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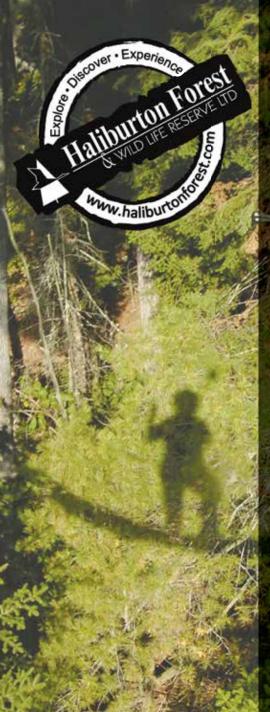






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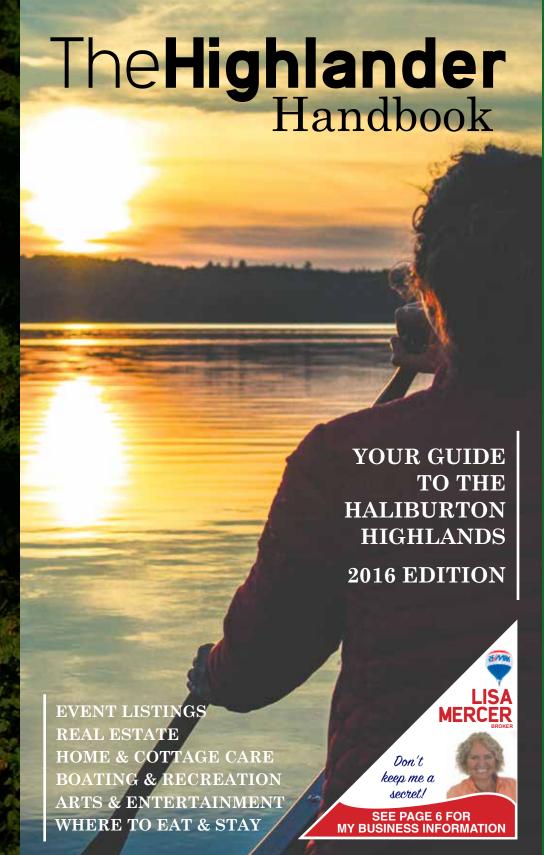
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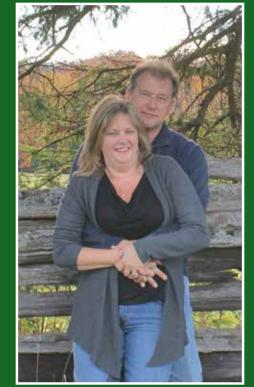
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Is it the breathtaking beauty of our natural surroundings? The Highlands showcase all that is best about the Canadian Shield. The county covers more than 4,000 square kilometres and features more than 600 lakes, rugged granite outcrops and forests. As a result, Haliburton Highlands scenery is spectacular year-round.

Or maybe it's the intriguing mix of permanent and seasonal residents and visitors who call the Highlands home each year, however briefly? On weekends, holidays and especially in summer, our population quadruples.

What about our amenities? We have two hospitals, a family health clinic and a wide range of health care practitioners. There are five elementary schools, four municipal governments, three arenas, two veterinary clinics and our local high school which boasts hockey stars and sports doctors among its graduates. Add high-

speed Internet service, trails for hikers, skiers, snowshoers, snowmobilers and ATVers; dozens of volunteer groups; festivals and friendships beyond imagination. Certainly, it could be our people. Our communities are rural with unique main streets and a mix of permanent resident and cottager. In fact, cottages make up more than 60 per cent of the county's dwellings, and many have been winterized to enable their owners to enjoy the county's extensive four-season arts, cultural and recreational activities. (see Activities & Events).

What other small community in Canada has not one but two international film festivals while maintaining traditional skills and crafts, from trapping to tapping? Where else will you find a craft brewery nestled in an experimental farm, just down the road from a world leader in water system technology?

What is #MyHaliburtonHighlands for you? It may be something as simple and priceless as being yourself. Thank you for joining us – and welcome!



A Year in the Highlands

The federal government announced a \$17 million investment in the Trent-Severn Waterway. Our portion will be used to repair or replace dams and rehabilitate bridges, such as Haliburton Villages Head Lake bridge, while \$1 million has been set aside for newer technology to monitor county water levels.

More than \$1 million was announced for seniors' in-home health services from the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the province. The Dorset Health Hub nurse practitioner's office opened and a new county EMS base now stands on Highway 35 in Minden Hills. Haliburton Highlands Health Services decided it was time for a new CEO. All four municipalities experienced additional increases for police services under the OPP's new billing model, leading to tax increases across the board.

The Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre came under new ownership and management, purchased the Wigamog Inn and announced plans for a mini plaza next door. The Haliburton Chamber of Commerce started a Young Professionals Network and the county decided to close the tourist office at the end of the year.

The Geocaching Capital of Canada tour launched in Highlands East, reaching the top spot in the country. YMCA Wanakita announced an \$8 million camp facility upgrade and the county's farmers market organization added Minden to its list of locations.

Cottager Kurt Browning brought *Stars on Ice* to Minden. Colin and Justin of *Cabin Pressure* renovated a Highlands cottage and Artech Glass Blowing Studios provided products for the gift suite at the Emmy Awards.

Minden Hills hosted the kayaking slalom event for the Pan Am Games. The county hosted the Ontario 55+ Winter Games and Haliburton made the top 10 list for the annual Hockeyville contest, receiving \$25,000 for upgrades to the A.J. LaRue arena.

While most of Canada chose red in the federal election, the county remained blue in electing Conservative Jamie Schmale. And as the year came to a close, Highlanders created the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee, formed with support from the Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA).

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An Unparalleled Lifestyle

Bordered to the east by Algonquin Park and Hastings Highlands, and to the west by the Muskokas, Haliburton County is quickly becoming one of Ontario's most desirable locations to live, vacation and retire.

More than 600 crystal-blue lakes dazzle in summer. Sugar maple hues of red and gold captivate the gaze in fall. Snow-white backdrops throw dark spruce and secret trails into relief in winter. Spring bursts forth green and glowing, and then we happily go around again.

From small general stores to farmers markets bursting with local produce, to micro-breweries purveying local wines and beer, it's the perfect place for buying ice cream, strolling village streets and exploring boutiques showcasing local arts and crafts.

Choosing where to eat out can prove a challenge, with options from burgers and pizza to Thai and Chinese. Entertainment and recreation opportunities present themselves year-round. Art galleries, concerts, operas, musical and dramatic performances, natural and historic heritage sites and museums offer something for everyone.

Outdoors, enjoy swimming, canoeing, boating, hiking, camping, cycling, golfing, ATVing, parasailing, bowling, fishing, skiing, hunting, snowshoeing, sledding, ice climbing and more.

If work beckons, where better to tackle it than on the dock in summer or by the fire in winter? Entrepreneurs and business owners see opportunity here, in a growing economy and the power of telecommunications. New businesses pop up like fiddleheads.

And if you've ever considered retiring to the Highlands, welcome to the club. Seriously.

Sports clubs, senior's clubs, writer's groups, choirs – you name it. There are more than dozens of volunteer organizations in the county to join, each contributing to healthy, vibrant lives. There are hospitals in Haliburton and Minden and a nurse practitioner's office in Dorset. The number and variety of seniors' housing options has grown to include apartments, condominiums and assisted-living residences.

All this amid the close-knit feeling of the Highlands, where everyone shares a love for this remarkable place.

Why You Need This Guide

The Highlander Handbook is designed to help you get the most from the Highlands, whether you're here for a day or a lifetime. Now in its third year of publication, the Handbook has been updated and expanded to answer your questions, save you money and make the most of your Highlands experience.

