



**Winter Edition  
Hike Haliburton Festival  
February 8-9, 2020**

## **PROGRAM GUIDE**

Hike Haliburton Festival is pleased to present the Winter Edition! In this first year we are offering over 20 guided & themed snowshoe hikes, demonstrations and events for all ages, interests and abilities. Bring your friends and family for 2 days of adventure and fun. All hikes are free of charge. Donations are welcome. Please register online at [www.hikehaliburton.com](http://www.hikehaliburton.com), by calling 705-286-1777 or 1-800-461-7677 or by emailing [tourism@myhaliburtonhighlands.com](mailto:tourism@myhaliburtonhighlands.com). Be sure to pick up a Festival Map at various locations around Haliburton County.

## **FESTIVAL PROGRAM**

### **Saturday, February 8**

#### **MORNING**

#### **Dahl Forest in Winter**

A leisurely snowshoe walk on the Dahl Forest Trails with Peter Dahl. Peter will share his knowledge and love for conservation and the natural features of the property. Animal tracks and signs are likely. In 2009 Peter and his family donated the Dahl Forest to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Suitable for adults, teens and children 10 + yrs. No dogs please

HIKE #: 1

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 9:00 am

DURATION: 2 hours, 4 km

LOCATION: Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Rd

RATING: Moderate. Easy terrain and pace, length is adjustable to circumstances.

MAXIMUM #: 15

AMENITIES: Parking - along Geeza Rd at Dahl Forest trailhead

LEADER: Peter Dahl

LEADER BIO: Peter grew up in Lindsay and as a child spent most weekends and holidays at 'Dahl Forest Farms' as it was then called. He helped his father, who was an engineer and businessman, to remove old fencing, build trails and plant over 100,000 trees.

Throughout his life Peter has watched the land evolve from barren fields to a rich forest ecology.

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton follow Gelert Rd (County Rd. 1) to Geeza Rd 5 km south of Gelert. Turn left/west on Geeza Rd. and drive to # 1307. The distance from Haliburton is approximately 28km. From Minden take Hwy 35 to South Lake Rd (County Rd 16). Turn east and follow South Lake Rd. to the "T" intersection at Gelert Rd (County Rd 1). Turn right and follow to Geeza Rd 5 km of Gelert. Turn left/east on Geeza Rd. and drive to # 1307. The distance from Minden is approximately 18km. GPS coordinates: N44.8529 W78.6167

### **Winter Wonder at Waverly**

Snowshoe the trails of farming thru the hills and valleys of Waverley Brook Farm, a farm since the mid 1860's, and in the Tyler family since 1912. On this four seasons working farm, you will discover the sights, sounds, smells of winter logging, the peacefulness of a sugar bush about to awaken in spring, and the pathways of cows and wildlife who wander this 270 acre property. Suitable for adults, teens, and children 10+. No dogs please.

HIKE #: 2

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 9:30 am

DURATION: 3 hours, 4 km

LOCATION: Waverley Brook Farm, 1632 Old Donald Road

RATING: Moderate

MAXIMUM# 20

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, shelter, water

LEADER: Jean and Godfrey Tyler

LEADERS BIO: Godfrey Tyler is the fourth generation to live on Waverley Brook Farm. His agricultural and forestry experience as well as his story telling of local folklore is legendary (in the family). He can speak knowledgeably about local forestry and agricultural practices. Jean Tyler has 24 years of bio-dynamic community gardening experience and is a certified hike leader.

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton follow Gelert Rd. (County Rd. 1) to Old Donald Rd. The distance from Haliburton is approximately 4 km. From Minden take Hwy 35 to South Lake Rd. (County Rd 16). Turn east and follow South Lake Rd. to the "T" intersection at Gelert Rd. (County. Rd 1). Turn left and follow to Old Donald Rd.. The distance from Minden is approximately 24 km. GPS coordinates: N 45.0048, W 78.5440

### **Get a Grip on Glebe**

Discover the snowshoe trails in Glebe Park. We will look for tracks in the snow, take in the peacefulness of the day and learn to identify some tree species in the winter. Be prepared for some gains in elevation as we make our way through the forest. After the hike, take some time to explore the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Suitable for adults, teens and children 6 yr+. No dogs please.

