty can of beer.



“Melissa”

There's something about Melissa that makes you exhale – like you've finally come home.

She's the kind of person who remembers birthdays, listens with both ears, and makes space for every voice at the table. Her laugh warms up a room. Her heart holds generations. She believes in people, in community, in family, and in loving out loud. She's grounded in wisdom that doesn't need to

Shout – she'll just smile and say, “It is what it is,” and somehow you'll believe that everything will be ok.

To know her is to feel seen. To love her is to feel lucky. Melissa is joy wrapped in soft fleece. And I get to call her my cousin.



RISE ABOVE GUEST HOUSE

Rise Above Guest House welcomes all to cycles of healing in connection with the Land.

We, Marilyn Zehr and Svinda Heinrichs, are partners of Rise Above Guest House. Our love for this part of the world drew us here and what the Land offers keeps us here and continues to inspire.

We offer off-grid Guest House and glamping accommodations, donkey visits; retreats and workshops; celebrations to mark special days of the year, such as the fall/spring equinox and winter/summer solstices; monthly Cathedral of the Trees - Wild Church gatherings; Guided Forest Therapy with Marilyn; and Shiatsu with Svinda.

Both of us, each in our own ways, experience healing from and with the Land, whether it's by walking in the forest, hanging out with the donkeys in the field, or sitting on a chair overlooking the southwest view. This is the place that "puts our pieces back together," and something we feel called to share with others.

From our March blog post: In light of the unravelling of business as usual in our world, we deliberately choose to deepen our relationship with our vision and mission that invites all who come here to connect with the healing cycles of the Land. We need this now more than ever.

We need the strength, courage, and fortitude provided by deep land connection. The Land provides so much abundance and we at Rise Above Guest House have always longed to share it....When we take our lead from our true nature aligned with the rest of nature this means for us living in relationship and reciprocity with gratitude for the abundance of the gifts of the earth, all she can teach us and all that she shares. In winter the generous maples teach us that dormancy and rest are essential to healthy living. Spring-time awakening happens slowly according to an alignment of inner and outer impulses. Energetic spring and summer seasons provide sweet sap, shade, wind breaks, and homes for other creatures. Autumn leaf farewell flashes brilliant red and then adds mulch and nutrients to the forest floor before once again entering a time of rest and dormancy.

Perched among the rolling hills of Hastings Highlands, we invite you to join us for the season that your heart, mind, and body need most in these times. Strengthening our relationships to land and each other will increase our overall strength, courage, and fortitude for times like these. Check us out at

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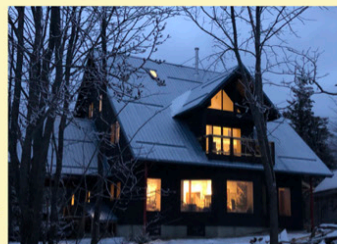


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Small Town Big Accomplishments

King's Coronation Medal

In 2023, the Canadian Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall established the coronation of King Charles III Medal Program to honour the King's Coronation. Thirty-thousand medals were minted and distributed to Canadians in recognition of valuable contributions to our country.

Approximately 1 in 75,000 Canadians received this honour, making it noteworthy that in a community of just 1000 people, we have the privilege of honouring not one but two recipients.

The South Algonquin Business Alliance congratulates and thanks you for your service!

- Jamie McRae, for contributions to the timber industry
- Angela Pollak, PhD, for contributions to accessibility and inclusivity



Song of our Hearts Algonquin

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One Fine Winter in South Algonquin



If you are looking for unique ideas to keep your little ones to stay active, look no further than winter in the Great Canadian Wilderness. Plan your visit around these all-ages outdoor activities and events across our region of Ontario, and make this winter one of fun for the whole family.



Photo by: Bongo Bongo



Small photos by John Pollak

South Algonquin across the seasons



Enjoy South Algonquin any time of the year at your own pace. Whether you're looking for a thrill or quiet, there are many free, almost free, and very affordable things to do no matter the season or weather. Here's your month-by-month list on our 4 seasons of Algonquin.

A whole other side to Algonquin Park!

December

- Catch the winter solstice on December 21, 2025 – the longest night of the year
- Feed the chickadees – “bring Niger (Nyjer) seeds for best results
- Photography in the winter – capture the ice on the rocks along highway 60, or the fog on the Madawaska River in Whitney or Madawaska
- Snowmobile season opens – ride the Top B trail, the RAP, or do the Logger's Loop
- Snowshoeing – rent gear at Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins or Algonquin Accommodations
- Tobogganing and then grab a hot chocolate at Camp Bongopix
- View the Geminids (December 13-14) or Ursids (December 21-22) Meteor Showers
- Walk the Old Rail Trail, starting in Whitney or Madawaska, as weather permits
- Watch for winter animals and tracks – big and small!
- Winter camping and campfires

Just outside the East Gate of Algonquin Provincial Park, discover South Algonquin, a diverse and unspoiled four-season wilderness destination where you'll find a less-travelled path into Canada's oldest provincial park, and avoid the crowds found closer to the West Gate.

Explore the headwaters of the mighty Madawaska River that flows along the borders of this beautiful region (all the way to Ottawa!) or venture onto one of the many quiet lakes found here, which offer both solitude and serenity.

Seek out unique accommodations – from waterfront resorts to off-the-grid camping and glamping – and immerse yourself in the incredible landscapes that are everywhere you turn.

Plan a guided trip with knowledgeable staff at outfitters located in Whitney and Madawaska, or join them for a guided trip into the woods. Discover what inspires the local artists at the Whitney Village Market, learn about the rich logging history of the area at J.R. Booth Park, explore the expansive trail systems that traverse the region, treat yourself to a homemade meal from any one of the locally-owned establishments here, and end your day with camera-in-hand while you enjoy some of the most spectacular dark sky viewing Ontario has to offer.