At nearly double the size, the 2016 Handbook features your usual favourites, such as boating and other recreation options, hunting and fishing guides, a chock-full events calendar, arts listings, renovation and building ideas for your home or cottage, real estate information, and guides to local restaurants and accommodation. This year we've also added community updates from our municipal leaders, details about the popular annual artists' studio tours, and information about two of the Highlands' most-loved pursuits: ATVing and snowmobiling.

If you're new to [renting] a cottage for your vacation or renting out your cottage for income, we've got the guide for you. And if you'll be inundated by visitors this year, you may want to leave the Handbook open at our tips on **cottage etiquette** section.

Have a yen to eat local? We've dished up some details on local **sustainable food** options and initiatives and a list of thriving **farmers markets**.

Look also for features about **service clubs** and **volunteer opportunities** in Haliburton County, as well as information about the **Haliburton Highlands Land Trust**, which manages close to 700 acres of ecologically sensitive property.

All this and more in a handy guidebook you can tuck into a backpack or purse. We'll be pleased to travel with you, and we thank you for helping to make the Highlands a place worth bragging about

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A Word from the Warden

Welcome to #MyHaliburtonHighlands.

We are a diverse and inclusive community that is uniquely Canadian.

We are a little offbeat, we are clever and fun; and we embody the spirit of community and collaboration.

We are layers of adventure, art and culture and regional food. We embrace our heritage and celebrate generations of camp and cottage memories.

The outdoorsy folk can ski, hike and snowshoe. Go rock-hounding, geocaching or dogsledding. Hit the trails on your sled or ATV or get a bird's eye view while paragliding behind a boat. There's a lotta fish in them thar lakes – why not go get 'em?

For the culture crew there's opera, sculpture, music festivals, public and private art galleries, museums, studio tours, workshops and courses. Learn to climb, blow glass, make a pot, craft silver jewellery – it's all here.

If you follow your stomach, enjoy farmers markets, farm gate sales and craft breweries. Pack a picnic and find a quiet spot, dine like a local or appease your foodie palate.

Or just relax. Paddle a quiet lake, enjoy a lakeside BBQ, watch the sunset from a screened-in porch. Lie on the dock and look at the stars. And just breathe...

There's room for everyone here. Enjoy #MyHaliburtonHighlands and make it yours.

Carol Moffatt Warden, Haliburton County

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Algonquin Highlands

The many lakes and rolling hills of Algonquin Highlands make it somewhat parklike, where ribbons of highway wind their way through spectacular forested landscapes. We are defined by our people; by the rugged, natural beauty of our surroundings; by our love of place and by our experience-based lifestyle. Life here provides an engaging and relaxed pace wrapped in a wide range of year-round activities and events.

Myriad lakes offer great fishing, boating, swimming and sparkling sunsets.

Our extensive year-round trails system, complete with maps and guidebooks, offers endless beautiful vistas and waterfalls. Our 174 campsites on 110 kilometres of water trails are as unique as you are. Marked and groomed trails for hiking, snowshoeing, and Nordic skiing let you get up close and personal with Mother Nature. We host guided experiences in winter and summer.

Arts and heritage are alive and well with museums and galleries, and Algonquin Highlands has a hundred-year history as a magnet for internationally renowned artists seeking to capture its rugged landscape in paintings and drawings.

The village of Dorset is a bustling waterway town with deep traditions that still shape a casual, easy lifestyle. A few shops, a few places to eat and great green spaces, not to mention the Dorset Museum, the Dorset Tower and the S.S. Bigwin, are all worth a visit whether you're a full-timer or just passing through.

En route to the mighty Algonquin Park is the highway hamlet of Oxtongue Lake, where painter A.J. Casson was known to hang his hat — find out more at the stone schoolhouse where his and other stories are told

To the south, the crossroads of Carnarvon is home to an award-winning craft brewery and must-see seasonal farmer's market.

In Algonquin Highlands, we value community, heritage, tourism, the arts, and healthy active living.

Come and see why...

Carol Moffatt Reeve, Algonquin Highlands



Dysart et al

In 2016 we look forward to how the public process of municipal development unfolds with the creation of an economic development strategy.

Dysart held three public sessions over the past year, with up to 50 people present. They contributed a wealth of ideas and values and from these interested parties we have formed an economic development committee.

An extensive list was created of values determined to be of importance. These include communications, a positive business environment, marketing strategy, and retirement and residential housing opportunities. It also includes a student housing strategy, municipal and Head Lake waterfront improvements, agricultural development and a septic reinspection program, as well as opportunities for youth, recreation, jobs, winter culture, ecotourism and cultural resources.

After several public focus groups, with a lot of



local enthusiasm, we agreed on the following vision statement: "Dysart et al is a culturally rich community which values the environment and supports an innovative economy, meeting multi-generational needs and embracing the spirit of our vibrant heritage."

The 2016 portion of the five-year Ontario Provincial Police billing increase raised the municipal expenditure budget by seven per cent even before municipal considerations. Council and staff are working to control the tax rate without a reduction in services. The changes in the OPP billing could be negative for rural Ontario.

Dysart will be updating its official plan this year in tandem with the county official plan update. Many of the required changes are a result of changes in the Provincial Policy Statement with which our documents must comply. This is a public process and public information sessions will be held to have input from all sectors in both the permanent and seasonal population. One main focus is on the province's direction on growth areas as to how much and where, looking well into the future.

We're seeing promising indicators of growth on the economic side, the most major to date being proposals coming forward for several new developments. Other business proposals are in the works and there is much discussion about affordable housing and assisted living. Both are much needed to keep people in our community.

Dysart's "Come to Town Tuesdays" promotion has been a great success and will continue this year. It includes the Farmers Market and Music in the Park. This, combined with many events already booked in Haliburton's Head Lake Park, will make for a successful summer season for residents and visitors alike.

In 2017 Haliburton will mark its Sesquicentennial. Planning for exciting events and activities has already begun. Join us to celebrate our 150th birthday!

> Murray Fearrey, Reeve, Dysart et al

Highlands East

On behalf of the Municipality of Highlands East, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all residents and visitors, both near and far.

Our municipality may appear small but we are home to more than 3,000 full-time and 13,000 seasonal residents. Our pristine, countryside setting and small town charm, our convenient location, diverse population, rich heritage, proud historical associations and bright economic future all combine to make Highlands East a great place to live, learn, work and play.

Our mission in Highlands East is to lead by being innovative in developing, promoting and protecting our community, environment and heritage for future generations.

Highlands East prides itself on providing a positive first impression and outdoor experience

for all. We are known as the Geocaching Capital of Canada and offer a variety of recreational hotspots. Some of these include our vast trails system, numerous lake access points and mineral tourism collection sites; a little something to be enjoyed by everyone.

In Highlands East we practice forward thinking and set ambitious goals. We believe in supporting our local initiatives and have a high regard for community values. We feel it is imperative that we support local businesses to ensure our community continues to thrive now and in the future. We value and appreciate all residents who call this magnificent community home.

Highlands East, Yours to Explore!

Dave Burton Reeve, Highlands East





Minden Hills

Another summer season is upon us in the Township of Minden Hills. The summer of 2016 will feature all of those great seasonal events that one expects and enjoys in cottage country. This year's activities will include the Ram Rodeo Tour, Haliburton County Fair, Kinsman Truck Pull & Show and Shine, Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival, Canada Day Festivities and a host of other activities for your enjoyment.