HIKE # 3

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 9:30 am

DURATION: 1.5 hours, 3 km

LOCATION: Haliburton Highlands Museum, 66 Museum Rd

RATING: Moderate

MAXIMUM # 20

AMENITIES: Parking, shelter, washrooms, water

LEADER: Andrea Mueller

LEADER BIO: Andrea Mueller is an outdoor enthusiast with a passion for hiking, camping and canoeing. For years Andrea worked as an outdoor educator and facilitated many experiences. She is the Recreation Program Coordinator for the Municipality of Dysart et al

DIRECTIONS: Take HWY 118 west out of Haliburton Village, heading toward West Guilford. On the outskirts of Haliburton, make a left hand turn onto Bayshore Rd. Continue noting that Bayshore turns into Museum Rd. From Minden turn right onto County Rd 21 to Haliburton, approximately 24km. Turn left onto Maple Avenue at the lights in the centre of the village (CIBC on the left). Take HWY 118 west out of Haliburton Village, heading toward West Guilford. On the outskirts of Haliburton, make a left

hand turn onto Bayshore Rd. Continue noting that Bayshore turns into Museum Rd. Distance from Minden is approximately 25 km. GPS coordinates: W78.5224, N45.0546

### **Tower Tromp**

This snowshoe adventure involves a steep climb to the base of a historical fire tower and then along the Acclimatization Trail which follows a ridge with several ups and downs and along some wetlands. Snowshoe poles and modern snowshoes are advisable. Snowshoes and poles rentals are available at the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails office. Suitable for adults, teens, and children 10+ No dogs please.

HIKE #: 9

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 10:00 am (9:30 of renting snowshoes)

DURATION: 3 hours, 5 km

LOCATION: Haliburton Highlands Water Trails office (Frost Centre) 20130 Hwy 35

RATING: Challenging

MAXIMUM# 20

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, shelter, water, snowshoes

LEADER: Wally Ozog

LEADER BIO: Wally is an avid hiker, snowshoer, and a cross country skier. As a resident of Algonquin Highlands, he has hiked all the local trails including Algonquin Park. Since retirement he has enjoyed the trails of the Canadian Rockies, Newfoundland, Scotland, England, Spain, Australia, New Zealand Argentina, and Peru. Wally is a certified hike leader (Hike Ontario).

DIRECTIONS: Located on Hwy 35 approximately. 23 km north of Carnarvon and 12 km south of Dorset. Meet at the office of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (705-766-9033). The distance from Haliburton is approximately 47km. The distance from Minden is approximately 38km. GPS coordinates: N 45.1591. W 78.8448

### **Family Fun Snowshoe Race**

Have you tried running on snowshoes? Now's your chance. A fun event that will get you and your family out and active. Try the 1.5 km run or the 100 m dash. Bring your own snowshoes. There is a limited number of snowshoes available for rent at Abbey Gardens. Meet at the Food Hub

HIKE #: 5

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 11:00 am

DURATION: 1.5 hours

LOCATION: Abbey Gardens, Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive. Meet at the Food Hub

DIRECTIONS: From Minden take Hwy 35 north to Carnarvon (approximately 13km), turn right (east) on Hwy 118 Follow Hwy 118 approximately 11km to Garden Gate Drive. (If you come to Lakeside Golf Course on the right you have gone too far). Turn right on Garden Gate Drive into Abbey Gardens. The distance from Minden is approximately 24km. From Haliburton follow Hwy 118 past Lakeside Golf Course to Garden Gate Drive. The distance from Haliburton is approximately 15km. Please park in the lot beside Haliburton Highlands Brewing. Directly across from the lot is the entrance to the gardens where you will meet your guide. GPS coordinates: N 45.1080, W 78.6184.

### **AFTERNOON**

#### **Big, Beautiful Snowy Barnum Creek Nature Reserve**

Discover what lies under the snow and what tracks are on the snow at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. This unique 600-acre property includes a variety of ecosystems, including mature forests, open fields and wetlands. Barnum Creek bisects the property and serves as an important habitat for moose, deer, wolf, beaver and a wide variety of bird species. We will start our snowshoe on an easy, wide trail through the forest but will soon leave that trail and climb to a ridge where we will have lovely views of the valley below. Suitable for adults and teens. No dogs please.

HIKE #: 6

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 1:00 pm

DURATION: 2 hours, 4 km

LOCATION: Gould Crossing Road. Park along the road before it crosses the rail trail

RATING: Challenging (some steep climbs and descents on a rough trail)

MAXIMUM #: 20

AMENITIES: Washrooms (outhouse)

LEADER: Sheila Ziman

LEADER BIO: Sheila is a nature enthusiast who loves to spend time outside in the forests and wetlands of Haliburton County. She is an active member of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists and one of the founding members of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

Sheila is a certified hike leader (Hike Ontario).