Photo by: Angela Pollak

January

- Enjoy winter discounts at many of our accommodators
- Feed the chickadees – “bring Niger (Nyjer) seeds for best results
- Ice fishing at Spectacle Lake Lodge
- Nordic/x-country skiing at the Leaf Lake Trail in Algonquin Park
- Outdoor Skating
- Photography – capture the birds in their natural winter habitats
- Quadrantids Meteor Shower (January 3-4)
- Sit under a starry night with a full moon or gaze at the new moon. Bring your camera.
- Snowmobiling on the Top B trail, the RAP, or do the Logger’s Loop
- Snowshoeing – rent gear at Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins or Algonquin Accommodations
- Tobogganing and then grab a hot chocolate at Camp Bongopix
- Watch for winter animals and tracks – big and small!
- Winter camping and campfires
- Winter hiking at Spectacle Lake Bear Mountain

February

- Enjoy winter discounts at many of our accommodators
- Family Day – 3rd Monday in February
- Feed the chickadees – bringer Niger seeds for best results
- Festival of Outdoor Rinks on Family Day weekend
- Groundhog Day – February 2
- Ice fishing at Spectacle Lake Lodge
- Outdoor Skating
- Participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count – Mid-February
- Photography – create unforgettable snowy

- images of frozen lakes and snow filled trees
- Sit under a starry night with a full moon or gaze at the new moon. Bring your camera.
- Snowmobiling on the Top B trail, the RAP, or do the Logger’s Loop
- Snowshoeing – rent gear at Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins or Algonquin Accommodations
- Stargazing
- Tobogganing and then grab a hot chocolate at Camp Bongopix
- Valentine’s Day – February 14
- Watch for winter animals and tracks – big and small!
- Watch for a solar eclipse in February 2026
- Winter camping and campfires
- Winter hiking at Spectacle Lake Bear Mountain

March

- Celebrate the Spring Equinox on March 20, 2026
- Enjoy winter discounts at many of our accommodators
- Feed the chickadees – “bring Niger (Nyjer) seeds for best results
- Last chance for winter sports like snowmobiling, tobogganing, snowshoeing
- March Break
- Photography – bring a friend and take images of ice and snow
- St. Patrick’s Day
- Stargazing
- Watch for winter animals and tracks – big and small!
- Watch a total lunar eclipse on March 3, 2026
- Winter camping and campfires
- Winter hiking at Spectacle Lake Bear Mountain

Photo by Dallas Penner



One Fine **Spring** in South Algonquin

Warmer days and more sunshine bring on the unmistakable signs of spring renewal. The sound of trickling water, the buds on the trees, and the earliest of seasonal forest flowers show their heads for the first time after a long slumber. If you've never seen the forest in spring, now is your chance. Listen to the hum as flights of dragonflies chase their final meal before your eyes. Or let the glowing dance of fireflies in the forest at night delight your senses as you warm yourself by the campfire.



One Fine Spring in South Algonquin

April

- Camping season starts (does it ever really end?) Enjoy a campfire!
- Easter weekend
- Hiking the Old Rail Trail, Spectacle Lake/ Bear Mountain Trails
- Ice-out – what day will it be?
- Lyrids Meteor Shower (April 22-23)
- Photography
- Plan an easter egg hunt
- Stargazing
- Watch for spring animals coming back to life, and their tracks in the dirt
- Watch for foliage and flowers to emerge in the woods



May

- ATV season opens
- ATVs
- Bicycle Riding
- Camping and campfires
- Enjoy a chilly dip in Galeairy Lake
- Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower (May 6-7)
- Enjoy Firefly season – the light show in the forest!
- Experience a blue moon on May 31, 2026
- Fishing
- Free fishing weekend on Mother's Day
- Hiking
- Hiking the Old Rail Trail, Spectacle Lake/ Bear Mountain Trails
- Mother's Day
- Photograph the budding forest coming back to life.
- Stargazing
- Victoria Day weekend
- Visit one or more of the waterfalls on the Old Rail Trail
- Watch for spring animals coming back to life, and their tracks in the dirt



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!

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.



Photos by: Four Corners Algonquin





One Fine **Summer** in South Algonquin



From cotton-candy sunsets at our beaches, to white water bubbling down rivers, massive ice walls on granite outcrops, and tree-lined emerald horizons across shimmering lakes, South Algonquin's secret places will tug at your heart long after you leave. Here's your definitive list of free and almost free things to do in South Algonquin, all through the year.

June

- June
- ATVs
- Bicycle Riding
- Camping and campfires
- Enjoy Firefly season – the light show in the forest!
- Experience the longest day of the year in South Algonquin (June 21)
- Father's Day
- Fishing
- Free fishing weekend on Father's Day weekend
- Hiking
- National Indigenous People's Day – June 21
- Photography – Try your hand at macrophotography, capturing images of little things up close
- Stargazing
- Swimming
- Watch for deer and moose along the Highway 60 corridor



Photo: Steve Dunsford

July

- ATVs
- Bicycle Riding
- Camping and campfires
- Canada Day
- Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower (July 28-29)
- Fishing
- Free fishing first week of July
- Healthy Parks, Healthy People Day (mid July) Free admission to Ontario Parks
- Hiking
- Logger's Day at the Logging Museum – July 26, 2025
- Photography – try to capture the Milky Way on your cell phone
- Stargazing
- Swimming
- Watch for deer and moose along the Highway 60 corridor



August

- Algonquins of Pikwakanagan Annual Pow-wow
- ATVs
- August 12, 2026, Total Solar Eclipse
- August 26, National Dog Day
- August 28, 2026 Partial Solar Eclipse
- Bicycle Riding
- Camping and campfires
- Civic Holiday
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Perseids Meteor Shower (August 12-13)
- Photography – try to capture a shooting star on your cell phone camera
- Stargazing
- Swimming
- Watch for deer and moose along the Highway 60 corridor

Stargazing



Algonquins of Pikwakanagan Annual Pow-wow



Each year Pikwakanagan welcomes hundreds of dancers, numerous drum groups and thousands of spectators to celebrate Algonquin culture at a traditional pow wow. It is held on the third weekend in August.

Visitors are attracted to the dance, songs, drumming and experiencing an Algonquin cultural tradition. There is also opportunity to view and purchase unique items from many vendors selling: jewelry, crafts, art, clothing, beadwork, leather purses, regalia, drums, CD's, dreamcatchers, moccasins and many other items. Another attraction is the variety of food vendors offering Indian Tacos, native foods and other treats.

www.algonquinsofpikwakanagan.com

One Fine Autumn in South Algonquin

September to October

From steady greens to vibrant reds, yellows and rusty browns, each leaf in the forest is an individual masterpiece of colour, and for a limited time each year, together they perform a symphony for the eyes. You don't want to miss the show!