This summer will also see the Minden Hills Farmers and Artisans Markets open on Saturdays, both downtown by the Municipal office on Milne Street. The Farmers Market also returns to Carnarvon on Friday afternoons. Make sure to come early enough to get your favourites. The mindenhills.ca website is a sure bet to keep abreast of all of the activities in our community including those at the library and cultural centre.

A drive around town in Minden shows we have not been idle while you were away. On Highway 35 the new Beer Store is under construction



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and should be open early in the summer. Beside the Minden Animal Hospital on Bobcaygeon Road, new apartments are taking shape and should be ready for occupancy later in the year. Downtown, the Newcastle Condominiums are rising out of the ground and are slated for fall occupancy.

Up at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, changes are happening as well. Canada 150 Funding has made it possible for the first of a multi-phase renewal of the building. There will be changes to the community centre portion, kitchen, and lobby of the building to happen in 2016. On the perimeter of the arena parking lot, we'll break ground for the Pinegrove Place 12-unit seniors facility.

The town of Minden is clearly in transition, with development along the highway, downtown, and uptown that will continue. The next few years will see the fire hall relocated beside the new County EMS building on Highway 35, and the reinvention of the Firehall-Pritchard House block to increase public and green spaces downtown. We invite the public to have input through a task force that will be struck. It is also Council's ambition to expand and link Riverwalk and Boardwalk to all the spaces possible as these developments occur.

2016 promises to be another great season to enjoy the lakes, forests and man-made gems within the County of Haliburton, and to create new memories to enjoy for years to come.

Brent Devolin Reeve, Minden Hills



Building Your Home

When building a home in the Haliburton Highlands, you'll encounter some differences to city building, but they're easily overcome with the help of local professionals.

For example, unless you build in one of the areas serviced by municipal water and waste systems (see Water and Waste Systems), you'll need to ensure you have the space and proper locations for a well and a septic system.

Choosing the best place to build and determining the amount per square foot you're willing to invest will depend in part on your proximity to water. The big lakes drive the big prices, so to protect your investment the general rule has been not to overbuild on other types of properties.

However, local realtors report the market is changing somewhat as urban homeowners who have sold their city dwelling for a sizeable return choose to retire to the more peaceful setting of the Highlands. This means you're more likely to be able to build on a smaller lake and get the return you're looking for.

If you plan to remain in your dream home as long as possible, or to tap into that growing retiree market, you may want to consider a more level lot and a floor plan that will accommodate aging in place.

Look to your realtor and local building supply centres for advice on the appropriate build for your needs and on choosing local professional designers and builders. Your designer and builder will also provide valuable advice.

Finally, consider using sustainable building practices and materials, which can help you see an even better return on your investment through reduced energy costs, especially during our (usually) longer, colder winters.

"Building a house is far more than nailing boards together," says sustainable builder Don Koppin. "A good house [is] a system of all of the parts working together, and the designer and builder have to understand this."

"Many members of the [Haliburton County] Home Builders Association use good building practices and are building sustainable houses with good, local materials and high insulation values. The builder is conscious of eliminating waste and constructing the building envelope so that the house is easy to heat."

With rugged landscapes, extreme temperatures and often having to build your own water, sewage and electricity supply, the Highlands is somewhere local expertise can go a long way.







Finding A Contractor

When it comes to finding a contractor, the process here is virtually the same as in urban centres.

It begins with knowing your options – which is as easy as using an online search engine. Afterwards, your best bet is to go directly to the source: building supply centres.

General contractor Dave Porter says these centres use word of mouth to know who is reputable, honest and reliable in the county.

"They know who does good work," he says, adding they often feature lists of local contractors on their websites and will discuss your options with you. Another source is the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA), it lists member contractors on its website.

In addition to ensuring the contractor has a good reputation, look for experience in your type of project, check references, confirm the contractor has Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage and liability insurance, and make sure you get a clear, signed contract.

Building permits and regulations vary according to municipality so choose a contractor who knows the requirements for your project and location. Be sure you have the appropriate drawings for your project so your contractor can secure the necessary permits.

"A permit requires plans that have to be prepared by qualified and licensed designers," says Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton. Many building centres have design staff who can provide certain plan design services and information regarding required permits. Emmerson says to make sure your finances are in order before you start. During your reference checks, find out how well your proposed contractor has helped clients manage their budgets.

Porter recommends setting aside a contingency fund of between 15 and 20 per cent of your budget to address any unforeseen circumstances.

Check the HCHBA's member list of contractors and suppliers at hchba.ca, call the HCHBA at 705-457-6901.



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RenoMark, an organization founded by the Building Industry and Land Development Association, features online advice and tools for property owners to help best approach their project.

RenoMark recommends deciding on your contractor first (see Finding a Contractor), as they can help with initial rough sketches. Once you've discussed your desired quality of materials and workmanship, a budget and schedule can be estimated. Get a written contract including an exact scope of work, specific price and payment schedule, a reasonable timetable for completion

and any steps for protecting other parts of the house.

For smaller projects, you may plan to do your own work (see our Dos and Don'ts of DIY). For larger projects that require building permits, you'll need professional designs.

Gary Burtch of G. J. Burtch Construction Enterprises Ltd. recommends owners schedule renovations during a time when they're away.

"If it is a large renovation the owners may not be able to use the cottage for a month or more," says Burtch. "This is when we usually do the work, in the fall or winter."

Many Highlands property owners have been renovating to accommodate growing families or ageing family members. Owners undertaking these expansions will have additional considerations, according to Burtch. These include determining whether the septic system is new enough and large enough to accommodate more occupants.

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Energy Efficiency

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) says about 20 per cent of Canada's energy use can be attributed to homes. Fortunately, there are many choices you can make to reduce your energy consumption.

Appliances

Choose energy-efficient appliances to cut your energy consumption. Clean the refrigerator coils and air intake grill every three months. Choose a front-loading washer to use less water and wash laundry in cold water. Use clotheslines or drying racks to reduce dryer use.

Plumbing fixtures

Fix any leaking hot water taps; a constant drip can waste up to 75 litres of water per week. Use aerator taps to reduce water usage by more than 60 per cent. Install a water-efficient toilet, which uses up to 80 per cent less water than a regular toilet. A dual flush model is even better.

Heating systems

If you're using a furnace, choose a high-efficiency model that includes a higher-efficiency fan motor.

Clean the air filter monthly and use a programmable thermostat with a built-in timer. Ensure your fireplace is sealed properly and for your hot water tank, choose a gas-fired, direct vent, fan-assisted or sealed model.

Lighting

Use compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs or LEDs, which consume 75 per cent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs. Both will last longer than traditional bulbs. Wire each room for individual light control and install dimmers. Install outdoor motion sensor lights to reduce lighting use.

Windows and doors

Seal any air leaks and replace older windows with newer, more energy-efficient models. Install large windows, especially on a south wall to take advantage of solar heat gain in winter. Larger windows will reduce energy use for heating in cold weather and for artificial lighting year-round. Use internal and external window shades in summer to reduce air conditioning and fan use.





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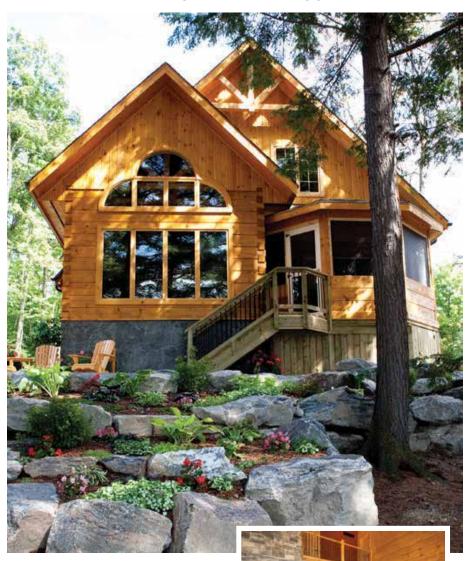
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The Dos and Don'ts of DIY

There's a lot to consider for do-it-yourself (DIY) when you require a permit. renovation or repair.