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton, take Gelert Rd. (County Rd #1) to Gould Crossing Rd. It is 5 km southwest of Haliburton Village. From Minden take South Lake Rd (County Rd #16) to Gelert Rd and follow to Gould Crossing Rd. It is approximately 24 km from Minden. A note of caution - if you are using Google Maps to navigate, it mistakenly calls Gould Crossing Rd, Cowan Road. There is a sign on Gelert Rd. that says Gould Crossing Road. When on the Gould Crossing Rd. park along the road before it crosses the rail trail. GPS coordinates N 45.0179, W 78.5318

### **Falling in Love with Winter**

Discover NATURE in winter by joining Rob on a leisurely 'Earthwalk' which helps people of all ages to build a sense of relationship in both feelings and understandings of the natural world. If you have never been on snowshoes, not to worry! Rob will be showing you his tips and tricks in using them safely and efficiently while we experience the richness and wonders of NATURE, re-awakening your senses and sharpening your perceptions. We will be discovering NATURE'S subtleties by sharing and doing. We know that all natural ecosystems (NATURE) provide OUR life support systems of air, water, soil and biodiversity. Human health and wellness depends on NATURE'S health and wellness!! Bonus: Each participant will receive 'strategies on living more lightly'...ways we all can find solutions in reducing our personal impacts on CLIMATE CHANGE. Suitable for adults and kids 10 +. No dogs please. Rental snowshoes are available at Abbey Gardens.

HIKE # 7

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 1:00 pm

DURATION: 3 hours, 2 km

LOCATION: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive. Meet at the Food Hub

RATING: Easy

MAXIMUM# 12

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, shelter, food and beverage services

LEADER: Rob Taylor

LEADER BIO: Rob Taylor is a retired science and environmental/experiential outdoor educator who is

passionate about writing, relationships, eating to live and 'living more lightly'. He continues trying to make differences by teaching people of all ages that we are part of NATURE; dependent on air, soil, water, photosynthesis and biodiversity for our health and well-being. NATURE is our life support system.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Minden take Hwy 35 north to Carnarvon (approximately 13km), turn right (east) on Hwy 118 Follow Hwy 118 approximately 11km to Garden Gate Drive. (If you come to Lakeside Golf Course on the right you have gone too far). Turn right on Garden Gate Drive into Abbey Gardens. The distance from Minden is approximately 24km. From Haliburton follow Hwy 118 past Lakeside Golf Course to Garden Gate Drive. The distance from Haliburton is approximately 15km. Please park in the lot beside Haliburton Highlands Brewing. Directly across from the lot is the entrance to the gardens where you will meet your guide. GPS coordinates: N 45.1080, W 78.6184.

### **Top Three and Tea**

Strap on your snowshoes! On this adventure you'll visit 3 of my favourite destinations – the last of its kind Hawk Lake Historical Log Chute, a breathtaking lookout on the Circuit of 5 View Points, and the spectacular Minden Whitewater Preserve. We'll drive in tandem to each location, make a short trek to soak in the sights and cozy up with delightful wild tea tastings. Suitable for adults, teens, and children 10+ No dogs please.

HIKE #: 8

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 1:00 pm

DURATION: 3 hours, 2 km

LOCATION: Historic Log Chute, 1584 Big Hawk Rd. (County Rd 13)

RATING: Easy with some steep grades

MAXIMUM # 15

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, shelter, water, snowshoes

LEADER: Donna Raetsen

LEADER BIO: Donna guides from the heart. Authentic and free, her playful spirit is fueled by curiosity and wonder. She's a certified Hike Ontario leader and Forest Therapy Guide. Truly, madly, deeply in love with the natural world, Donna nurtures adventure, kinship and a gentle "remembering" in her treks

**DIRECTIONS:** onto Hwy 35 heading north. Travel for approximately 11km and turn right onto Little Hawk Lake Rd (County Rd. 13). Travel for 3km to Big Hawk Lake Rd and turn left. Travel another 3 km to #1584.

The distance from Haliburton is approximately 42km. From Minden take Hwy 35 North for approximately 25 km. Turn right onto Little Hawk Lake Rd (County Rd 13). Travel for 3 km to Big Hawk Lake Rd and turn left. Travel another 3km to #1584. GPS: coordinates N45.1425, W78.7422

### **Whip-Poor -Will Winter**

Explore Whip-Poor -Will Farm and Forest through mixed forest, meadows, wetlands and remnants of past pioneer activity. An opportunity for winter bird and wildlife sightings. Suitable for adults, teens and children (if capable of distance). No dogs, please.