Immerse Yourself In Nature

With over 800 square kilometers to explore, discover some of Ontario's greatest trails, darkest skies, and awe-inspiring spots to watch wildlife and enjoy the colours of Autumn.



Photo: Alexa Cate Photography



Is outdoor sport and recreation more your wheelhouse? South Algonquin's 800 km² region gives you access to more than a hundred kilometres of walking and hiking trails through Canadian Shield forests across all seasons. Located in ecoregion 5E, birds, moose, coyotes and more critters large and small find solace between trees that paint the soul with colour all year long: from rich hues of leaf-green, to evergreen, to the golds and reds of autumn, to a thousand dazzling shades of brown and grey, the forest of trees invite you to walk among them. Watch for upgrades to these trails over the next few seasons. We'll be widening the trails, re-grading them, and making them available for multi-use and multi-season.

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 45km of mostly flat groomed trail. Cross the trestle bridges in Whitney and at Rapid Lake. Pass by the infamous turtle crossing - the section of trail that's closed to ATV's and Snowmobilers to preserve the ability of turtles to reach the Madawaska River safely during 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.

There are so many trails to choose from that you can fill whole days with hiking if that's your wish. Discover loops that will connect you to multiple trails and pack a picnic lunch to enjoy along the way!



5th

ANNIVERSARY

One Fine Day is celebrating our 5th Anniversary in 2025. Happy Birthday to us! Send us a selfie holding all five copies of our zine and we'll enter you in a draw to win a South Algonquin T-shirt

Send entries to
zine@mysouthalgonquin.ca

September

- Camping and campfires
- Fall Colour season starts, mid-month
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation September 30
- Photography
- September Equinox (September 23, 2026)
- Stargazing
- Watch for deer and moose along the Highway 60 corridor
- Star Party at Four Corners Algonquin, September 5-7, 2025

October

- ATVs
- Bicycle Riding
- Camping and campfires
- Fall Colour peaks around Thanksgiving
- Fishing
- Hiking
- October 21, 22, Orionids Meteor Shower
- October 7, Draconids Meteor Shower
- Photography
- Pog Lake Halloween Event - last weekend in October
- Stargazing
- Swimming
- Thanksgiving weekend
- Watch for deer and moose along the Highway 60 corridor

November

- ATVs
- Bicycle Riding
- Fishing
- Hiking
- HOWL Photography Convention in Whitney
- Leonids Meteor Shower November 17-18
- Photography
- Stargazing
- Taurids Meteor Shower November 4-5
- Watch for deer and moose along the Highway 60 corridor
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UPCOMING STAR PARTIES at Four Corners Algonquin
SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2025 – Get up close and personal with the MOON!!

Family Day week, 2026 – See the Epsilon-Virginids and alpha-Centaurids meteor showers, and learn about FIREBALLS!!



SOUTH ALGONQUIN TRAILS

A Place Where Memories are Made

Story and photos by Shawn Hamilton / Clixphoto.com

After visiting Algonquin Provincial Park on many occasions over the years, camping and canoeing with my husband and children, biking, hiking and photographing the fall colors, I have always dreamt about how wonderful it would be to experience its beauty from the saddle on a horse.

While chatting with a friend a few years ago they mentioned South Algonquin Trails, a horseback riding facility situated in the South end of the park, offering trail riding services throughout its scenic paths. Out of curiosity I took the drive to check it out and am so glad I did.

It was a busy day. The morning horse camp was about to start, hay was arriving and trailers were pulling in to unload their own horses in the well equipped campsites provided for overnight stays with horses and their owners. Perusing the brochure in the front office it was obvious to me that this place was no small deal. Rides can be booked for one hour to a full day and those wishing to stay longer to ride over several days can stay in one of their cozy cabins, live in the woods by a lake at The Eco Lodge, where the horses come and get you in the morning and drop you off after your ride, or combine your horse experience with some self pampering at the nearby Nomi Spa.

I grabbed my riding helmet from the car. Helmets are provided if you do not have one, and my guide Jocelyn led me to Avery, a cute little Appaloosa mare. We mounted up and headed into the woods. For the next three hours Avery took me through the forest, crossed bridges and creeks and after stopping for a snack at Gut Rapids, where the York River water gushes through the rocks over High Falls and into a small lake, we followed a different trail back to the ranch. It was a beautiful afternoon spent in the saddle.

Later that year, in the fall, my friend Anne trailered her horses up to South Algonquin Trails for the day and invited me to join her and her friend Adam. Jocelyn joined us and lucky for me Avery was available. It was a perfect fall day, the leaves were peaking with color, the breeze just enough to keep the bugs away

and cool enough for the horses to be comfortable. We rode to the lookout for some incredible colourful vistas.

I have returned to South Algonquin Trails many times after that, including taking my grand nieces and nephew for their first ever ride. They were able to experience the pony picnic ride where family members can walk along side as the riders make their way to a small falls, a perfect place for a picnic, or as some have done, popped the question. This is a lovely ride for beginners, the children loved it and they have already signed up for summer horse camp for this year.

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Tammy Donaldson, owner of South Algonquin Trails, opened the facility in 1999, beginning with horse camps and trail rides. Over the years it has grown, now boasting many horses and ponies, three overnight sleeping cabins and thirteen horse friendly campsites, one with electrical hook up. The campsites are equipped with a fire pit, picnic table, shavings fork and wheel barrel, each with its own outhouse and a 100 gallon water tank for the horses filled by the staff. Horse owners can enjoy the trails on their own mounts at their desired pace or hire a guide to show them around, those without horses wanting to join their horsey friends can lease a horse as I did. Horse camps are available to participants of all ages and one can sign up for a half day or many day camp. Rides are flexible from one hour to full days and their special overnight package called “Come Stay With Us” features three hours of horse back riding each day, accommodations and meals with an available upgrade meal package to enjoy at Nomi Spa.

In the coming seasons I am looking forward to many more rides at the facility including a few of their upcoming events, a natural horsemanship clinic with Jason Irwin on August 2nd and 3rd, focusing on obstacles and liberty work, a Poker Run on May 17th and a Ride for the Cure on September 27th.