"It can be tricky because some people think there is no skill involved or that anybody can do it," says Roy Burk, licenced contractor with R.A. Burk & Son Construction. "People need to be honest and admit what level of skill they have."

DIY-ers should definitely leave electrical, plumbing and heating projects to the experts to avoid problems such as fires, flooding and frozen pipes or foundation damage. It's also wise to rely on experts for major roofing projects, which can be dangerous without the proper safety equipment and expertise.

General contractor David Porter says safety is paramount. "Really assess the situation, and if you're not confident about it, don't do it. There's no savings in getting injured."

Structural changes are also best left to professional contractors, experts say. "If you're not completely comfortable, hire a pro," says Burk. "Some of them will let you work with them, which will lower the price [and] get you some experience."

If you've decided you and your crew have the skills to tackle the project, tackle safety first. Ensure you have safety glasses, ear protection and protective clothing. Make sure you know how to use the necessary tools well, the material you're working with won't slip, and remember to keep the work area clear of debris.

Permits are required for structural construction and for demolition work. Your municipal clerk or building department staff can help you determine

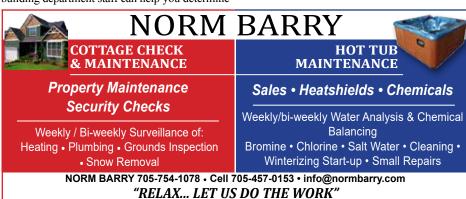
When designing your project, consider your neighbours to be sure you're not overstepping property lines or blocking views. Keep in mind sketches may suffice for smaller projects, but professional designs are necessary for structural work.

"We are lucky in this area that all the lumber yards have the ability to draw up proper drawings that [meet] municipal requirements," says Burk, adding most lumber yards will also create a materials list for their customers.

Finally, make sure you can see the project through to the end. Some DIY-ers have had to abandon projects before completion because they've run out of time, money or both.

"Always expect the unexpected," says Porter. He recommends a contingency fund of 15 to 20 per cent over budget to address miscalculations, delays and other unforeseen issues. Cost estimates differ between cities and cottage country due to the hilly, rocky nature of the countryside. Standard prices per square foot are available online but they're calculated on flat land, so exterior construction in the Highlands will cost more

Success in budgeting both your finances and your time will depend in part on effective scheduling. That will be influenced by multiple factors including the weather, supply time for permits and for products such as cupboards, your available time, your skill level, and whether you have the support of professional contractors for certain services.



Green Cleaning is Critical

Haliburton County is dedicated to protecting the health of our spectacular environment, and green cleaning practices are a critical part of our efforts.

For example, antibacterial cleaning products may seem like a good idea but they kill the good bacteria in septic tanks that break down waste. Even many of the products marketed as green are "green-washed" – they have some green properties, but they're still not the best solutions for green cleaning.

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) is dedicated to promoting proper septic system installation and use, and offers the following tips for green cleaning. These include several water-saving measures, since proper water management contributes to a healthy septic system.

More tips and information are available on the CHA website at www.cohpoa.org

Green cleaning tips from the CHA:

- · Ban ALL antibacterial products.
- Use phosphate-free cleaning products and dish detergent.
- Replace dishwasher rinse aids with lemon juice.
- Avoid pouring fats, oils and grease down the drain.
- Avoid regular drain cleaners.
- Run the dishwasher only when it's full.
- Use peroxide stain removers instead of chlorine bleach.
- Use biodegradable and peroxide bathroom cleaners.
- Avoid using automatic toilet bowl cleaners.
- Wash only one load of laundry per day.
- Shorten showering time and use a low-flow shower head.







Burning Regulations

It's important to know the burning regulations for your area.

The descriptions of daylight hours and the conditions for burning differ among the four municipalities in Haliburton County, and fines exist for violations.

Fire season runs from April 1 to Oct. 31 each year throughout the county. During this time, the burning of brush and wood on your property is prohibited during daylight hours (exceptions may apply with a permit).

The county follows the Forest Fire Danger Rating determined using the Forest Weather Index (FWI), an internationally used method for determining the risk of fires in open air. It uses factors such as the relative humidity, temperature, previous 24-hour rain amount, wind direction and wind speed in combination with the forest fuel type and loads to determine the risk of the forest to certain fire types. For the current rating, call 1-877-847-1577.

The following are additional regulations for each municipality:

Algonquin Highlands – You may burn brush and leaves without a permit between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. under certain conditions, including the size of the fire. Grass fires are prohibited.

Dysart et al – Burning is permitted from two hours before sunset to two hours after sunrise under certain conditions, including fire height.

Highlands East – Small fires are permitted in most areas from one half hour before sunset to one half hour after sunrise under certain conditions, including distance from inflammable materials.

Minden Hills – Burning is permitted from two hours before sunset to two hours after sunrise under certain conditions, including the size of the fire.

For full details on the fire season in your area, including campfire allowances, burning conditions, permit requirements, exceptions and fines, contact your municipality (see Important Contacts).

NOTE: The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the municipalities retain the authority to declare a ban on all outdoor fires if atmospheric conditions become extreme or local circumstances warrant a ban. This includes fires for cooking and warmth. It is your responsibility to be aware of fire bans. Follow the Highlander on Facebook (facebook.com/TheHighlanderOnline) to ensure you get notified if a ban is placed in your area.





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Renting Out Your Cottage

property? The process begins with assessing your property and completing any major repairs beforehand. Minor repairs are also important to give a good first impression.

Outside, check the condition of the decks and dock. Railings must be in good shape and up to code. Decide how many people you want to accommodate at a time. Your septic system will need to be large enough for that number, especially given that your guests may not always remember to conserve water. If your property can handle at least eight guests, ideally you'll have two bathrooms

Queen size is the preferred bed size and kids love bunk beds. A dishwasher and microwave leave more time for fun, and don't forget a propane barbecue (with a full tank).

Many renters want to bring their pets, so decide if your rental will be a pet-friendly zone.

Satellite and high-speed wireless Internet (where

Thinking of renting out your cottage as an income possible) are key. Make sure you have indoor and outdoor toys and games such as a non-motorized boat, a television, a DVD player, indoor games and puzzles, and book and video libraries.

> Find a professional cleaner who will ensure consistent high standards and advise of any missing items or damage, and a local maintenance contractor who will react to issues during rental periods.

Your local municipality offers Cottage Kits that provide directions and tools for recycling and trash disposal and temporary landfill cards so your tenants can take care of this (see Municipal Contacts).

Consider using a local cottage rental agency for help with advertising, fielding inquiries, screening potential clients, developing lease agreements and payment schedules, and more.

Finally, you'll need to decide what rate you'll charge and what security deposit you'll require. Review local listings for comparison.



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Water and Waste Systems

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Minden Hills and Highlands East provide water services in limited areas but otherwise seasonal and permanent county residents use wells to supply water for daily living.

Under provincial regulations, well owners are responsible for maintenance and regular testing and treating. Water supplies are highly vulnerable to contamination from improperly installed and maintained wells.

According to the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA), each residence should have a well record and they offer a well inspection checklist upon request. The well record can be obtained from the former property owner or the Ministry of the Environment.

