



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

FOR ADULT GROUPS







THE FRIENDS OF ALGONQUIN PARK



The Friends of Algonquin Park, a not-for-profit, charitable organization, is dedicated to enhancing Algonquin's educational and interpretive programs. Thus, we are pleased to offer adult groups a wide variety of educational programs delivered by Park Naturalists that focus on themes of Algonguin Park's natural and cultural history.

The programs listed are for adult groups. Programs for school and youth groups are listed in a separate brochure. The programs have been organized into categories based upon their duration (e.g. half-day or full-day). All programs are tailored to the specific needs and educational goals of participants. If you have special program interests, please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.



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Trip Planning Sequence

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The half-day outdoor programs consist of guided, outdoor walks that last approximately 1.5 to 2 hours.





ALGONQUIN LOGGING MUSEUM TOUR

Take a step back in time by visiting the Algonquin Logging Museum to discover how the early loggers lived and worked. Curl up in the bunk of a reconstructed logging camp or examine logging tools and equipment, all while guided by a Park Naturalist dressed as an 1830s White Pine logger.



ALGONQUIN ROCKS!

Geology is the foundation for life in Algonquin Park. Learn about the rocks and minerals found in the Park, how they got here and how these influence the growth and survival of living creatures.



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ALGONQUIN'S GIANTS

Trees are one of the most predominant features of the Algonquin landscape and yet their importance is often overlooked. Learn how trees are important to the lives of just about every other living thing and the challenges trees face to survive in the Park.





AUTUMN COLOURS WALK

The hardwood forests of Algonquin Park are well known for their spectacular autumn show of reds, purples, and golds. During a walk to a breathtaking lookout, learn why and how these colours burst forth at this time of year.

For a longer visit to Algonquin Park combine programs (e.g. add more half-day or full-day programs). Programs are conducted rain or shine. Seasonal recommendations for each program are also listed. FALL







BEAVERS AND BEAVER PONDS

Discover how *Castor canadensis* change the Algonquin environment to suit their own needs through the construction of structures that you will see first-hand. Learn how important these impacts are to the survival of other creatures that reside in the Park.





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LOOK, SEE, PAINT

Pioneered right here in Algonquin Park, the Look, See, Paint concept allows people of all ages and skill levels to make connections with nature through the enjoyable process of painting. Join a Naturalist at a scenic Algonquin location, and put water colours to paper, while learning how Algonquin's landscape inspired painters such as Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven.

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BIRD MIGRATION AND THE MOOSE RUT

Autumn mornings are the best time of the year to witness the fall migration of birds and the breeding season (rut) of the moose. Discover where these migrating birds are going and why, and explore the thrilling behaviour of rutting moose!





FOREST ECOLOGY WALK

Events that happened as long as 11,000 years ago determine the types of forests we have here in Algonquin today. Learn how important each part of this complex environment is, from microscopic organ-isms to Pileated Woodpeckers and the 150-year-old Sugar Maples.



DAY I						
9:00 am	Meet Naturalist at pre-arranged location for Autumn Colours Walk*					
11:00 am	Depart walk location for the Algonquin Visitor Centre (km 43.0)					
11:15 am	Self-guided tour of the Algonquin Visitor Centre including the movie Images of Algonquin and a stop at The Friends of Algonquin Park Bookstore					
12:30 pm	Picnic lunch at the Algonquin Visitor Centre (km 43.0).					
1:00 pm	Depart Algonquin Visitor Centre for Algonquin Logging Museum (km 54.5)					
1:15 pm	Meet Naturalist at the Algonquin Logging Museum (ALM) for ALM Tour*					
3:15 pm	Depart Visitor Centre for Algonquin Logging Museum (km 54.5)					

SAMPLE ITINERARY: Typical One Day Visit

* Naturalist-led program with associated fee (see Rates and Booking Procedures)

SUMMER





NIGHT WALK

Afraid of the dark? Why? Join a nighttime adventure (without flashlights!) to learn about nocturnal animals such as wolves, owls, frogs, bats, and fireflies that both frighten and intrigue us. *Offered as an evening program.*



SNOWSHOEING

Strap on a pair of snowshoes and prepare yourself for an outing to discover the wonders of Algonquin in winter. Follow in the footsteps of many Algonquin animals such as the Snowshoe Hare, Fisher, and Ruffed Grouse and learn how each survives Algonquin's winter. A limited number of Faber snowshoes are provided with the cost of this program. Please enquire for details.