Details for these events can be found on their website at <https://southalgonquintrails.com/>.

South Algonquin Trails is a laid back facility that caters to all types of horse enthusiasts, from those who have never touched a horse before to those who want an adventurous experience from the saddle in one of Canada’s most prestigious provincial parks. I hope to see you there this season, until then, Happy Trails!



Enjoy South Algonquin Your Way

Trying to figure out how South Algonquin fits your preferred way of travel? Take this handy quiz to learn more about how to maximize your experience while you're here.

1. When you think about traveling, what's most important to you?

- A) Seeing as much as possible in a short time; I thrive on staying busy and ticking off every item.
- B) Having a well-rounded experience that balances adventure and relaxation; I prefer a balance between scheduled activities and downtime.
- C) Feeling recharged and connected to the place and its people; I'd rather take my time, even if it means seeing fewer things.

2. When choosing an activity, which of these appeals to you most?

- a) Snowmobiling, a thrilling boat ride, or a high-energy outdoor adventure on foot.
- b) A guided walk with an inclusive experience that caters to all needs, including accessibility options.
- c) Visiting local galleries, trails, or peaceful outdoor settings where I can take my time.

3. When it comes to meals while traveling:

- A) I grab whatever is quick and convenient.
- B) I try local dishes when possible but don't spend too much time on meals.
- C) I seek out local, seasonal food and savor the experience.

4. What's your dream vacation setting?

- A) Surrounded by people with lots to see and do.
- B) A mix of developed areas and natural spaces.
- C) A quiet destination surrounded by nature and local charm.

5. Do you enjoy connecting with locals while traveling?

- A) Not particularly—I focus on the sights and activities.
- B) Occasionally—it's nice to chat with locals if the opportunity arises.
- C) Yes, I value authentic connections and learning about local culture.

6. How do you prefer to start your day while traveling?

- A) Hitting a popular attraction or thrilling adventure early to beat the crowds.
- B) I enjoy a quiet start, exploring a local café or wandering through the area at my own pace.
- C) I like to take my time and ease into the day, relaxing by a lake or enjoying a leisurely walk in nature.

7. Which of these is your idea of a perfect afternoon traveling?

- a) Adventuring through rugged terrain, feeling the wind in my face.
- b) Visiting a local farm, community market or cultural event that offers something for everyone.
- c) Taking a leisurely walk along a quiet trail or relaxing by a peaceful lake, allowing time for reflection.

8. How do you prefer to spend your evenings on vacation?

- a) Engaging in a lively evening activity, maybe a local event or meeting new people around a campfire.
- b) Enjoying an accessible local restaurant or attending a community event.
- c) Relaxing by the fire or under the stars, enjoying the quiet of the evening.





9. How do you like to engage with nature?

- a) I'm in it for the adrenaline – challenging trails, speed, or kayaking along the river are my jam.
- b) I prefer organized activities that allow everyone to explore nature at their own comfortable pace.
- c) I enjoy slow, quiet, contemplative moments in nature, like sitting by a stream or breathing in fresh air.

10. How do you feel about outdoor activities during the winter months?

- a) I'm up for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling or a winter hike in the fresh snow.
- b) I'd love a winter festival with activities suitable for all ages and abilities, including warm indoor spaces.
- c) I prefer to experience winter beauty and wildlife from the porch with a hot drink in hand.

Results:

Mostly A's: The Adventurer

You thrive on an adrenaline, excitement, and purpose-driven travel style that prioritizes efficiency and adventure. You're all about fast-paced activities, challenging terrains, lots of choice and heart-racing adventures, one-of-a-kind Instagram pictures and stories to take home with you. South Algonquin's rugged wilderness is your playground. Try these thrilling experiences to satisfy your need for speed:

- Whitewater kayaking or paddling on the Madawaska River.
- Mountain biking or ATV trails.
- Nighttime stargazing after an action-packed day.

Mostly B's: The Inclusive Explorer

You may enjoy savoring local food and spending time outdoors, while also appreciating organized experiences that allow a wide range of people to explore together and independently within an organized travel itinerary that balances quality with quantity of experiences. You enjoy venturing into nature and trying new things but prefer to stay within your comfort zone. Try South Algonquin's mix of relaxed and approachable activities to balance adventure with relaxation:

- Hiking the Old Rail Trail for stunning views.
- Visiting the South Algonquin Farmers' Market to sample local goods.
- Renting a cozy cabin for the perfect balance of exploration and comfort.

Mostly C's: The Slow Traveler

You value meaningful experiences, local connections, and the chance to truly unwind most of all. You love to take things slow, enjoying the tranquility of nature and culture, and time for personal reflection. You appreciate leisurely hikes, quiet moments by the water, and spending time connecting with yourself and the environment. To maximize mindfulness, connection, and taking things at a relaxed pace, focus on South Algonquin's serene escapes.

- Canoeing on Galeairy Lake for a peaceful, immersive nature experience.
- Joining a workshop.
- Savoring a farm-to-table meal at a local restaurant.





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BE BEAR AWARE

Did you know? There is 1 black bear for every 4km² 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:

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Maynooth has long been a favorite (vital) stop for travelers to stock up on supplies for their trips. Back in the early 1900s, the rail line ran through here, connecting Bancroft to Whitney and stopping in Maynooth. Today the Hastings Heritage Trail is a 156 km, multi-use path, perfect for walking, hiking, biking, horseback riding, ATVing, and snowmobiling. The trail winds through stunning rock cuts, woods, and sand pits, with many signs guiding you straight to Maynooth. Whether you're here to fuel up, grab fishing bait, or pick up snacks, you'll be ready to head out to the many nearby lakes and rivers. It's no wonder that so many people claim to have found the perfect fishing spot near Maynooth (but will never reveal where, keeping it for their next visit!)

Maynooth is home to a wonderful variety of cultural, collectible, and local artistry shops. Once you step inside your first store, you'll know you're in for a day full of exploring! From new and repurposed clothing, antiques, collectibles, coffee, and jewelry to baked goods and one-of-a-kind treasures, there's something for everyone.

There's even a shop for hot tubs and water toys!