HIKE #: 10

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 1:30 pm

DURATION: 2 hours, 3 km

LOCATION: 1425 Francis Rd. Minden

RATING: Moderate

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, shelter, water

LEADER: Cheryl & Eleanor Bathe

LEADER BIO: This mother and daughter team have lived in Haliburton County since May 1982. They have a keen interest in the natural and cultural heritage of the area. Eleanor is a professional photographer. Cheryl is a certified hike leader (Hike Ontario)

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton follow Gelert Rd (County Rd 1) to Gelert, turn left onto Sedgwick Rd. Continue down the hill and across the bridge. Turn right on Francis Rd and follow to the end. Distance from Haliburton is 22km. From Minden take Hwy 35 to South Lake Rd (County Rd 16). Turn east and follow South Lake Rd until it ends at Gelert Rd (County Rd 1). Turn right to Gelert. In Gelert turn left onto Sedgwick Rd. Continue down the hill and across the bridge. Turn right on Francis Rd. Distance from Minden is 14km. GPS coordinates: N44.8971, W78.5946

### **Along Hopkins Trail**

Students from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will take you on a snowshoe walk around the forest at the school. Students will tell stories about the history of the property, conduct a tree identification activity, and provide a small snack and hot chocolate. Suitable for adults, teens and children. No dogs please.

HIKE # 4

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 2:00 pm

DURATION: 1 hour, 2km

LOCATION: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, 5358 County Rd . 21, Haliburton

RATING: Moderate. Some steep hills

MAXIMUM # 10

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, shelter

LEADER: Sam Little and the students of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

LEADER BIO: Sam teaches Tourism and Hospitality and his students will create and lead this hike as a school project

DIRECTIONS: From Minden take County Rd 21 to Haliburton. The distance is 25 km with approximately 25 minutes of travel time. In Haliburton, the school is located at the west end of Head Lake. Meet in the parking behind the school in front of the gym building. GPS coordinates: N 45.0430, W 78.5233

## **EVENING**

### **Full Moon Snowshoe**

Come and explore winter by night! Take guided walk around the Abbey Gardens property, by moonlight. You are welcome to stay and settle in at the Haliburton Highlands Brewery for a pint and some treats after the snowshoe. Rental snowshoes are available – book in advance. Suitable for adults, teens, and children 10+. No dogs please

HIKE #: 11

DATE: Saturday, February 8

START TIME: 7:00 pm

DURATION: 1.5 hours, 3 km

LOCATION: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Drive. Meet at Haliburton Highland Brewing

RATING: Moderate

MAXIMUM# 25

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, shelter, water, food and beverage, snowshoes

LEADER: Heather Reid

LEADER BIO: Heather is the Operations Director at Abbey Gardens. Heather's role involves oversight of the entire operation and strategic planning for the development of the Abbey Gardens project. She has a background in Recreation Management, Outdoor Education, and Community-Based Research. She is an outdoor enthusiast and an experienced hike leader.

DIRECTIONS: From Minden take Hwy 35 north to Carnarvon (approximately 13km), turn right (east) on Hwy 118 Follow Hwy 118 approximately 11km to Garden Gate Drive. (If you come to Lakeside Golf Course on the right you have gone too far). Turn right on Garden Gate into Abbey Gardens. The distance from Minden is approximately 24km. From Haliburton follow Hwy 118 past Lakeside Golf Course to Garden Gate Drive. The distance from Haliburton is approximately 15km. GPS coordinates: N 45.0104, W 78.2481

## **Sunday, February 9**

### **MORNING**

#### **Ragged Falls Snowshoe Adventure**

Ragged Falls is a popular hiking destination in the "warm months" but is definitely worth visiting in the winter. The 30 metre cataract creates spectacular ice formations and photo opportunities abound. We'll trek up to the falls on an easy trail, then hike up the river and head into the woods for a more adventurous return trip. No snowshoeing experience required but a healthy sense of adventure is highly recommended. The hike will take about 2.5 hours, but timing could be affected by snow conditions. Snowshoe rentals are available at nearby Algonquin Outfitters in Oxtongue Lake. Meet inside the Algonquin Outfitters store at 9:30 am. Car pooling required as parking is limited at the falls access. Suitable for adults, teens, and children 10+. No dogs please

HIKE #: 12

DATE: Sunday, February 9

START TIME: 9:30 am

DURATION: 3 hours, 2 km

LOCATION: Ragged Falls Provincial Park, Hwy 60, Oxtongue Lake, ON.

RATING: Moderate

MAXIMUM #: 15

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms

LEADER: Gord Baker

LEADER BIO: Gord is a senior manager at Algonquin Outfitters and has been helping visitors plan their canoe trips for over 20 years. He is an avid hiker, mountain biker, skier, paddler and snowshoer.