MAKE YOUR OWN HALF-DAY ED-VENTURE!

Don't see something that fits with your group's interests...

We would be pleased to develop a custom educational program specific to your group.

Contact us for details.

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Head out into the Algonquin night and discover the amazing adaptations that permit owls to hunt. Learn how to imitate their calls, and then try to see if real owls will respond. *Offered as an evening program.*



FALL

SPRING BIRD WALK

Explore the Park in the early morning! Witness the spring migration of birds as they return to their breeding grounds here in Algonquin and northward. Discover the meaning behind fascinating bird behaviour such as bird songs and calls, and learn why males are generally more brightly coloured than their female counterparts. A limited number of Bushnell binoculars are available for loan. Please enquire for details.



SPRUCE BOGS

What is a bog? Learn how spruce bogs form and how various plants and animals are adapted to life in this harsh environment. Experience the possibility of observing Algonquin's carnivorous plants and a bird that begins nesting in the Park before the snow has melted.

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WINTER







WINTER TREE IDENTIFICATION

In winter, deciduous trees and shrubs have lost their leaves to cope with Algonquin's coldest season. During this season, these plants may all appear the same to the novice, but they can still be easily identified by looking at their bark, twigs, and buds. Learn how to use a pictorial key to identify winter trees and shrubs plus test your newly developed skills by trying to identify common species in the woods.





WINTER WILDLIFE

Algonquin's winters are long and cold. Learn how various animals manage to survive winter, and look for signs of their activity in the snow. Through activities learn firsthand why these animals spend their winters here and how they survive the longest and coldest months of the year.

SAFETY IN BEAR COUNTRY



On your visit to Algonquin Park you will be visiting bear country. Algonquin Park has an estimated 2,000 Black Bears. Few visitors are lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a bear during their visit, however anyone visiting the Park must protect themselves and our bears by following three very simple rules.

3 SIMPLE RULES

- 1. NEVER feed or approach a bear, and if you encounter a bear, slowly back away DO NOT RUN.
- **2.** Store all your food in the trunk of your vehicle (or suspend it high up between two trees if you are in the Park's backcountry).
- **3.** Pack out all garbage, or place it in bear proof garbage facilities available throughout the Park.
- With the Group Education Program Coordinator or check **www.algonquinpark.on.ca**.



WOLF HOWL

Learn about the biology and ecology of wolves in Algonquin, as well as the history of wolf howling in the Park. Go to a location where wild wolves may respond to human imitations of their howls. *Recommended as an evening program.*





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HALF-DAY INDOOR PROGRAMS

A variety of half-day indoor programs allows Park visitors to discover Algonquin's natural and cultural history through a combination of interactive demonstrations and presentations.





ALGONQUIN THROUGH TIME

Journey back to the days when locomotives steamed through Algonquin, when rough and ready loggers chopped down the White Pine, and Park Rangers chased poachers in the snow. Priceless historical photographs bring these days back to life.

THE "MEGAFAUNA" OF ALGONQUIN

Everyone who visits Algonquin Park would like to observe our large bodied, often elusive, species like wolves, bears, moose, deer and beavers. Explore the life histories of these popular animals, the research that has taken place in the Park to help us better understand them, and the important ecological role they play in this protected area.



AN INTRODUCTION TO ALGONQUIN PARK

Algonquin Park covers over 7,635km² in central Ontario. This protected area is larger than the province of Prince Edward Island, and has many fascinating natural and human history characteristics inconspicuous to many new visitors. Through the use of historic and current images, take a quick visit of Algonquin Park.





TOM THOMSON

This famous Canadian artist captured the rugged beauty of Algonquin unlike anyone before him. Tom Thomson was more than just an artist in Algonquin, he also worked as a guide and a fire ranger. Through his brilliant art and historic photographs, learn about Tom Thomson and his mysterious death on Canoe Lake in 1917.