After shopping, take a break and treat yourself to some of the finest food and drinks at one of the local eateries. If you find the day slipping away, book a room and keep the experience going the next day.

Maynooth also has all the essentials, including a pharmacy, grocery store, and LCBO, perfect for picking up camping or cottage supplies.

And don't miss the local library! Free WiFi, an awesome collection, programming and more. They have a Wigwam inside! Many visitors are surprised by this hidden gem, and it has been heard many times that a spot like this would be hard to find even in the city!

From Victoria Day Weekend to Thanksgiving Weekend, you can visit the Saturday morning Market, with up to 40 local vendors offering fresh produce, handmade goods and more. It's a great place to meet the friendly folks of Maynooth!

Maynooth is a must-visit destination on your adventures. Many travelers have passed through, and many a person has stopped, and made our Maynooth their Maynooth.



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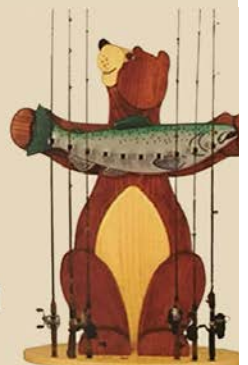
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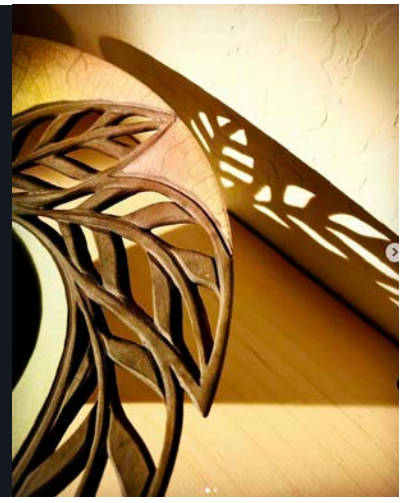
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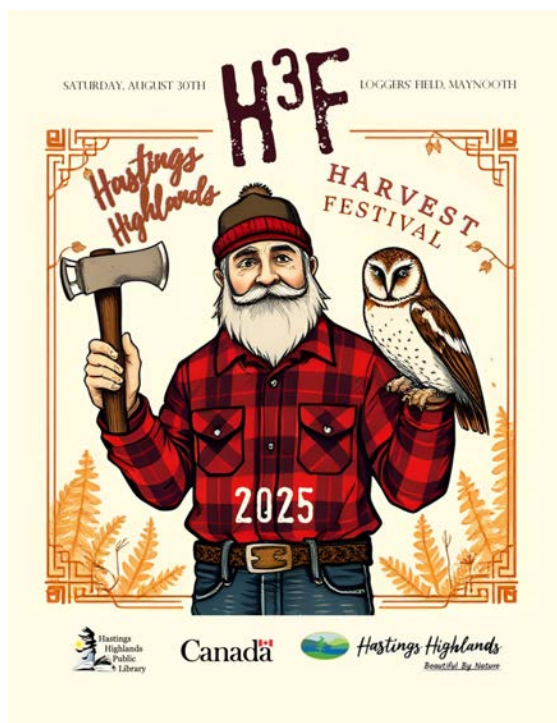


New for 2025, **Creative By Nature** is a marketplace, fair and fun venue designed to celebrate the creativity, craftsmanship, and artistic spirit of the Hastings Highlands region and beyond. This one-day event will bring together independent makers, artists, and performers, offering the public a chance to explore original fine art, ceramics, textiles, jewelry, wood-working, natural products, and live performances in the lovely town of Maynooth.

Set in a beautiful, accessible outdoor venue near Maynooth's main street, the event will be free to the public and will offer ample parking, a selection of local food vendors, and on-site facilities—ensuring a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all. Whether you're an art enthusiast, a collector, or simply looking for a day of inspiration and fun, **Creative By Nature** invites you to celebrate the beauty of handcrafted works and the makers behind them.

A collective of artists and makers are organizing this event that will be hosted by the Municipality of Hastings Highlands and the Hastings Highlands Public Library with funding from the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario @FedDevOntario.

For more information contact: eventscoordinator@hastingshighlands.ca

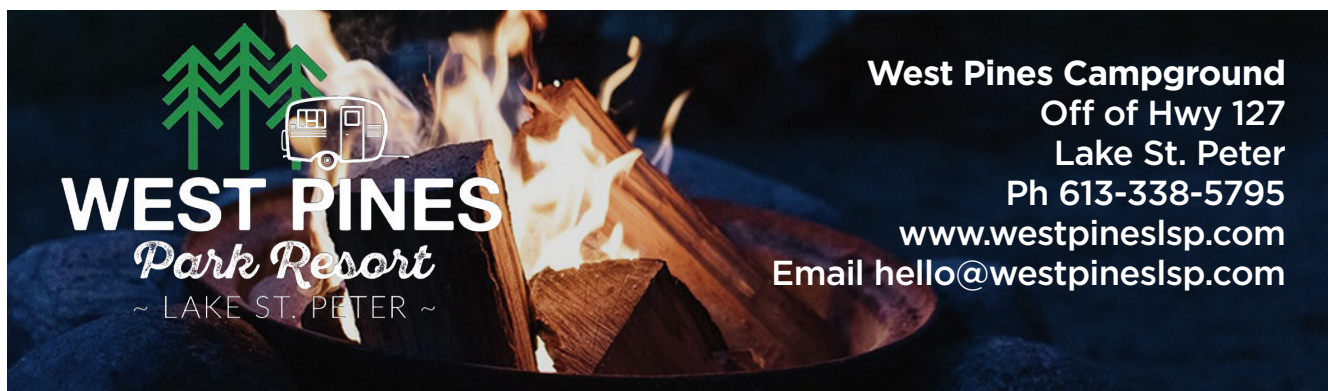


Labour Day weekend has always been a time for fun Hastings Highlands. Maynooth was home to the Loggers Games, Mud Dawgs and Maynooth Madness. 2025 marks the return of Labour Day festivities in Maynooth with the **Hastings Highlands Harvest Festival (H3F)**. Brought to you by the Municipality of Hastings Highlands and Hastings Highlands Public Library with funding from the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario @FedDevOntario, H3F will be a fun day of celebration in Maynooth.

