

# THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK



## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF ENHANCING EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION!

In this year, 2023, The Friends of Algonquin Park is pleased to celebrate its 40th Anniversary as a registered charity.

From the beginning in 1983 The Friends of Algonquin Park has been dedicated to furthering educational and interpretive programs, in Algonquin Park. We do this through research, the development and delivery of programs, workshops, and events, and the production of educational materials.

Along with the commitments of our members, volunteers, donors and partners, The Friends is able to continue to foster an appreciation for Algonquin Park. Each



year we commit to supporting many new projects and improve on existing programs that enhance Park visitors' enjoyment. As you read this newsletter, you will see most of our recent accomplishments.

We sincerely thank all of our supporters!

For anybody who would like to be part of this group, visit The Friends of Algonquin Park at [www.algonquinpark.on.ca](http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca) or email [friends@algonquinpark.on.ca](mailto:friends@algonquinpark.on.ca)

### CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of The Friends of Algonquin Park, I am honored to be sharing the information in this newsletter with you. I know that you too have a strong connection to, and interest in, all that is Algonquin Park.

I have no doubt that you will quickly conclude that the development and maintenance of the many projects, publications and programs undertaken each year by this organization is impressive to say the least! The continued work of The Friends of Algonquin Park has made valuable contributions to Park visitors' experiences in Algonquin Park for the last 40 years! The Friends of Algonquin Park website is a vital point of reference for Park visitors and the bookstores at the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum offer a wide range of Algonquin-related publications, from scientific and technical books to stories about Park history and significant people who have lived and worked in Algonquin Park.

The Visitor Centre and the Algonquin Logging Museum are "not to be missed", as part of your Algonquin visit. The Friends staff and volunteers happily greet and assist all visitors at these world class facilities. Visitation to these two spectacular attractions increases every year with the visitation in the hundreds of thousands annually.

The Friends of Algonquin Park work cooperatively with Ontario Parks and continues to collaborate with all the Algonquin Park community groups to develop new and improved interpretive exhibits in Algonquin Park for you, our Park visitors. We have our members, volunteers, partners, and donors to thank for another successful year. Thank you for supporting the work we are passionate about, in the place we love, Algonquin Park.

Kim Smith - Chair



Appealing to both the curious beginner and the experienced enthusiast, our Experience Algonquin workshops offer a broad range of Algonquin Park-related courses. We bring expert instructors from communities within

and around Algonquin Park to share their passion and expertise on a variety of recreational and natural history topics. As a participant, you will work closely with instructors in a small group setting, taking home new skills and knowledge, as well as field guides and tools needed to pursue your interest further.

Workshops are open to members of The Friends of Algonquin Park. Non-members may purchase a membership upon registration. Space is limited and advance paid registration is required for all workshops. To register, contact Laura Finney at (613) 637-2828 ext. 236.

Welcome • Willkommen • 歓迎  
Join a bilingual German- or Japanese-speaking Naturalist who can help you get the most out of your Algonquin Park visit.

For more information, download program details from [www.algonquinpark.on.ca](http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca), send an email inquiry to [education@algonquinpark.on.ca](mailto:education@algonquinpark.on.ca), or call the Group Education Coordinator at (249) 700-0015.



### GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAM

If you are a teacher or education professional, The Friends of Algonquin Park can offer you creative and fun learning opportunities! We are pleased to continue to offer school, youth, and adult groups a wide variety of educational programs. Over 70 Algonquin-themed programs are available in half-day, full-day, evening and overnight formats. A special itinerary can be tailored to your group's interests and needs.



Algonquin Park Webcam >



Watch Algonquin Park during any season. Choose from either live streaming video, panorama, or archived images of the view from the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre, courtesy of **The Friends of Algonquin Park** in partnership with **EarthCam**. See it at [www.algonquinpark.on.ca](http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca)



## CELEBRATING ALGONQUIN PARK



On September 10th, ticket holders enjoyed an evening viewing the beauty of Algonquin Park captured by photographers and presenters who share a passion for this special place. This evening included door prizes, a silent auction, refreshments and presentations by Brent Patterson and Roy MacGregor.



## MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY

The Friends of Algonquin Park and Algonquin Wildlife Research Station, in collaboration with Ontario Parks and the Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research held Meet the Researcher Day on Thursday, July 28th at the East Beach Picnic Pavillion. Park visitors came to meet the researchers who use Algonquin Park, as their laboratory. Researchers who study reptiles and amphibians, birds, small mammals, fish, wolves, and even humans, were there to explain and share their research.

## 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### LOGGERS DAY

Saturday, July 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Logging Museum

### WAKAMI WAILERS OUTDOOR CONCERT

Sunday, July 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Outdoor Theatre

THIS WILL BE THEIR FINAL SHOW.