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton area: drive north on Hwy 35 to Hwy 60. Turn right on Hwy 60 (east). Drive approx. 10 km to the community of Oxtongue Lake. Turn left on Algonquin Outfitters Road, drive 100 m to meeting place at Algonquin Outfitters. GPS coordinates: N45.37999, W78.92536

#### **Winter Wanderland**

This discovery hike for the young and young at heart will explore the wonders of the wildlife in winter around Bark Lake. We will wander and look for tracks, scat and signs of woodland critters. First timers and avid hikers alike come and embrace the art and science of snowshoeing. Come dressed for the weather and show up early if you need to rent snowshoes or help to put them on.

Suitable for adults, teens, and children 10+. No dogs please

HIKE #: 14

DATE: Sunday, February 9

START TIME: 10:00 am

DURATION: 1.5 hours, 2 km

LOCATION: Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre, 1551 Bark Lake Drive, Irondale, ON

RATING: Moderate

MAXIMUM #: 20

AMENITIES: Parking, shelter, washrooms, water, snowshoes

LEADER: Joe Fortin

LEADER BIO: As the Program Manager, Joe is a jack-of-all trades. His talents range from maintaining the technology on site to monitoring the local Species at Risk. A field naturalist by training (care of Fleming College and Lakehead University), Joe has found a home at Bark Lake where he can “help people find the familiar in the strange and the extraordinary in the everyday”.

When not in his office, you can often find him out along the edge of the marsh with his camera, looking for ducks and other wetland creatures. Joe looks forward to having you and your group up for what he is certain will be an amazing experience

DIRECTIONS: From Minden take South Lake Road (County Rd 16) to the Gelert Road (County Rd 1). Turn right and continue to the Milburn Rd, turn left and continue to Hwy 503. Turn left on 503 and continue past Irondale to Bark Lake Drive, turn left into the Centre. The travel distance from Minden is 30km.

From Haliburton take Hwy 118 east to Glamorgan Rd (County Road 3), then south to County Rd 503.

Turn right and continue west to Bark Lake Drive, turn right to the Centre. Travel distance from

Haliburton is 32km. Please drive to the Bark Lake Office, and meet hike leader there. GPS coordinates: N 44.92515, W 78.46659

### **Devil's Lake to Petticoat Junction**

This very challenging trek with Rob Halupka takes place along a rugged section of the Ganaraska Trail through the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park This will be an out-and-back trip that can be flexed according to trail conditions and rate of progress. Dress warmly in layers and bring 1.5 to 2 litres of water, a light lunch and a snack. Hiking poles are recommended. Icers that fit over your boots (in lieu of snowshoes) may be useful if the trail is packed and icy. Suitable for adults and teens 16+). No dogs please.

HIKE #: 15

DATE: Sunday, February 9

START TIME: 10:00 am

DURATION: 4 hours, approx 10 km

LOCATION: Ganaraska Trailhead at 1115 Devil's Lake Rd

RATING: Very challenging

MAXIMUM # 20

AMENITIES: Parking

LEADER: Rob Halupka

LEADER BIO: An avid hiker and nature enthusiast, Rob also enjoys canoeing, fly fishing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Rob has been spending quality time in the Minden area for some 20 years and is a big fan of the Haliburton Highlands.

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 35 to Minden, turn on Water Street and continue to the Bobcaygeon Rd., approximately 1.5 km. Turn right on Bobcaygeon Rd. over the bridge and continue to the first Rd. on your left, Deep Bay Rd. (County Rd 2). Travel along Deep Bay Rd. for approximately 12km to Devil's Lake Rd. Turn right on Devil's Lake Rd. and travel 0.5 km to parking lot at the trailhead. The distance from Minden is approximately 13km and distance from Haliburton is approximately 38km. GPS coordinates: N44.8600, W78.8192



### **Making Tracks**

Snowshoe Snowdon Park with Rick Whitteker to explore wild winter habitats and to search for animal tracks and signs. You will make a few tracks of your own when the group will head off trail to explore parts unknown. Snowdon Park is wetland and forest preserve established through the cooperation of the Township of Minden Hills and the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Suitable for adults, teens and children 10+. No dogs please

HIKE # 16

DATE: Sunday, February 9

START TIME: 10:30 am

DURATION: 2 hours, 3 km

LOCATION: Snowdon Park, 1111 Snowdon Park Road

RATING: Moderate

MAXIMUM # 30

AMENITIES: Parking, washroom (outhouse)

LEADER: Rick Whitteker

LEADER BIO: Rick works as a faculty in the Outdoor and Adventure Education diploma program at Fleming College in Lindsay and as an experience leader for Yours Outdoors, a company that offers unique adventures in art, culture and nature.