With a nod to our history, we will welcome **The Great Canadian Lumberjack Show** to the Loggers' Field. An AXEtion packed show! The Great Canadian Lumberjacks bring an exciting family friendly show with disciplines like axe throwing, chainsaw carving, wood chopping, and cross-cut sawing all while keeping the crowd laughing.

Also in the field **The Eyrie** will deliver live, up-close, free-flight demonstrations with birds of prey. There's nothing quite like seeing a hawk or eagle in person. It leaves a lasting impression that inspires a lifetime of curiosity and a desire to learn.

Just down the hill you can visit the Maynooth Morning Market or wander the main street and enjoy local shops and restaurants.



Nature Walk

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

SCAVENGER HUNT



spider web



fallen tree



two sticks alike



feather



wildflower



animal tracks



pine cone



interesting rock



puddle



moss



wild berries



bird



colourful leaf



chipmunk



mushroom



squirrel



fish



hiking trail



**drift
wood**



Photo: Janet Christie

Not Bad for a Motely Crew of Volunteers!

Ever wondered what the South Algonquin Business Alliance does? We are a non-profit organization dedicated to the following work in our community:

- 1) Building the community through investment in ideas, industry and people;
- 2) Bringing community members together to support economic development through an asset-based approach
- 3) Strengthening relationships and connecting with resources;
- 4) Advocating, communicating, educating and informing the community;
- 5) To champion South Algonquin as a great place to live, work and play, and such other complementary purposes not inconsistent with the aforementioned objectives.

FUN FACTS:

- We have almost 100 folks on our mailing list (join at www.mysouthalgonquin.ca)
- We have >70% open rate on our newsletter
- We are inclusive – membership fees are not a barrier to participating!

Since 2018, we have accomplished a lot!

- Secured a place for TOURISM as one of THREE vital industries in our region. Tourism had never been formally recognized as an industry previously.
- Secured seats at the Economic Development Committee for 5 members of the public
- Published 5 issues of One Fine Day
- Rehabilitated almost 50km of trails
- Helped push nearly \$2,000,000 out into local businesses for accessibility upgrades
- Created awareness and social media campaigns to raise the profile of our community as a destination
- Contributed to numerous local events and functions and fundraising efforts.

SABA is working hard, but we have a lot of work still to do to give all of our community an opportunity thrive. More is yet to be done with the next Municipal election on the horizon in 2026.

If you'd like to know more about why we need to advocate, or how you can help, consider joining

- the South Algonquin Politics Facebook page where we duke out the details regularly
- our mailing list at www.mysouthalgonquin.ca to stay informed

The one thing we need more of is a tourist voice and presence in our conversations to shape the services we provide to you, our valued guests. Won't you join us?



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South Algonquin

**SOUTH ALGONQUIN
BUSINESS ALLIANCE**



Thom, Lentz & Buder Story

Story by By Edward Lentz

The Thom farm on Lots 4,5 Con. VI Lyell Township was much like the Buder Farm away from the main road. Frank & Minnie (Wasmund) Thom would build their log homestead by a creek on a flat area of land near Hay Bay on Bark Lake. They were married at the Wasmund homestead in Palmer Rapids as was their friends Frank & Carrie (Wasmund) Rogge in 1890. By the 1891 census they were living in Raglan Township with one son Robert age 6 months. They were living on Lot 26 Con. XIII beside Herman Lentz and the Roggies. It is likely he came at about the same time as Urban Brown in 1896. By the 1901 census they were at Cross Lake in Lyell and by 1911 census they had five children William, Sarah Anne, Frank, Minnie and Allen.

"The youngest son Allen would marry Janet Campbell in 1923 and they settled on lot 14 con. XIII. His brother Frank married Alice Budarick and settled on lot 15 Con. XII and XIII. Allen later bought lot 15 Con. XIII from his brother. Allen built a business Red Deer Lodge beside the bridge that crossed Moore's Creek and had six children: Beatrice, Kenny, James, Tommy, Clarence, and Lawrence."

"The old Thom homestead sat vacant for many years and locals would pick blackberries in this field, which was known as Bobby Thom's place. It was accessed via a path along the hemlock creek from Cross Lake Community. After his father died in 1933, it's likely that Robert lived here with his Mother Minnie until her death in 1954." Her brother Allan Wasmund had settled first at lots 10 ,11 in Con. V in the Cross Lake community. His family moved to Lots 12,13 , beside Allen Thom but was expropriated by the Hydro in 1942. He then purchased Adolph Lentz home.

Edward Lentz became interested in the property and inquired about the taxes owing and paid the taxes so it would not become crown land and planted the fields with pines. He kept one of hewn Timbers from the homestead. Unfortunately he didn't realize until it was too late that you needed a deed and didn't inquire about the registration as it was still in Frank Thom name.

Beatrice Thom would marry Gordon Bresnahan and have Louise, Percy, Gordie, Margaret and Elizabeth. Her brother Kenny, who never married, was a truck driver for Murray's and James married Phyllis Brown of Cross Lake and their son Aurel still lives where his parents,

lived across the creek from where his father was raised."



Beatrice Thom with hunters at the lodge

It's interesting to note that Herman Lentz's two sons, William (Bill) , and Adolph would move to Lyell in 1921 and Adolph would marry the oldest of August Buder children, Ester. She owned a motorcycle with sidecar that Adolph would ride in. Adolph built two story home beside his brother's place that was the James Bresnahan farmhouse. He worked for Murray's but in 1942 sold his farmhouse and farm to Allan Wasmund.