## MEET THE RESEARCHER DAY

Thursday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the East Beach Picnic Pavilion



### FUN WITH FRIENDS

Saturday, August 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Visitor Centre

## CELEBRATING ALGONQUIN PARK

Saturday, September 9th 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Visitor Centre (ticket-holders only)

## WINTER IN THE WILD

Saturday, February 17th, 2024 at various locations along Highway 60

## 2022 DIRECTORS AWARD

On June 18, 2022, The Friends of Algonquin Park presented the award to Craig Macdonald during a ceremony held at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre.

Craig Macdonald is a trail expert and retired Algonquin Park Recreation Specialist. He has decades of experience canoeing, hiking, snowshoeing, and skiing in Algonquin Park and across Ontario. He spent 47 years working for the Ontario Government, including 24 years in Algonquin Park, and made countless contributions locally, provincially, and internationally.

His professional and personal achievements in Algonquin Park are numerous and include contributing to the Master Plan, surveying shorelines and canoe routes, discovering and mapping interior sites, writing a system plan for recreational activities, rewriting the interior quota system, clearing sections of the Old Railway Bike Trail and upgrading other trails in the Park. He was also the last Park employee or member of the public to ride a train in Algonquin Park, and he snowshoed across the Park three times.

Throughout his career, he also contributed to other parks and recreational programs across the province including locally at the Bracebridge Resource Management Centre, the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resource Centre and Arrowhead Provincial Park.

Craig is also known for his Historical Map of Temagami, or the Nastawgan Map. This map depicts the area as it was in 1900. It includes the winter and summer travel routes of the local Indigenous people, the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, and their ancient methods of travel. It features traditional portages, winter trails, Indigenous place and landmark names. For this map, Craig spent 27 years researching the area, he interviewed over 200 elders and traveled over 1,000 miles in the backcountry.



Craig and Doris Macdonald - The Friends of Algonquin Park 2022 Directors Award Recipient.

## ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Thanks to our volunteers! Participants are asked to hike their trail once a week from May through October, cleaning up both the trail and parking lot area by picking up litter and reporting any maintenance requirements. A plaque at the entrance to the trail recognizes volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

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

Gord & June Ashcroft, Jeff Bowman, Brent Access Point staff, Leon Budziszewski, Stephen Derraugh, Dan Demianiw, Morwen Galway, Jordan Hill, Neil Kuntze, Sarah MacBeth, Dale & Bill Northcote, Lynne Newell, Carol Peterson, Denise & Barry Radford, Sand Lake Access Point staff, Kirstin Sharpe, Lynn Stewart, Peter & Beth Ward and Steve & Janet Wright.



## LOGGING MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The Friends of Algonquin Park once again provided volunteers to staff the Logging Museum from June to October 2022. Our volunteers helped Park visitors have a great experience at the museum.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stacey Finch at: [volunteer@algonquinpark.on.ca](mailto:volunteer@algonquinpark.on.ca).

Thank you to... Gord Ashcroft, June Ashcroft, Harvey Cowan, Bonnie Engel, Lily Etmanski, Catherine Harrison, Lindsay Harrison, Gary Hopson, Kristin Sharpe, Janet Webber and Kristin Zerczi.

## ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK'S 10TH ANNUAL WINTER IN THE WILD FEBRUARY 18, 2023

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

Thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers: Chris Cameron, Tina McAuley, the Sonntag family, Jesse & Susan Villemare and Paul & Andrea Waldron.



## MORE ALGONQUIN LOGGING MUSEUM ENHANCEMENTS

FOAP once again hired a Project Technician to do some much needed maintenance on the exhibits along the outdoor Logging Museum trail.

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

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



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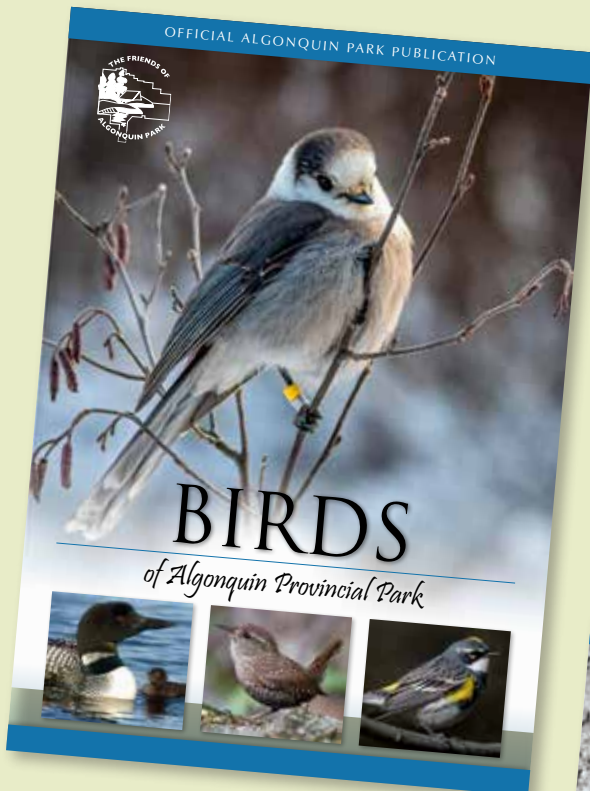


## THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK BOOKSTORE & NATURE SHOPS

Our Visitor Centre and Logging Museum bookstore & nature shops provide you with a unique shopping experience. We offer an extensive selection of natural and human history books, field identification guides, maps, cookbooks, Ontario travel guides and optics. We also take great pride in our ever-changing selection of quality gifts, souvenirs and home décor, with a selection of Canadian and locally made items.



## NEW PRODUCTS



### BIRDS OF ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK

Many visitors to Algonquin Park are unaware that it offers a unique opportunity for seeing and hearing the birds of Ontario. This book will introduce you to the main habitats of the Park and to many of the common species found here. Through colour photographs and short accounts we hope to encourage you to discover and enjoy birdwatching for yourself.

### 2024 ALGONQUIN PARK CALENDAR

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

### FOAP 40TH LOGO PRODUCTS

Look in our store for our new Friends items to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.



### CHECKLIST AND SEASONAL STATUS OF THE BIRDS

New printing, now in its 9th revised edition. This publication features a list of all of the bird species that have been recorded within Algonquin Park, as well as their status (e.g. common, uncommon, rare) and the time of year when they are normally found. There is also information on recommended sites to go birding and to find some of Algonquin's specialties.

### MAKE YOUR PURCHASE COUNT!

Show your passion for Algonquin Park and make purchases from The Friends of Algonquin Park at the Visitor Centre, Logging Museum, via phone/email order or online at [www.algonquinpark.on.ca](http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca)  
**100% OF PROCEEDS** from sales remain in Algonquin Park to further the Park's educational objectives.

### 33rd ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Friends of Algonquin Park's 2022-2023 Fundraising Raffle was another huge success, raising over \$33,800! This raffle has been an annual event since 1990, and has raised over \$570,500 since it began.

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 prize winners:

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| <b>1st prize</b> – S. Patenaude, Ottawa, ON | <b>6th prize</b> – M. Lurz, Pickering, ON     |
| <b>2nd prize</b> – H. Curren, Oakville, ON  | <b>7th prize</b> – C. Cooper, Picton, ON      |
| <b>3rd prize</b> – A. Ilkic, Montreal, QC   | <b>8th prize</b> – J. Taggart, Enterprise, ON |
| <b>4th prize</b> – K. Aitken, Breslau, ON   | <b>9th prize</b> – A. Utting, Ottawa, ON      |
| <b>5th prize</b> – D. Penton, Waterdown, ON | <b>10th prize</b> – R. Guitard, Orleans, ON   |



Ron Tozer, former Director and Laura Finney, Program Administrator drawing the winners!

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# FUNDRAISING 2023-2024 RAFFLE

**BUY YOUR TICKET for just \$10**

Our fundraising raffle will be occurring again for the 2023-2024 season and tickets traditionally go on sale the May long weekend. Be sure to pick up your \$10 tickets while visiting the park this summer and fall at the Visitor Centre and Logging Museum.

The 2023-2024 Raffle promises to include many amazing prizes such as canoes, backcountry trips and accommodation packages at Algonquin area resorts and lodges, and much more!

All proceeds go toward fulfilling The Friends of Algonquin Park mandate of enhancing the interpretive and educational programs here in Algonquin Park!

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*The Friends of Algonquin Park  
 would also like to extend thanks  
 to all our seasonal staff!*

## In Memory of a DEAR FRIEND



**Tom Pigeon**  
 (1937 – 2022)

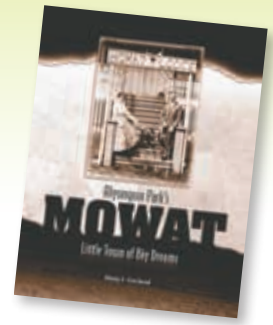
Tom received the FOAP Directors Award in 2013 for his dedication to Algonquin Park. Tom's connection to Algonquin Park was lengthy as his grandfather was Chief Ranger Tom McCormick. He grew up on Cache Lake where his mother Mary McCormick Pigeon taught school and his father Lorne Pigeon was a Fire Ranger. Tom was born in Huntsville, but his true home was Algonquin Park where he grew up, lived, paddled, and worked a great deal of his life - a true outdoorsman.