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton follow Gelert Rd. (County Rd. 1) to Snowdon Park. The Park is located on the right less than a km past South Lake Rd. Distance from Haliburton is 20km.

From Minden take Hwy 35 to South Lake Rd (County Rd 16). Turn east and follow South Lake Rd until it ends at Gelert Rd. (County. Rd 1). Turn right towards Gelert; Park is on the right. Distance from Minden is approximately. 12km. GPS coordinates: N 44.9219, W 78.6436

### **Snowshoeing the Circuit**

Heather Reid loves to snowshoe. She will share that passion on one of her favourite trails, the Circuit of Five View Points. It is a rugged one that leads you to some very scenic spots. Heather will share her knowledge of the area, local flora and fauna and the ins and outs of winter travel. Poles are recommended. Bring water and snacks. Suitable for adults, teens and children 10+. No dogs please.

HIKE # 13

DATE: Sunday, February 9

TIME: 10:00 am

DURATION: 2.5 hours, 5km

LOCATION: 2029 Little Hawk Rd.

RATING: Challenging

MAXIMUM # 15

AMENITIES: Parking, washroom (outhouse)

LEADER: Heather Reid

LEADER BIO: Heather is the Operations Director at Abbey Gardens. Heather's role involves oversight of the entire operation and strategic planning for the development of the Abbey Gardens project. She has a background in Recreation Management, Outdoor Education, and Community-Based Research. She is an outdoor enthusiast and an experienced hike leader.

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton take Hwy 118 west to Carnarvon; turn right onto Hwy 35 and continue north to Little Hawk Rd. (County Rd . 13). Turn right and follow east on Little Hawk Lake Rd. and proceed to the trailhead located on left before you get to Oakview Lodge. Distance from Haliburton is 32km;

travel time is approximately 33 minutes. From Minden Take Hwy 35 north to Little Hawk Lake Rd. (County Rd 13). Turn right and follow east on Little Hawk Lake Rd and proceed to the trailhead located on left before you get to Oakview Lodge. Distance from Minden is 23km; travel time is approximately 33 minutes. GPS coordinates: N 45.1591, W 78.8448

## **Sunday, February 9**

### **AFTERNOON**

#### **Fabulous Falls**

High Falls is a special place in the winter. This hike follows an old road through a Red Pine plantation to a footpath, continuing northward through hardwood forest. The trail connects with the first portage on the York River, and then branches off to a rock point north of spectacular High Falls. The site is in Algonquin Park so day permit is required at a cost of \$12/vehicle. Permits are available at Pine Grove Point Lodge, across from Kingscote Lake Rd. Bring your own snowshoes and poles. Local artisans and outdoor enthusiasts, Terry and Jenn will be your guides. After the hike you are invited back to their glass blowing studio in Tory for tour and Scottish hospitality. Suitable for adults, teens and children 10+. No dogs please.

HIKE #: 17

DATE: Sunday, February 9

START TIME: 1:00 pm

DURATION: 2 hr, 2 km

LOCATION: High Falls Hiking Trail Algonquin Park. Permits at Pine Grove Point Campground 4445

Elephant Lake Rd., Harcourt

RATING: Moderate

MAXIMUM #: 15

AMENITIES: Parking, washroom (outhouse). Food, shelter and water. Pine Grove Point Resort

LEADER: Terry Craig and Jennifer Wanless Craig

LEADER BIO: Jenn and Terry Craig own and operate a traditional glassblowing studio in Tory Hill. Besides making their funky and upcycled tableware they are also avid travelers, lovers of the outdoors, good food and a fine single malt scotch.

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton travel east on Hwy 118 (approximately 18.6km). Turn left (north) on Essonville Line Rd (County Rd 4). At stop sign in Wilberforce, turn left on Loop Rd (County Rd 648). Turn left on Elephant Lake Rd (County Rd 10). Travel approximately 12.1km to Pine Grove Point, 4445 Elephant Lake Rd. Distance from Haliburton is 50km. Distance from Minden is approximately 75km. GPS coordinates: W78.1563, N45.2063

#### **Walk into Winter**

Take a walk with winter travel expert and historian, Craig Macdonald. You will hear a brief talk on Native snowshoes and snowshoeing. Then from his house near Dwight, he will lead you on a snowshoe adventure along some spectacular forest trails to Marsh's Falls and return on the Lake of Bays Heritage Foundation property. Bring your snowshoes. If you would like to try traditional wooden snowshoes with lamp wick bindings bring along a pair of moccasins. Suitable for adults, teens and children 10+. No dogs please.