Research shows septic systems are the single largest polluters of our lakes. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) states excessive water use just flushes nutrients and

Water, wastewater and landfill system maintenance undigested solids into the environment, since the

Talk to your septic service provider as to what type of routine maintenance your system needs. Responsibility for septic inspections moved from the local health unit to the municipalities in 2014. Algonquin Highlands took the lead in developing a formal program, beginning with an education program and follow-up on existing systems that require immediate attention. The other three municipalities have no immediate plans for formal programs, however Harcourt Park residents have conducted their own re-inspection program over the past few years.

For recycling, composting and garbage disposal management, all four municipalities have landfill systems. Regulations differs by municipality.

Visitors can purchase a Cottage Kit from the municipalities, which contains everything a family renting a cottage needs to manage their garbage and recycling for one week, plus a landfill pass.



Cottage Etiquette

Whether you are visiting a cottage owned by someone you know or you're renting a cottage for the first time, you want to make sure you'll be welcomed back. Here are a few dos and don'ts for newcomers to cottage life, including tips from the draft Cottage Information Booklet developed by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA).

DOS

- Do confirm the length of your stay and time of arrival and departure.
- Do ask what supplies you can or should bring and plan for all weather.
- Do confirm whether or not you can bring your pet(s) and if yes, clean up after them.
- Do dishes, tidy and clean, and help with final clean-up.
- Do follow cottage rules for water conservation, septic system use, and waste and recycling disposal.
- Do confirm if you can use fireworks, and if so, what times are permitted under municipal bylaws.
- Do find out the lake rules for motorized watercraft before you go out, and know

- the provincial rules (see the Boating and Water Safety section).
- Do follow the municipality's burning regulations if your host has permitted an outdoor fire (see Burning Regulations).

DON'TS

- Don't bring unexpected guests.
- · Don't drink too much.
- Don't play loud music outdoors as sound carries long distances on waterways.
- Don't use harsh chemicals in sinks or toilets (see Green Cleaning is Critical).
- Don't ever use soap or shampoo in the lake, even if the product is biodegradable.
- · Don't let pets roam free.
- Don't feed the wildlife.
- · Don't leave food outdoors.



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Shoreline Preservation

The Love Your Lakes shoreline classification and restoration program is officially a big hit in the Haliburton Highlands.

Organizers, staff and volunteers are now in their third year of engaging seasonal and permanent residents and lake associations in protecting shorelines and improving water quality in their lakes.

Close to 5,500 Highlands shoreline properties have been surveyed to date, according to the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA). The CHA represents 48 lake associations and 120 lakes in the Highlands and manages the county's Love Your Lakes program.

The CHA plans to evaluate as many as 5,000 more shoreline properties in 2016 and hopes to have classified 10,000 properties by 2018.

Between 80 and 90 per cent of all aquatic life depends on natural shorelines to filter pollutants, provide habitats for wildlife

and ensure a healthy environment for fish, according to the CHA.

Shoreline naturalization maximizes soft surfaces such as native shrubs and trees and minimizes hard surfaces such as stone, retaining walls, concrete, decks and grass lawns. The goal is to develop at least a 30-foot ribbon of natural vegetation along each shoreline, between the water and higher ground.

The CHA has developed a series of educational videos and documents to help property owners with the restoration process. Final Love Your Lakes reports are provided to property owners in the spring following the year the survey was done.

For more information, visit the CHA website at cohpoa.org.

The Love Your Lakes program was developed by Watersheds Canada and is supported by the Canadian Wildlife Federation.









Protecting Your Home

It's essential to prepare your home or cottage to weather the winter, and to avoid theft and vandalism if you're away for extended periods.

Below is a handy checklist compiled from information available from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Water intake and outflow

- Have water source tested for quality annually.
- Clean drains in the dishwasher, sinks, tubs and showers and close the shut-off valves.
- Ensure the sump pump is operating properly with no blockages or leaks.
- Ensure there is water in the trap for each plumbing fixture and the basement floor drain.
- Before an absence, drain water supply pipes and shut off main valve, heat line and pump.
- · Ensure hot water pipes are insulated.
- Determine whether the septic tank needs to be emptied before spring. Tanks should be pumped every 3-5 years, depending on use.

Heating and air conditioning

- Have your heating system serviced by a qualified technician (every year for oil, every two years for gas).
- Replace the filter monthly when the furnace is in use.
- Vacuum electric baseboard heaters, registers and ducts.
- Close the flues on wood stoves, furnaces and fireplaces.
- · Cover the air conditioner.

Insulation and ventilation

- Replace window screens with storm windows.
- Seal any air leaks around doors and windows. Use window film and weather stripping.

- Clear indoor and outdoor air vents and close flapper dampers.
- In the attic, repair any roof leaks and gaps in the underside decking.

Interior maintenance

- Unplug small appliances.
- Ensure all propane appliances are properly shut down.
- Clean, defrost and unplug the refrigerator and place open baking soda boxes in the fridge and freezer.
- Scatter mothballs in the attic and any spot where bugs or small animals might turn up.
- Drain non-frost-proof faucets and close the valve to the outdoor hose.
- Before a winter absence, fill traps and toilets with plumbing antifreeze.

Exterior maintenance

- · Clean eavestroughs and downspouts.
- · Clean chimneys.
- Drain and close the outdoor hose valve.
- · Install a water alarm.

Protection

- Install fresh batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and ensure they work properly.
- · Cover windows with shades or shutters.
- Remove all valuables and engrave stored sporting goods with identification information in case of theft.
- Find local contact person to monitor your property. Make sure they have a key.
- Organize snow removal, including for the roof if necessary.
- Ensure your insurance coverage is updated. Check its vacancy provisions to avoid issues with extended absences.
- Do not leave alcoholic drinks in your home when away for extended periods of time.
- Consider a centrally-monitored alarm system.

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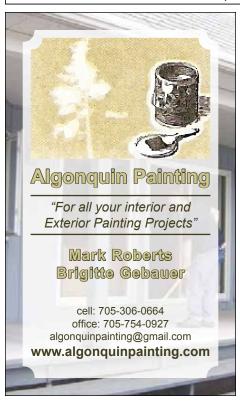
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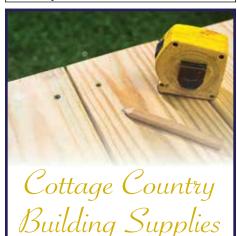


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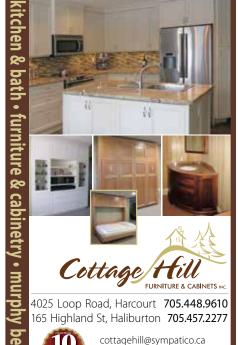
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Keeping Your Boat Running

You've hauled the boat out of storage and you're looking forward to your first cruise of the season.

Local marina operators say first things first.

"Two of the most common problems we see in the spring are battery terminals that are not tight or clean, and poor or contaminated fuel," says Pat Bradley of Haliburton Marine & Storage.

Bradley says terminals should be cleaned with sandpaper or a wire brush and tightened. Make sure to charge the battery fully before heading out.

Don Abel of Mountain Trout House Marina says ethanol-based fuels used without any treatment or left in the tank for long periods of time without storage treatment will degrade and cause issues. Add fuel stabilizer during your last run and leave the tank at least half full to avoid condensation. In the spring, fill it with fresh fuel. All other fluids should also be replenished in fall and topped up in spring.

It's advisable to remove the plug at the rear of the

boat before winter storage to avoid condensation build-up in the hull. However, many boaters forget to reinstall the plug in the spring. Mike Bryson of Harper Powersports & Marine Haliburton recommends attaching it to your keys in the fall as a reminder.

Before hitting the lakes, boaters should check electrical connections for corrosion or broken connections, especially at the battery, according to Abel. Also check to make sure all systems operate properly, including starter, fuel gauge, the bilge pump and blower and the lights and horn.