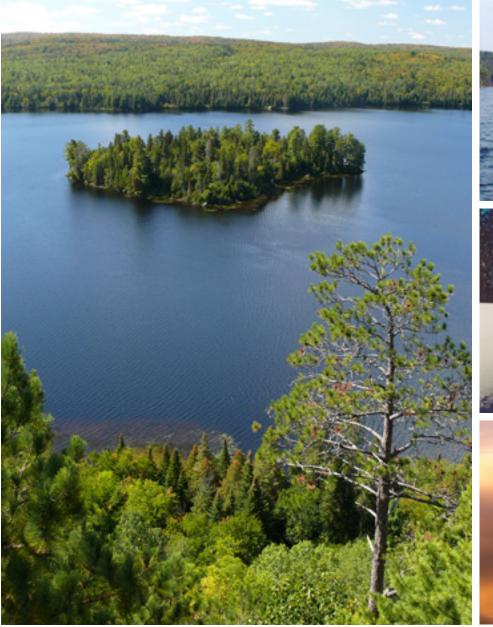
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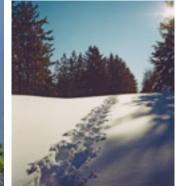


FULL-DAY OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

A full-day program allows participants to better understand the complexity of Algonquin Park's natural and cultural history. Typical full-day, outdoor programs include between four and five hours of programming with a lunch break.







ALGONQUIN BY CANOE

Algonquin Park has over 2,100 km of canoe routes — spend a day exploring a small portion of the Park by canoe. The day begins with a Naturalist-led lesson on paddling techniques and safety. Then the group will depart for a day of paddling (and portaging, if desired). At lunch learn how to prepare and pack for an overnight canoe trip and how to pick a suitable route through Algonquin's wild country. Use of canoes, paddles, PFDs, and safety kits is included in the cost. Program led by certified canoeing instructor(s). Participants must bring their own lunch.



SNOWSHOEING

Strap on a pair of snowshoes and prepare to discover the wonders of Algonquin in winter. Follow in the footsteps of many Algonquin animals such as the Snowshoe Hare, Fisher, and Ruffed Grouse and learn how each survives Algonquin's winter. After the morning's snowshoeing, en-joy your lunch around a campfire and learn how to build a snow shelter. A limited number of snowshoes are provided with the cost of this program, please inquire for details. Participants must bring their own lunch.



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Looking for a custom itinerary for your group?

Try combining two half-day programs or contact us for a custom program or itinerary suitable for the length of your visit.

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FULL DAY PROGRAMS

	SAMPLE ITINERARY: Full-Day Visit
9:15 am	Meet Naturalist at pre-arranged location for Algonquin by Canoe* program.
12:00 pm	Group stops for lunch. Bagged lunches prepared by local provider (please inquire for details).
3:15 pm	Conclusion of Algonquin by Canoe program.
3:45 pm	Self-guided hike of the Algonquin Logging Museum (km 54.5).
6:15 pm	Dinner at a lodge in Algonquin Park (please inquire for details).
7:15 pm	Self-guided tour of the Algonquin Visitor Centre including the movie <i>Images of Algonquin</i> and a stop at The Friends of Algonquin Park Bookstore.
7:45 pm	Wolf Howl* program begins at the Algonquin Visitor Centre (km 43.0).
10:15 pm	Depart Algonquin Park for overnight accommodation (or accommodation located within the Park's boundaries).

* Naturalist-led program with associated fee (see Rates and Booking Procedures)



WANT A LONGER VISIT TO ALGONQUIN PARK?

Stay Overnight at a Lodge Inside the Park

Only three lodges exist within Algonquin Park. Arowhon Pines, Bartlett and Killarney Lodges offer an elegant yet rustic experience for those seeking warm hospitality and attentive service.

Stay at the Whitefish Lake Group Campground

The Whitefish Lake Group Campground, located at km 36.9 on Highway 60, has large campsites designed to accommodate adult groups ranging in size from 20 to 40 people. The campground is open from late April/early May to mid-October.

Sleep at an Algonquin Campground

Algonquin Park is home to 11 campgrounds offering traditional camping experiences on campsites, or visitors may sleep in yurts which are eight sided,

5 meter diameter, tent-like structures installed on a wooden deck floor. All yurts include heat, making camping comfortable during the spring, fall and winter. Yurts are available at selected campgrounds only.



Find Accommodation Outside the Park

Every type of accommodation can be found just outside the boundaries of Algonquin Park, check our website for an accommodation provider that is right for you.