HIKE #: 18

DATE: Sunday, February 9

START TIME: 1:30 pm

DURATION: 2.5 hour; 3 km

LOCATION: 1001 Sale Rd. Dwight

RATING: Easy

MAXIMUM #: 25

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, shelter and water

LEADER: Craig Macdonald

LEADER BIO: Craig has worked 47 years for the Ontario Government and 24 years as Recreation Specialist in Algonquin Park. He has gone on yearly snowshoe expeditions for the past 40 years. These have taken him through many wilderness areas in Eastern Canada. In his spare time he manufactures winter camping equipment and loves to be in the woods at all times of the year.

DIRECTIONS: From Minden, travel approximately 68 km north on Hwy 35 past the Oxtongue River for a distance of .5 km to Sale Road. Turn left on Sale Rd. and stop at the first house (#1001) From Haliburton, take Hwy 118 west to Carnarvon, approximately 24 km and turn right onto Hwy 35 and travel north approximately 52 km on Hwy 35 to Sale Road. Turn left and stop at the first house on Sale Rd.(#1001). GPS coordinates N 45.3196, W 78.9944

### **Forests in Transition**

Join Forester Thomas McCay for a tour through the winter woods near the Haliburton Forest Base Camp. You'll see evidence of past and present landscape changes, from glaciers to logging to maple syrup production. Be sure to grab lunch at the Cookhouse before the hike. Suitable for adults and teens. No dogs please

HIKE #: 19

DATE: Sunday, February 9

START TIME: 1:30 pm

DURATION: 2 hours, 4 km

LOCATION: 1095 Redkenn Rd. Meet at the Base Camp office of Haliburton Forest

RATING: Moderate. Mostly packed snowshoe trail with a bit of off-trail exploring to see special features!

MAXIMUM #: 20

AMENITIES: Parking, washrooms, water, beverages, food, shelter

LEADER: Thomas McCay

LEADER BIO: Thomas is a forester with Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, where he has been working since 2014. He believes deeply in the benefits that forest management can bring, and wants private land forestry in Haliburton County to be an ambassador for the possibilities of sustainable multi-use forest stewardship.

DIRECTIONS: From Haliburton take Hwy 118 west 11km to West Guilford. Turn right onto Kennisis Lake Rd (County Rd 7) and keep to your left. Follow for approximately 17km, and then turn Right onto Redkenn Road. Keep left into Haliburton Forest, parking near the main office. The distance from Haliburton is approximately 32km. From Minden take Hwy 35 north to Carnarvon. Turn right onto Hwy 118 to West Guilford. Turn left onto County Rd 7 and proceed as described above. The distance from Minden is approximately 47km. GPS coordinates: N 45.1067, W 78.4054

### **Once around the Farm**

Join Katie Cox for a scenic snowshoe through rolling bush and field. Enjoy a Beautiful view of an 100+ year old farm house and maybe see some wildlife. Suitable for adults, teens and children 8+. No dogs please.

HIKE #: 20

DATE: Sunday, February 9

START TIME: 2:00 pm

DURATION: 2 hr, 1.5 km

LOCATION: 1874 Bethel Rd. Minden

RATING: Easy

MAXIMUM #: 15

AMENITIES: Washroom (outhouse), Parking will depend on the amount of snow but have permission to park and neighbors home and walk the 200m to hike start if needed.

LEADER: Katie Cox

LEADER BIO: Katie was born and raised in the Minden area, she loves spending time in the outdoors with her family and dogs. She is an avid angler and hunter and enjoys cross country/ downhill skiing and snowshoeing in the colder months.

DIRECTIONS: From Minden head north on Hwy 35 to County Rd. 21 toward Haliburton. Turn left and follow to Bethel Road to 1874. Distance from Minden is about 10 km. From Haliburton travel County Rd 21 west towards Minden to Bethel Rd. Turn right and follow to 1874 Distance from Haliburton is about 19 km. GPS coordinates: N 44.9787, W 78.6344

### **INFORMATION/DEMONSTRATIONS**

The Haliburton Highlands and area is blessed with extraordinary craftsmen and women who are full of personality and knowledge. Over the course of the Festival weekend we invite you to drop in before, after or instead of a snowshoe walk to see one or more of these remarkable folks. They are keen to share their experiences with you through story and demonstrations.

#### ***Snowshoe Show and Tell*** – Craig MacDonald

Winter travel expert, Craig Macdonald invites you to drop by his home to take in his personal collection of heritage snowshoes - over 50 pairs! If you have babiche snowshoes bring them along to get some advice from Craig regarding care and repair. Also, you will have a chance to see and learn about wilderness travel sleds and related winter camping gear including many tents and trail stoves.