Creating a detailed checklist for fall storage and spring launch will help you ensure you've followed all of the necessary steps.

"All watercraft requires a certain level of preventative and ongoing maintenance for a trouble-free boating season, so when in doubt a certified outboard or cruiser technician is your best bet," says Bryson.

Boat Licencing

Boating in Ontario requires proof of competency and, if you own the vessel, a pleasure craft licence.

Proof of competency indicates the boater has a basic level of boating safety knowledge.

Competency regulations apply to pleasure craft fitted with a motor, so even if you're just paddling your motorboat you'll need to carry your proof.

The most common form is a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, received after you pass an accredited boating safety test. It could also be proof of having passed a boating safety course in Canada before April 1, 1999, or a certain type of marine certificate. If you're renting the boat, a completed rental-boat safety checklist will serve as proof of competency, but only for the duration of the rental period. Foreign visitors can use an operator card or equivalent that meets the requirements of their own state or country.

The pleasure craft licence provides owners with a unique identification number that must be

displayed on both sides of the craft's bow, above the waterline, in block characters at least 7.5 centimetres high and in a colour that contrasts with the hull colour.

The licence number helps law enforcement and rescue officials trace a pleasure craft to its owner.

The licence registration is mandatory for all pleasure craft with motors of 10 horsepower or more, including personal watercraft such as jet skis. The licence doesn't prove you own the craft, so you must carry separate ownership documents with you in case of a fine.

Pleasure craft licences are now valid for 10 years. If your name or address changes during that time, you must update your licence. The licence is free, and can be transferred to any subsequent owner of the craft.

For more information visit tc.gc.ca/eng/marinemenu.htm or call Transport Canada's Marine Safety and Security headquarters at 1-855-859-3123.

Boating Responsibly

Boating is one of the most popular recreational summer activities in the Highlands. But as responsible boaters know, piloting any watercraft responsibly requires the same level of focus and dedication used in driving a car.

In its Safe Boating Guide, Transport Canada (TC) (tc.gc.ca/ielnd) immediately advises pleasure craft users to know the regulations that apply under the Canada Shipping Act. TC notes that Canada's Criminal Code also applies to boating: operating a boat while impaired, failing to stop at the scene of an accident and operating an unseaworthy vessel are all crimes. It's also important to remember charges can be laid against operators of canoes, kayaks, sailboats, inflatable rafts and other vessels as well as motorboats.

In Canada, anyone operating a motorized recreational watercraft is required to obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator card, also known as a boat licence. You can do this by passing a boatg safety test through a TC-accredited course provider. TC recommends taking a boating safety course first, also through an accredited provider. The course will cover basic boat information: a review of regulations, the minimum safety equipment required on board and how to share waterways. See Boat Licencing for details about licensing regulations for owners and renters.

Once you have your license, pack the TC-mandated essentials for your boating experience. These include enough lifejackets for everyone on board, safety equipment and a horn or whistle,

and of course, your boating licence (or completed boating safety checklist if you're renting the craft). The Safe Boating Guide provides detailed accredited equipment descriptions along with requirements according to boat type and length, including personal watercraft, paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, sailboards and kiteboards.

Before you head out on the water, TC advises you to take several more actions. Inspect your boat – more than half of all calls are for help from boaters who've experienced motor problems or run out of fuel. Monitor the weather and let someone know where you're going, even if you're only planning a short trip, to aid rescuers in case you experience difficulties.

Fuel your watercraft safely, be aware of carbon monoxide dangers and reduce the risks of explosions. Know the rules of navigation and safety, including avoiding close-quarter situations, and operate at a safe speed.

TC advises "never cruise with booze" since your senses can be dulled by the boat's motion and the wind and sun long before you take a sip. And be a responsible neighbour: follow the rules for slowing down close to shore.

Pleasure boating should always be a pleasure. Tools such as the Safe Boating Guide can help ensure it. For more information on responsible boating, visit TC's Marine page at tc.gc.ca/eng/marine-menu.htm and download the guide from the Related Links column. Or call the Office of Boating Safety at 1-800-267-6687. Your local marina operator can also provide advice.



Marina Locations

The Haliburton Highlands is home to many marinas that can help you find that perfect recreational toy, watersport instruction or a place to service and store some of your prized possessions.

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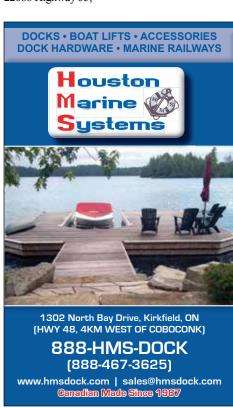
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BIG CATCHES OF 2016

WHERE	SPECIES	WEIGHT/LENGTH
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STORAGE NOTES FOR 2017:

Native Species

Look closely here and you'll find attractive landscapes abound in a treasure trove of biodiversity.

Native Highlands plants include the blue flag iris, goldenrod, bee balm and wild bergamot. Azaleas, fir trees, pansies, dahlias, beans, lettuce, and strawberries are popular with gardeners – and deer. If you want to deter deer from visiting your garden and eating the fruits of your labours, consider planting peonies, rhubarb, daffodils, and foxglove.

The county's varied environments feature more than 250 species of birds, including the rock dove, belted kingfisher, northern saw-whet and great horned owls, eight types of sandpipers and seven types of gull. The Eastern whip-poor-will, the bobolink and the eastern meadowlark are listed as threatened.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) raises and stocks 11 species of fish into heavily fished lakes in the region with the support of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

(HHOA). These include rainbow, brown, lake and brook trout, Atlantic, Coho, and Chinook salmon, and walleye. Fishers will enjoy searching out the Haliburton Gold, a uniquely native lake trout leftover from the last ice age.

Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) accepts most species of injured and orphaned wildlife, rehabilitates and releases them back into their natural environments. Located on 45 acres in Minden Hills, the sanctuary isn't open to the public, but representatives attend community events to promote a better understanding of animals.

Animals found throughout the Highlands are wild animals and can be dangerous, no matter how harmless they may appear and those behaving erratically should be reported to the MNRF.

Be aware of possible animal crossings on the road. The Highlands have a program to protect turtle species at risk through specified turtle crossings. It's important to watch for deer crossing the road, especially at dawn and dusk.



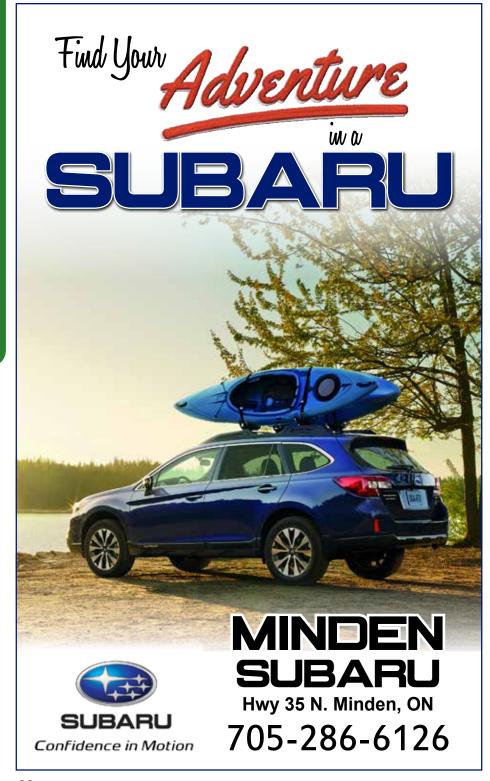
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We hope to be reunited with our donkeys and back in our old location on Industrial Park Rd. this summer. Until then find us at 33 Hops Dr. in The Beer Store plaza or call us at 705.457.9775



Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is a notfor-profit, charitable organization that manages four richly diverse nature reserves in Haliburton County: the Fred & Pearl Barry Wetland Preserve, Dahl Forest, Norah's Island and Smith Forest, collectively covering close to 700 acres.