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ALGONQUIN'S FEATURE ATTRACTIONS

There is lots to see and do in Algonquin, but there are a few things not to miss. Here are some of our top attractions.

• Participate in a Wolf Howl.

FALL

- Take a step back in time with a guided tour of the Algonquin Logging Museum.
- Explore the Algonguin Visitor Centre, including its exhibit area featuring dioramas and exhibits about the Park's plants, animals and cultural history.

WINTER

- Head out on a self-guided walk along any one of the Park's Interpretive Trails.
- Join a Naturalist on an Autumn Colours **Walk** to better understand the reasons for our brilliant autumn colours.

SUMMER



TRIP PLANNING INFORMATION

HOW DO I GET TO ALGONQUIN PARK?

Algonquin Provincial Park covers a total of 7,630 km² and is located in the area approximately south of North Bay, east of Huntsville, north of Haliburton, and west of Pembroke (see Map 1). To navigate to the Highway 60 portion of Algonquin Park, where Group Education Programs take place, use the map of the Highway 60 Corridor of Algonquin Park (see page 15).

Approximate Travel Time to the Highway 60 Corridor of Algonquin Park

TRAVEL TIME

Barrie 2.5 hours • Belleville 2.75 hours Huntsville 1.25 hours • North Bay 3 hours Ottawa 3 hours • Pembroke 1.5 hours Peterborough 2.5 hours • Toronto 3.5 hours

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from Algonquin Park, and also between sites in the Park used for programs is the trip leader's responsibility.

GROUP SIZE

It is recommended that most groups participating in outdoor programs limit themselves to a maximum of 35 participants. By doing so, participants will receive more personalized attention. Please inquire with the Group Education Program Coordinator concerning the ideal number of participants for the program you are interested in.

SAFETY AND SUPERVISION

All Naturalists leading Group Education Programs come prepared with first aid kits and two-way portable radios in the case of an emergency. The trip leader must stay with the participants at all times. Group leaders are responsible for the safety and proper conduct of the group.



Map 1: Algonquin Provincial Park and the Highway 60 Corridor

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the case of an emergency during a Group Education Program, your Naturalist will notify appropriate emergency personnel. Should you have an emergency while not participating in a supervised program, you can visit staff located at many Park facilities (e.g. campground office, Visitor Centre, etc.) or you may wish to contact emergency personnel directly by calling:

Ontario Provincial Police 1-888-310-1122

At the current time, limited cellular phone service is available along the Highway 60 Corridor of Algonquin Park. Cell phone service is not necessarily available away from the highway or on secondary Park roads. Do not use cell phone service as your only means of emergency preparedness.



TRIP PLANNING INFORMATION



FALL — Autumn in Algonquin Park begins with cool, crisp mornings and warm days that require long pants and a light jacket. During this time of the year some days are warm enough for summer activities such as swimming. By late September or early October Algonquin's deciduous trees are usually ablaze of red, orange, and purple. As fall progresses, many visitors are caught off guard by cooling temperatures and an occasional snowfall as early as mid-October. Fall in Algonquin is an excellent time for canoeing, participating in a Wolf Howl, observing the outstanding autumn colours and studying the moose rut and bird migration. Whenever you visit in the fall, it is a wise idea to pack an additional warm layer, a warm hat and gloves or mittens, should you experience early winter conditions.

WINTER — Conditions in Algonquin Park are extremely variable during the period from November to March. Temperatures can change from just above freezing to well below freezing in short periods. Therefore, groups coming to the Park during these months should prepare for colder than expected weather. This means bringing winter boots (ideally waterproof), a warm hat, gloves or mittens, sunglasses, dressing in layers with a waterproof outer layer, and warm moisture-wicking inner layer(s). A backpack that contains additional gear such as a water bottle, snacks, or even an extra pair of

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gloves or socks may be useful. Winter provides visitors with an opportunity to enjoy snowshoeing and winter camping. The colder months also allow visitors to have excellent opportunities to view non-migratory wildlife, in a forest partially devoid of leaves. Many visitors will attest, Algonquin has a beauty all its own in winter.