Date: Saturday, February 8

Time: Open house 1:00 to 4:00 PM; presentation 1:30 - 3:00 PM.

Location: 1001 Sale Rd. Dwight. 17 km north of Dorset

***Alpine and Back Country Touring*** - Randy Pielsticker

This information session looks at other methods of winter travel. The focus will be on back country travel and the use of skins. Randy Pielsticker of Sir Sam's Ski/Ride will feature and demonstrate the associated gear. Have you heard about Altai-Hoks?

Date: Saturday, February 8

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: Sir Sam's Ski/Ride 1054 Liswood Rd, Eagle Lake

**SNOWSHOE DESTINATIONS/AREAS TO EXPLORE ON YOUR OWN**

If a guided snowshoe walk is not your thing check out these snowshoeing locations

- Abbey Gardens  
<https://abbeygardens.ca/>
- Algonquin Highlands Hiking Trails  
<https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/ski-snowshoe-trails.php>
- Glebe Park  
<https://www.dysartetal.ca/portfolio-view/glebe-park/>
- Snowdon Park  
<http://www.hhfn.ca/Snowdon%20Kiosk%20Sign%20Map.pdf>
- Twin Lakes  
<https://www.skihaliburton.com/maps/twinlakes-nordic-map-2017-2018.pdf>
- Dahl Forest <https://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Dahl-Forest-Brochure-Web-Nov.7.121.pdf>
- Minden White Water Preserve  
<https://www.whitewaterontario.ca/recreation/facilities/minden-whitewater-preserve/>

**TIPS AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- Snowshoeing is a great winter activity. However, if you are an avid hiker, you may think that a 10 km hike is nothing, but when it comes to snowshoeing your body is working much harder - estimated as 50% to 75% harder than hiking. Your pace will be roughly 1.5 to 2 times slower.
- You can prepare for this difference as follows:
  - Know your limits for physical activities
  - Wear appropriate clothing
    - dress in layers - long underwear (on very cold days) , fleece, soft shell jack and pants
    - waterproof breathable rain pants with leg vents
    - hats and gloves
    - waterproof walking boots
    - moccasins/soft soled boots if using traditional wooden snowshoes with lamp wick bindings
    - Gaiters (to stop snow from falling into your boots)
  - Use ski poles or walking sticks to help with balance on uneven terrain and steep slopes. Use of poles also adds an upper-body workout.
- Hikes will happen rain, snow or shine unless conditions are severe. Hike leaders reserve the right to cancel a hike if weather is unsuitable.

- Bring along a day pack that includes water, snacks, extra clothes, camera, and a lunch if specified in the hike description.
- A hike leader and one or two hike volunteers will be on hand to meet and greet and to help ensure your well-being and safety during the hike.
- When arrive at a hike you will be asked to sign a waiver.
- Please register for your hikes. There are limits on the number of people allowed on each hike
- Please arrive at the hike location 10 – 15 minutes before the scheduled start.
- We are looking for ways to improve the Festival. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete a short evaluation form that will be emailed to you after the Festival
- Hikes are free but donations are welcome. The hike volunteer will take donations.
- The County of Haliburton, Yours Outdoors, and hike leaders reserve the right to make changes or cancel a hike at anytime in response to weather conditions, individual/group needs or other factors.

#### **SNOWSHOE RENTAL (Call ahead for reservations)**

- Abbey Gardens 705.754.4769  
<https://abbeygardens.ca/>
- Algonquin Outfitters - Haliburton 705.457-3737  
<https://algonquinoutfitters.com/store-location/haliburton/>
- Algonquin Outfitters – Oxtongue Lake 1.800.469.4948  
<https://algonquinoutfitters.com/store-location/oxtongue/>
- Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre 705.447.2447  
<https://www.barklake.com/>
- Haliburton Forest (for people on Forests in Transitions hike) 705.754.2198  
<https://www.haliburtonforest.com/>
- Haliburton Highlands Museum (by donation) 705.457.2760  
<https://www.haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com/>
- Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (Frost Centre) 705.766.9033  
<https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/rentals.php>
- Sandy Lane Resort (for people staying there) 705.489.2020  
<https://www.sandylaneresort.com/>

#### **SNOWSHOE SALES**

- Algonquin Outfitters - Haliburton 705.457-3737  
<https://algonquinoutfitters.com/store-location/haliburton/>
- Algonquin Outfitters – Oxtongue Lake 1.800.469.4948  
<https://algonquinoutfitters.com/store-location/oxtongue/>
- JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton 705.457.3933  
<https://sharpleshaliburton.com/>