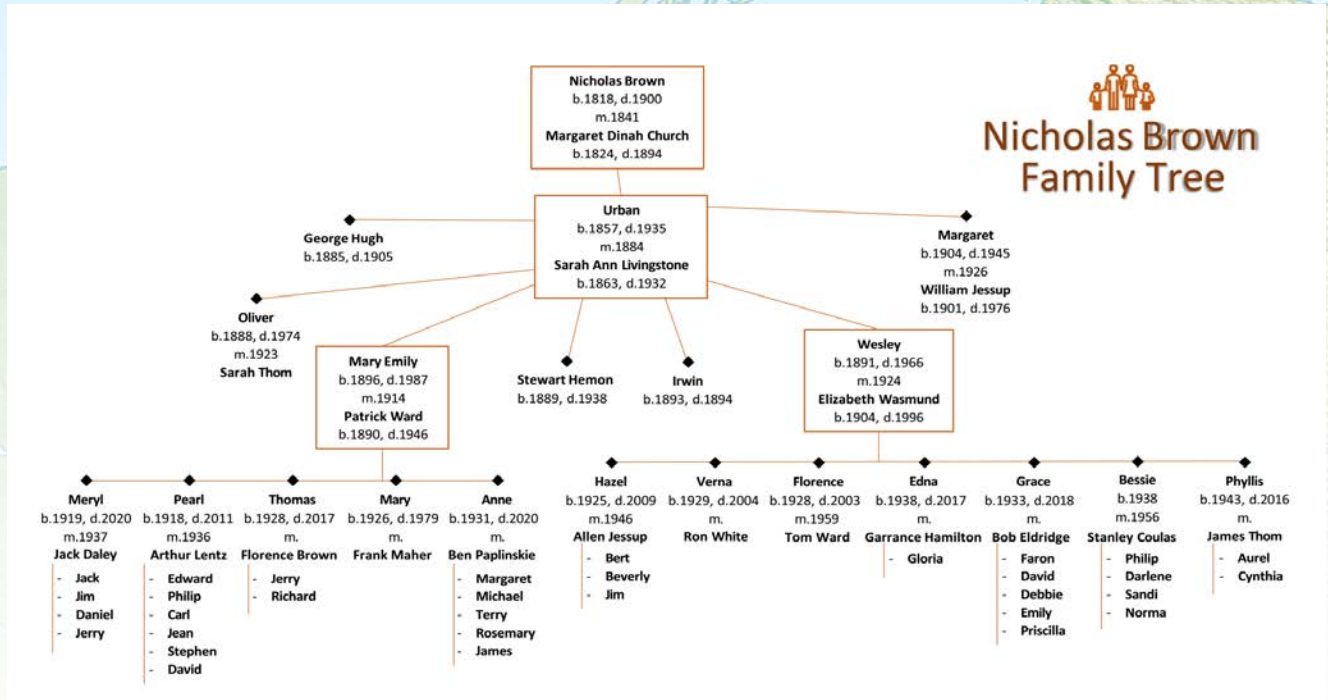
(L) Adolph Lentz (R) Wesley Buder

Wesley Buder moved to Peterborough to work but returned with his wife, Mary and worked for Murray's as their mechanic all his life. Marlene, one of their daughters, still lives in her parents home.

Oliver Brown married Sarah (Sadie) Thom and his sister Margaret was her bridesmaid.



History of the Cross Lake Road



Above photo: Ruth, Anne (mother), Alma
Right; Their brother Lorne, who drowned in 1955



William Lentz and his wife Anne (Brohart) with Irene who spent her whole life on the family farm. Shirley her sister never married but Irene married twice. Irene Spence (1936-2023.)



Cross Lake 2025

Story By Edward Lentz

Ontario road maps show Cross Lake village on Highway 523 but no road signage exists. Prior to 1956 it was the Cross Lake Road and connected Cross Lake to the town of Madawaska. Historically it was the settlement Road from Hastings border into Lyell Township in the District of Nipissing that had eventually reached Madawaska in Murchison Township. On the map the deeded properties can be followed along this route which shows the location of the road before and after the flooding of Bark Lake in 1942. Early 1900's the Buder Road was more gradual than the steeper big hill route.

Before Murray Brothers came in 1929 the centre of the community was the school house built in 1912 on Urban Brown's property. The four farms in concessions IV and V where the road turns to go between the concessions became the Cross Lake Community with a lumber mill, general store, a church and the schoolhouse. Three Jessup pioneer families, especially the two Joseph Jessup families, played a role in developing the Cross Lake village.

In 1922, Joseph James Jessup and his family from Letterkenny purchased lots 13 and 14 Conc. IV from lumberman, J.S.L. McRae. This property and the Patrick Ward property had shoreline on Cross Lake (Lyell Lake). Murray Brothers purchased all the Ward shoreline for the mill and the North End of Lot 13 and 14 of the Jessup property for the lumber yards and 5 employee families. After 1950, John Davis, a newcomer, bought the property where the mill and lumber yards were and built their cottage on the big rock. Wesley Buder purchased Tommy Murray's home and the Mumma family bought Casey Murray's home.

In 1923, Joe's son William (Bill) Jessup married Urban Brown's daughter Margaret. They settled in a small house on the corner of Urban's property across the road from her sister, Mary Emily Ward.

Photo Right - The Joseph (Joe) and Hannah (Smallpiece) Jessup Family: Herb, William (Bill), Robert (Bob), Walter, Tom, Jemima, Mary, Percy and Albert





Photo; Melvin and Jean Jessup Family

In 1932, Herb and Doris Jessup took over the family farm and looked after his aging parents and raised their children, Hazel, Phyllis, Melvin and Leona here. Melvin and Jean (Lentz) Jessup married and started their family in Peterborough, then purchased the farm in 1971 and built their house and raised their family here. In November 2024, they celebrated their 60th wedding Anniversary. They're two of four descendants of pioneer families still living in the area. Randy Jessup, Mel's cousin moved beside him and worked for MTO in Bancroft. they had three children Ami, Cory & Andrew. Later he would become councillor for the Township of South Algonquin. Over the years, this family farm has been severed to include 7 cottages and five homes.

Bob Jessup married Vera Helmer and they moved to the farm that Edward (Ned) Jessup had vacated. Ned's son Wesley Jessup married his cousin Mary Jessup, Bob's sister and moved too. Bob and Vera were second generation farmers and they had three boys and one girl. Later, Leeburn their oldest built a log house on the old foundation and a large barn for horses. Sid Bradley from the George Lake Hunt Club bought this farm as well three others in the area including the Bill Lentz 300 acre farm. Recently, Sid Bradley sold all his properties and they were severed and sold in separate parcels.

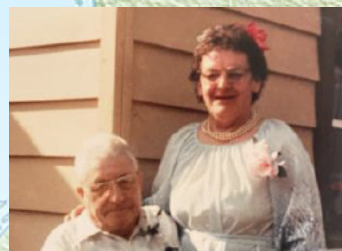
Tom Jessup married Marjorie Hilderbrandt and lived on his parents property and had Mervyn, Shirley, Marlene, Brian, Calvin and Miles. They lived in Madawaska but they moved.