SPRING — With warming temperatures in spring, many groups believe that it will be as warm in Algonquin as in surrounding areas. In fact, as a result of higher elevation, Algonguin is on average cooler than surrounding areas, and thus spring generally comes later. Barred and Saw-whet Owls begin calling in early spring usually before the snow has completely melted. Wildflowers push forth from the recently thawed ground even while unsuspecting visitors are caught off guard by an occasional snow storm as late as mid-May. As a result of these cooler conditions it is not uncalled for in early spring, to bring a winter jacket, waterproof boots, a warm hat, and mittens or gloves. A rain jacket and pants are also a wise idea. In most years however, the majority of snow has melted by mid to late April and ice is off our larger lakes by late April or early May. During late April and into May, tree leaves emerge and migratory birds return to a warming Algonquin Park. By the middle of May biting insects, such as blackflies and mosquitoes, traditionally emerge.

SUMMER — Most biting insects have concluded their life cycles by early July, with a few mosquitoes lingering at dusk, or in years with abundant moisture. Summer's warm, (sometimes humid) days are interrupted by typically brief, but occasionally intense thunderstorms which bring cooler and drier air to the highlands of Algonguin Park.

Summer marks the most popular season for visiting the Park. Whether it is spending time in a developed campground, or "getting away from it all" on an extended journey into the Park's vast backcountry — summer offers everyone plenty of opportunities for recreational activities like canoeing, backpacking, swimming, bicycling, and wildlife watching.

With Algonquin located at a higher elevation than surrounding areas, summers are short and cool. By mid to late August, days are becoming shorter and nights cooler, signaling some migrating birds to begin their southward journey and others to prepare for it. Early September offers visitors, cool, crisp days with obvious hints of impending colour change in the hardwood forest.

WEATHER AND CLOTHING

One of the most important aspects of preparing for your Algonquin Group Education Program is being ready for the anticipated weather conditions. By bringing and wearing the correct garments for the expected weather conditions, participants are better able to enjoy their day(s) in the field without worry of cold, wet feet or sunburn. Many Group Education Programs take place outside and thus are conducted rain or shine. Use the information below to help prepare your group for the anticipated weather conditions for your upcoming visit.

Several days before your visit to the Park check the weather forecast.

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR ALL OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Rain jacket and pants
Warm layer (or two)
Appropriate footwear
Hat or toque
Mittens or gloves
Water bottle
Sunscreen
Sunglasses
Insect repellent (spring only)

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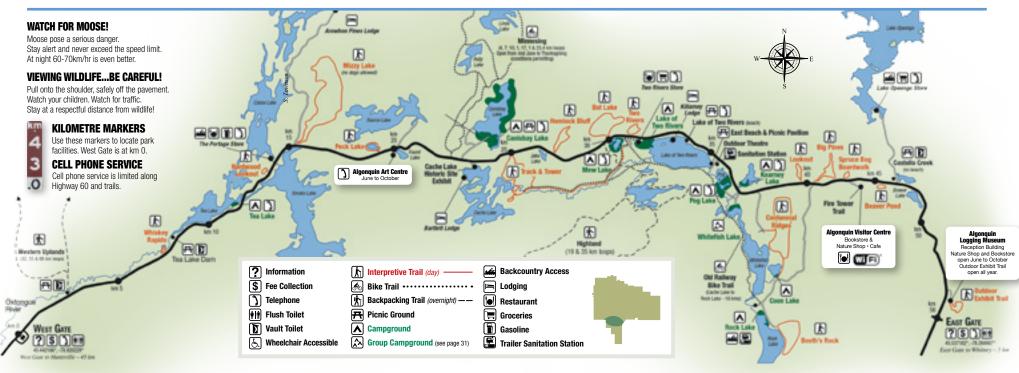


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MONTH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEPT	ост	NOV	DEC
Daily Mean Temperature (°C)	-11.7	-9.4	-4.4	3.7	11.0	15.8	8.	16.9	12.6	6.2	-0.5	-7.3
Rainfall (mm)	24.0	19.3	39.5	55.6	93.5	89.9	89.6	96.4	114.3	107.1	84.0	27.1
Snowfall (cm)	82.8	59.6	44.8	17.6	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	45.7	86.6

TRIP PLANNING INFORMATION



THE HIGHWAY 60 CORRIDOR

The Highway 60 Corridor provides visitors with a less strenuous visit to Algonguin than canoeing or hiking into the Park's vast backcountry. Enjoy camping, hiking, picnicking, and other activities along Highway 60, which travels 56 kilometres through the southern section of the Park. Kilometre markers at one kilometre intervals indicate distances from the West Gate (km 0.0). By referring to these numbers you will be able to locate Park facilities guickly.