## AUTHORS GIVING BACK TO ALGONQUIN PARK.

Here are some of the authors who have graciously donated their manuscripts to The Friends of Algonquin Park. Because of them every time a book is sold information about the Park is shared plus the profits from each sale supports Algonquin Park.



Ron Tozer, *Birds of Algonquin Park* \$49.95  
 Esther S. Keyser with John S. Keyser, *Paddling My Own Canoe* \$23.95  
 George Warecki, J.R. Dymond and Douglas Pimlott \$14.95 ea.  
 Tom Linklater, *The Last Forest Ranger* \$21.95  
 Donald George, *Memoirs of A Dirt Forester* \$16.95  
 Amber J. Keyser, *An Algonquin Heart Song* \$9.95  
 Mary Garland, *Mowat - Little Town of Big Dreams* \$23.95  
 Roderick McKay, *Spirits of the Little Bonnechere* \$23.95  
 and *Algonquin Park, A Place Like No Other* \$34.50



## WHAT IS YOUR

# Algonquin Park Legacy?

# Inspire Future Generations

*Photo by: Cody Stein (Algonquin & Beyond)*

### WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving allows you to make a gift to Algonquin Park today where the value of the gift is deferred in whole or in part until a later date, often upon the death of the donor and depending on the type of gift, income tax relief is either realized today or in the future. Of course, talking to your lawyer or financial advisor will help you and your family decide how to best fulfill your legacy to Algonquin Park.

### YOUR ALGONQUIN LEGACY GIVING OPTIONS

*You can make a difference and ensure your legacy in Algonquin Park by considering these options:*

**Bequest** - This is a gift that you make through your will. It can be for a specific amount, a percentage of your estate or the residual of your estate. Your bequest will symbolize a lasting memorial for you and your family.

**Gift of Life Insurance** - Life insurance is a way to make a significant gift in the future at an affordable current cost without reducing the value of your estate available to your family. You can either give an existing policy or take out a new policy naming The Friends of Algonquin Park as the beneficiary.

**Shares or Securities** - This can be established by contributing bonds, stock securities or mutual funds that have appreciated in value since their purchase and avoid capital gains tax.

**Registered Assets (RRSPs & RRI's)** - A gift of registered assets would enable you to fulfill dual goals of supporting your favourite charity while reducing the amount of taxes that your estate would have to pay. If the RRSP or RRI has The Friends of Algonquin Park as the direct beneficiary, the estate will receive a donation receipt for the entire value of the plan.

**Gift of Real Estate** - The gift of real estate allows you to give an immediate gift and receive an immediate tax receipt for the fair market value of your property. These gifts include: residences, farms, land and commercial property. Giving a gift of real estate allows you to simplify your estate and give to The Friends of Algonquin Park during your lifetime.

**Residual Interest** - This type of gift is given by those who plan to donate a property through a will bequest but would like to reduce income tax presently and continue to use and enjoy the property over their lifetime.

**Endowment** - Your charitable fund would be invested and earnings from your contribution would generate a reliable source of funds, providing a legacy that lasts forever.

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

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

## GIFTS

Wild Birds Unlimited Toronto generously donates birdseed to the Algonquin Visitor Centre. This allows visitors to enjoy Algonquin Park's beautiful birdlife during winter and supports ongoing bird research.



### Algonquin Park Wild Bird Cam Live!

Algonquin Park is home to excellent bird watching opportunities. During winter, many northern bird species migrate south offering a blend of northern and southern bird species that attract visitors from around the world. Viewing Algonquin Park's wild birds in person is always the best experience. But for those who can't visit, The Friends of Algonquin Park offers live streaming views of the feeders at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre between December and March.

### Ice Out

Thank you to Killarney Lodge who partnered with us so you could watch the ice out on Lake of Two Rivers in Algonquin Park on a live video feed.



### Third-Party Fundraising

#### Coffee with a Cause

Ottawa Valley Roast House was founded with a purpose. They wanted to be able to give back to their community. Their promise is to donate a portion of every sale to support wildlife and nature right here in the Ottawa Valley. They were humbled and happy to say that they were able to donate a sum of \$750.00 to The Friends of Algonquin Park.

#### Youth Initiative

On August 13, 2022, highschool student Mikayla Peel organized a bake sale at the Trout Creek Feed Store and donated \$944.90 of her proceeds to The Friends of Algonquin Park. Thank you to Mikayla for this great youth initiative!

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

For more information about Third-Party Fundraising, visit [www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap.donate/third-party-fundraising.php](http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap.donate/third-party-fundraising.php)



## MONTHLY GIVING

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

If you wish to join our monthly giving program, please contact  
**(613) 637-2828 ext. 239**  
 to get started, or visit:  
<http://www.algonquinpark.on.ca/foap/donate/recurring-giving.php>  
**Thank you for your support!**

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