Photo; Herb and Doris Jessup Family



Jack & Marion Jessup



Allen Jessup & Hazel Brown

In 1936 the other Joseph Wright Jessup, nephew of the first Joseph Jessup, married Clara Acton and went out west and returned to purchase lots 11 and 12 Conc. IV, the farm of Urban and Sarah (Livingston) Brown after his death in 1935. Locals in the area called him Western Joe. They built a two storey house and used Urban's Log home as a granary. Of their family Jack and Marion (Chaddock) Jessup would eventually inherit the farm and raise Rose, Alice and Neil here. The small home at the corner of the property that Bill and Margaret (Brown) Jessup lived in when they married in 1923, became home to the senior Joe and Clara Jessup and then Harold and Howard. Their brother Bill married Ianeth Hilderbrandt. When Rose Jessup retired from the Bancroft High School's secretary she built her home closer to the highway. She's the third living descendant's resident of pioneers. Neil her brother had one of the cottages on the north end of Cross Lake (Lyell). Apparently he's planning on retiring here as well.

Allen Jessup, Jack's brother married Hazel Brown, daughter of Wesley Brown and Elizabeth Wasmund who had moved from his first home near his brother's log home on Georges Lake to buy the property that Allen Wasmund had pioneered first which was across the road from his parents farm and beside the Ward Farm. Allen built their home beside her parents house and they had three children Beverly, Bert and Jimmy. Jimmy still lives in his grandparents homestead and married Charlotte Allen and lives off the land cutting firewood. Beverly married Denis Hannah and lived on Art Lentz property before marrying Murray Hardie, an upholster, who built a new home on the Ward property. Jimmy is the fourth resident living today from early pioneer families.

Edith Jessup married her second cousin Walter in 1937 and had two boys and two girls. They lived in John Cybulskie's house but later built a new home across the road from Rosemary and Peter William's.

Hazel's sister Bessie married Stanley Coulas, a truck driver for Murray's, and they built a house beside Hazel. Philip, their son and his sisters may own lots on the property of his Grandparents.

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Cross Lake 2025

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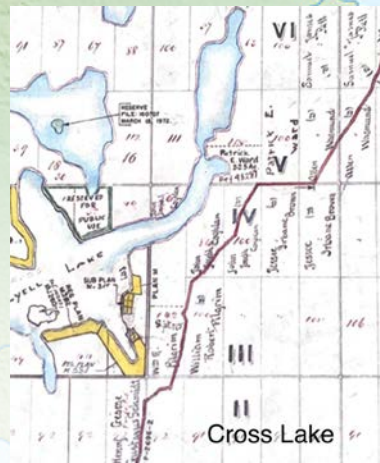
Patrick & Mary Emily Ward & Arthur and Pearl Lentz with families.

I would be remiss at not showing my own connection to this small Cross Lake village where I was born, grew up, and eventually retired to in 1993. My maternal grandparents were the Ward family who settled in the area in 1912. My parent's, Arthur Lentz and Pearl (nee Ward), lived across the road from the school and operated a small grocery store that was closer to the road. We had an icehouse with no roof, and we sold ice cream during the time Murray's Lumber had their mill in the area.

We had a stable with a cow, pigs, and chickens. My mother had a garden with apple trees in the yard. In the summer, I started working in the mill cookery with my father as cookie. Later, I started a market garden with my brother, and we would sell the produce weekly in Madawaska. I must admit I tried being a chef, but it didn't turn out well, so I went into teaching. I married Josephine Lacombe, a local girl, and we moved to Ottawa to start our careers and raised our family. After a 35-year career as an educator, I retired and moved back to Cross Lake as my parents had done in 1982. In 1993, my wife and I became farmers, harvesting the sap and producing maple syrup. We volunteered and attended to our garden and sold the produce at the local farmer's market. In late 2016 we moved back to Ottawa to a condo with a beautiful view of the Ottawa River. During the warmer months, we always returned to the area and stayed in a trailer overlooking the Madawaska River. Sadly, in March, 2021, I lost my wife, my soul mate, and the love of my life. I still return to the area, which I call home, during the warmer months but seek refuge in Ottawa during the winter.

The heritage map below shows the original deeded properties and shows cottages on the southeastern part of the Cross Lake shore. It doesn't show all the early settlers that occupied properties in the area but does illustrate how the village evolved and changed over time. They say that rural villages only export is their children.

The three lots that my wife and I owned in Conc. VI now has five owners showing the importance of severance in growing a township.



The Cross Lake landscape has changed over the past century. The early settlers progressed slowly, relying on each other for assistance and social support, and went on to establish a school and church that became the heart of the village.

When Murray's lumber mill opened, it became a vibrant and thriving village. After the mill closed and moved to Madawaska, the village returned to more humble beginnings and eventually the local school and church closed. Although it is no longer the thriving village it once was, it is still a thriving community where the spirit and soul of the original villagers remain. Cross Lake is a recreational paradise and remains home for many including some descendants of the original Brown, Jessup, Buder and Thom settlers. Its story is not unlike other villages with the memories of its ancestors slowly fading over time with new memories being made for the newer generations.

I'm more than willing to share information about the area and help families to explore the area around Madawaska. Also, your local library does have information about early families and local history. Local areas of interest are: Bark Lake, Tom & Mick Murray Millennium Park, Moore's Chutes, Booth Memorial Park, The Rail Trail, The Madawaska River Park, hiking trails near Spectacle Lake and highway 60 at all trails, Opeongo River Park and Green Lake Lookout. Visit the Tom and Mick Murray Millennium Park to see the newley installed storyboards highlightong the history of the area.

Cross Lake has a municipal boat launch as well as Bark Lake and in Madawaska you can launch your boat behind the ball field to cruise the Madawaska River. People launch their canoes near Highway 523 to explore Moore's Creek to the chutes.

Many locals know how to access the Rail Trail via the Highway 60 #27100 to see the chutes and little Niagara on the Madawaska River. You can see where a shingle mill was located near L'Amble Creek on the wagon road that went to Pearly Farm on Long (Galeairy) Lake.



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