The Land Trust is primarily interested in acquiring lands of ecological and cultural significance for conservation purposes. It works to select only those properties with long-term benefit to the public and can be maintained in perpetuity. The presence of species at risk (SAR) and potentially suitable habitat for these species are two of the Trust's land acquisition criteria.

"Sometimes we can take the natural beauty and abundant wildlife in Haliburton County for granted, but we need to remember that if we want a healthy and diverse natural environment we, as a community, will need to continue to work at preserving it," says program coordinator Heather Deveaux.

"A healthy lifestyle and healthy economy depends on a healthy environment."

The Land Trust's goals focus on conservation, development of initiatives that educate, entertain and enhance people's connection to the natural world, and research to determine where best to place the organization's efforts now and into the future.

"Work general land a

They support education by maintaining extensive information on SAR, invasive species and good property stewardship and making it available to the public at its offices and online.

In partnership with the Haliburton County Public Library, the Land Trust also provides books pertaining to the environment, species, good stewardship, and appreciation of the natural world. These books can found using the library's online catalogue and picked up at any of the library's eight branches.

"Nature in the 'Hood" is among the Land Trust's most successful community engagement and education programs. Events this year include foraging for wild edibles, a family flytying and casting workshop, butterfly hunting, a study of the county's logging history at the heritage Hawk Lake Log Chute, the chance to meet a moose, and more.

The Land Trust has also been successful in its research efforts, routinely received funding from provincial ministries for studies on SAR to develop a natural heritage strategy for Haliburton County. The group has increased the number of documented SAR in the county by 465 per cent. Its findings to date show the county's vast biodiversity includes more than 22 SAR, among them several turtle and snake species as well as the peregrine falcon and eastern Canada's only lizard, the five-lined skink

"Working for the protection of lands for future generations is important as development of land and loss of species and habitat continues to impact our world," says Deveaux.

For more information visit haliburtonlandtrust. ca, email admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-3700.



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(705) 457-3700

Conservation Areas

Haliburton County features several thousand acres of dedicated nature reserves and trails. Though not operated formally as conservation areas, these regions are managed closely by dedicated government staff, owners and volunteers to maintain healthy environments.

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (HHWT) in Algonquin Highlands covers approximately 28,000 hectares of Crown and municipal public lands that feature countless lakes, rivers, trails and continuous forest. The HHWT manages camping and recreation along the Frost Centre and Poker Lakes canoe routes. Activities include hiking, canoeing, Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. (algonquinhighlands.ca)

The Lochlin Esker & Wetlands area is situated on private land south of Haliburton. It features several natural environments, including fen, open marsh, treed bog and boreal forest. The owners open the property for recreational and educational tours by prior arrangement when conditions are appropriate. (lochlinesker.com)

The Snowdon Park wetland and forest preserve in Minden Hills offers forested walking trails and a wheelchair-accessible viewing platform in the

Haliburton County features several thousand acres high season. Nordic skiers hit the trails in winter, of dedicated nature reserves and trails. Though not operated formally as conservation areas, (hhfn.ca/Snowdon.htm)

The 100-acre Minden Wild Water Preserve in Minden Hills played host to exciting kayaking events during the 2015 Pan-Am Games and is the designated white water site for past and future Toronto Olympic bids. In addition to challenging kayaking and canoeing runs, it features forested nature trails and picnic spots along the Gull River. (whitewaterontario.ca – "About the Preserve")

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust manages four nature reserves covering close to 700 acres. The Land Trust hosts various public education programs and opens some areas for public exploration and picnics (see Haliburton Highlands Land Trust in this section).

The privately owned Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve covers 80,000 acres northeast of Haliburton. It is used for ecological studies and research into sustainable forestry practices. Public areas include a wolf centre, a forest canopy tour, astronomy, camping, fishing, dog sledding, snowmobiling, and a variety of group experiences. (haliburtonforest.com)

2016 Wildlife Sightings

SPECIES	DATE	LOCATION	NOTES





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Geocaching Capital of Canada Launched in 2015, the Geocaching Capital of Canada (CGG) is already regarded as the No. 1 geocaching site in Canada. The 100-cache tour covers parts of seven hamlets, mostly located in Highlands East. Highly imaginative caches are hidden in and around magnificent forests and pristine lakes. Not familiar with geocaching? Learn more about this "treasure-hunting" activity enjoyed by millions worldwide by visiting the GCC website, or email mascot Tupper T. Turtle. TupperT.Turtle@gmail. com; geocachingcapitalofcanada. com

Yours Outdoors

Explore the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Highlands through fully-guided excursions scheduled year-round. Examples include SUP Natural (standup

paddle board training and shoreline exploration), Tripping the Lake Fantastic (backcountry canoeing and fine dining), Make Peace with Winter (choices include cross-country skiing, dogsledding, ice fishing and ice climbing) and Just For You (custom-designed packages based on your interests). 705-754-3436; info@yoursoutdoors.ca; yoursoutdoors.ca

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Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

Once a depleted forestry holding, the 80,000-acre forest is now a thriving, multi-use operation. Its sustainable logging and milling practices secured Canada's first Forest Stewardship Council® forest management certification as a "responsible forest". Public activities include sawmill tours,

natural history presentations, a canopy walk, wolf centre visits, astronomy programs in the observatory and planetarium, camping, snowmobiling and dogsledding. 1095 Redkenn Road, Haliburton, 1-800-631-2198. info@haliburtonforest.com;

Green Mantle Farm Mineral Occurrence

haliburtonforest.com

The farm's owners offer guided eco-tours of the mineral occurrence (cameras only), which has never been disturbed by modern man. Also available: wildflower tours, old-growth red oak forest tours and, beginning in 2017, maple syrup processing demonstrations.

1984 County Rd. 4 (Essonville

Line), Wilberforce. 705-448-3948; info@mineraltours.net mineraltours.net.

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Visitor's Centre

The HHOA is a non-profit organization committed to the sustainable management of natural resources. To date, the HHOA has stocked more than 500,000 fish in Highlands and area lakes. Tours of the Visitor's Centre are available by appointment and include the fish hatchery, the species raised, why the fish are stocked and how, and hatchery water management. 6712 Gelert Road, Haliburton. hhoa.on.ca. To inquire about tours, call 705-457-9664.



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Hunting & Fishing

Hunters and anglers love the Highlands, and with good reason. It's a prime environment for game, and the lakes are stocked by the province and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) each year.

Hunting in the Highlands covers several seasons, including wild turkey, moose, white-tailed deer, elk, bear, wolf, coyote and more. For the next five years, all wildlife management units (WMUs) with fall seasons will get a spring season from May 1 to June 15, including all WMUs in Haliburton County.

To date the HHOA has stocked more than half a million fish across the county and surrounding areas. These include the Haliburton Gold lake trout, a native fish dating back to the last ice age and may be the purest strain of trout in the world.

For wildlife management, hunting and fishing, visit hhoa.on.ca and communityhatcheries.com.

Note: The MNRF discourages feeding the wildlife as they can cause road accidents and may become threatening to pets or humans. The MNRF will endorse feeding only in emergency situations which will be communicated to the public.

Fish & Game Seasons

Here we've included general highlights of the 2016/17 fishing and game seasons as a convenient reference only. For full details on participating in any hunting or fishing season, hunters and anglers must refer to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's 2016 Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary and 2016 Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary, available at ontario.ca/hunting, ontario. ca/fishing and many outdoor sports retailers in the county.