ALGONQUIN VISITOR CENTRE



No visit to the Park would be complete without a stop at Algonquin's fabulous Visitor Centre at km 43.0. Opened in 1993 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Algonquin Park and the entire Ontario

provincial park system, the centre has world class exhibits on the Park's natural and cultural history, and an excellent bookstore. A theatre presentation sums up the Park story

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and then takes you out to the viewing deck from where you can admire a breathtaking panorama of a wild Algonguin landscape.

ALGONOUIN LOGGING MUSEUM



Just inside the East Gate, the Algonquin Logging Museum brings the story of logging to life from the early square timber days to the last of the great river drives. A recreated camboose camp and

a fascinating steam powered amphibious tug called an "alligator" are among the many displays.

WALKING TRAILS

Not to be confused with Algonquin's three overnight backpacking trails, these much shorter walking trails are available for day outings in the Corridor. Each trail is designed to explore a different aspect of Algonquin and each has a trail guide booklet.

EAST BEACH PICNIC PAVILION



The East Beach Picnic Pavilion (EBPP) is a 140 square metre rental facility designed for large gatherings such as group picnics, family reunions, weddings, or other social events. The EBPP can

accommodate up to 110 people (or two smaller groups at the same time).

PICNIC AREAS

Six picnic ground are located throughout the Highway 60 Corridor of Algonquin Park.

BATHROOM LOCATIONS

Bathrooms are located throughout the Highway 60 Corridor at major Park facilities such as gates, campgrounds, museums, and selected trailheads.



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RATES AND BOOKING PROCEDURES

PROGRAM	СОЅТ	DEPOSIT
HALF-DAY PROGRAMS (indoor or outdoor)	\$12.50 per person (\$250 minimum program cost)	\$100
WOLF HOWL AND LOOK, SEE, PAINT PROGRAMS	\$15.00 per person (\$300 minimum program cost)	\$100
FULL-DAY PROGRAMS	\$25.00 per person (\$500 minimum program cost)	\$200
ALGONQUIN BY CANOE FULL-DAY PROGRAM (includes canoeing equipment)	\$75.00 per person (\$1500 minimum program cost)	\$300

Program fees include Algonquin Park entrance fees for the day of the program. There is no charge for a reasonable number of chaperones, as determined by the Group Education Program Coordinator. Taxes not included.

BOOKING PROCEDURES

To book a program, call The Friends of Algonquin Park Group Education Program Coordinator at 1 (877) 212-9514 during business hours. You can also contact the Group Education Program Coordinator by e-mail at <groupeducation@algonquinpark.on.ca>. Bookings are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. To avoid disappointment, please ensure that you book well in advance.

BOOKING FEES AND CANCELLATIONS

When booking a program, a deposit by credit card is required to reserve the date and time of your program. All of the deposit will be applied against a group's outstanding account. The deposit will be forfeited if the group cancels more than 14 days prior to the program. However, if the group fails to cancel 14 or fewer days prior to the date scheduled for their program or if the group fails to show at the time and place scheduled for their program, the entire program cost will be owed. A late arrival may result in a shortened program. Please make cheque payable to The Friends of Algonquin Park.

TRIP PLANNING SEQUENCE

- Book a program(s) by contacting the Group Education Program Coordinator and pay appropriate deposit
- Book travel arrangements for trip
- Receive and check confirmation letter regarding program date, time, meeting location, etc.

More than 14 days prior to your trip

- Return/submit the Equipment Loan Form to Group Education Program Coordinator (if applicable)
- Confirm participant numbers with Group Education Program Coordinator (last chance to cancel, adjust participant numbers, or to receive a refund minus the booking fee)
- Confirm transportation arrangements

The day prior to your trip

Remind participants of your itinerary and key personal care points (e.g. appropriate dress for the weather, proper behaviour, safety, etc.)

When booking a GROUP EDUCATION PROGRAM please have the following information available:

- Preferred program date(s) plus secondary dates
- Program(s) of interest
- □ Number of participants
- Organization contact information, including mailing address, phone number (work & cell), and email
- □ Credit card number and expiry date

For more information, please contact:



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