HUNTING

WMU = Wildlife Management Unit. Haliburton County covers all or portions of WMUs 51 (Algonquin Provincial Park), 53A, 54 (includes a portion of Algonquin Park), 56, 57 and 60.

2016 and 2017 WILD TURKEY SEASON – HALIBURTON COUNTY				
WMUs	OPEN SEASON 2016	OPEN SEASON 2017	BAG LIMIT	HOURS
53, 54, 56, 57, 60	April 27 to May 31 Ontario residents & non-residents	April 25 to May 31 Ontario residents & non-residents	One bearded wild turkey per licence. Two licences per hunter maximum. The two birds may not be taken on the same day.	1/2 hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m.

	2016 MOOSE SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY			
	Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loading guns			
WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT OPEN SEASON	NON-RESIDENT OPEN SEASON	CONDITIONS (RESTRICTIONS ONLY)	
53, 54, 56, 60	Oct. 17 to Oct. 22 Adult & Calf	No Season		
57	Oct. 17 to Oct. 22 Adult & Calf	No Season	See special moose calf and adult hunting regulations and reporting requirements in the 2015 Hunting Regulations Summary	
		Bows O	nly	
WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT OPEN SEASON	NON-RESIDENT OPEN SEASON	CONDITIONS (RESTRICTIONS ONLY)	
57	Oct. 3 to Oct. 8 Adult & Calf	No Season	See special moose calf and adult hunting regulations and reporting requirements in the 2015 Hunting Regulations Summary	

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	2016 ELK SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY					
	HARVEST HARVEST DESCRIPTION OF HARVEST		RESIDENTS ONLY	SEAL QUOTA		
WMUs	AREA	CODE	AREA BOUNDARY	OPEN SEASON	BULLS	cows
57	1	100	Part of WMU 57 west of a line formed by Hwy. 62 south of Maynooth & Hwy. 27 north of Maynooth.		1	1
57	2	101	Part of WMU 57 east of a line formed by Hwy .62 south of Maynooth & Hwy. 27 north of Maynooth.	Sept. 19 to Oct. 2	2	15
60	4	120	Part of WMU 60 east of Hwy. 28.		1	3

2016	2016 WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY				
Subject	Subject to Sunday gun hunting and other restrictions. Check with your municipality.				
Rifles, Shotguns,	Bows and Muzzle-loading guns	Во	ws Only (no dogs)		
WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT &	WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT &		
VVIVIUS	NON-RESIDENT OPEN SEASON	VVIVIUS	NON-RESIDENT OPEN SEASON		
53A, 54, 56, 57, 60	Nov. 7 to Nov. 20	53A, 54 (excluding Algonquin Provincial Park), 56, 57	Oct. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 21 to Dec. 15		
60	Nov. 7 to Nov. 20 Dec. 5 to Dec. 11	60	Oct. 1 to Nov. 6 Nov. 21 to Dec. 4 Dec. 12 to Dec. 15		

2015 BLACK BEAR SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY			
	Rifles, Shotguns, Bows a	nd Muzzle-loading	guns
WMUs ONTARIO RESIDENT WMUs ONTARIO NON-RESIDEN OPEN SEASON OPEN SEASON			
53A	Sept. 6 to Nov. 30	53A	Sept. 6 to Nov. 30
53A 54, 56, 57, 60	May 1 to June 15	54, 56, 57, 60	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30

^{*}The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has expanded and extended the black bear spring season pilot for five years. Starting in 2016 the pilot spring season will be held from May 1 to June 15 in all WMUs that have an open fall season. This includes all Haliburton County WMUs. ** A Non-Resident Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate is required. See the MNRF's 2016 Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary for the following seasons and regulations: Small Game; Small Mammals; Falconry; Furbearing Mammals

FISHING

Haliburton County is located in Zone 15.For limits and exceptions to these seasons, additional finishing opportunities and more see the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's 2016 Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary.

2015 FISHING SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY			
SPECIES	SEASONS	SPECIES	SEASONS
Walleye & Sauger	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15 & third Sat. in May to Dec. 31	Trout (Brook & Lake)	Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	Fourth Sat. in June to Nov. 30	Channel Catfish	
Northern Pike	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31 & third Sat. in May to Dec. 31	Crappie, Pacific Salmon, Splake, Sunfish, Trout (Brown & Rainbow), Whitefish,	Open all year
Muskellunge	First Sat. in June to Dec. 15	Yellow Perch	

^{*}Aggregate provincial limits apply to these species. See the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's 2016 Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary for details.

Provincial Parks

Algonquin Provincial Parks

Highway 60 east of Highway 35 705-633-5572

www.ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin
One of the largest parks in Ontario, Algonquin
covers more than 772,000 hectares and extends
into the northeast portion of the Highlands.
Highway 60 is the main thoroughfare through
the park.

Algonquin features numerous activities and educational opportunities, including an art centre, a logging museum, canoeing, kayaking, limited boating, hiking, camping, excellent trout fishing, limited hunting, moose-watching, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The public Wolf Howl events in August are a particular draw.

Many Algonquin areas are open year-round. Check the online 2016 Operating Dates chart for details on each park area.

Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls Provincial Park

Highway 60 east of Highway 35 (705) 789-5105

www.ontarioparks.com/park/oxtongueriverraggedfalls

Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls is situated just west of Algonquin Park. Oxtongue's 507 hectares feature several distinct forest communities, marked hiking trails and a lookout over one of Ontario's top 10 waterfalls, carved out of the bedrock by glacial meltwater.

Access is off Highway 60 on a marked gravel road. Parking is pay-and-display. Washrooms are available.

Open from May 13 to Oct. 11. This park is for day use only. Campers may wish to stay at Algonquin Park.

Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands

http://www.ontarioparks.com/park-locator
One of the most diverse natural areas in Central
Ontario, this 33,505-hectare wildlands park
extends into the southwestern portion of the
Highlands. It is crossed by numerous trail
systems, including part of the Ganaraska Trail.
While accessible year-round from several
locations, the park is classified as "nonoperating" as it offers no maintained public
facilities or services.

Silent Lake Provincial Park

1589 Silent Lake Park Road south of Highway 28 (613) 339-2807 www.ontarioparks.com/park/silentlake Silent Lake is located southwest of Cardiff and about 20 minutes from Bancroft. This 1,610-hectare park offers visitors two forested campgrounds and walk-in campsite areas with laundromats, more than 19 kilometres of hiking and mountain biking trails, a beautiful lookout point, two sandy beaches, and more than 40 kilometres of groomed cross-country ski trails.

Activities include yurt camping, canoeing and kayaking (rentals available), fishing, snowshoeing and ice fishing. No motorboats or electric motors are permitted on the lake.

Open from May 13 to Oct. 11 for the summer season. Check the website for winter dates.



Regulations & Licencing

Hunting and fishing in the Highlands, like anywhere in Ontario, is highly regulated. The ontario.ca/hunting and ontario.ca/fishing websites operated by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) are your best resources for hunting and fishing regulations and licences.

Whether you plan to hunt or fish, you will need and Outdoors Card and an appropriate licence tag.

Sample exceptions; Canadian citizens under 18 or over 65 don't need an Outdoors Card or fishing licence in Ontario if they possess federal, provincial or territorial government identification that indicates name and date of birth. Another exception; if you are fishing with a one-day licence you don't need an Outdoors Card.

OUTDOORS CARD

- The wallet-sized Outdoors Card is valid for three calendar years.
- There are two types of cards:

Hunting version – you will need this if you want to hunt only, or to hunt and fish. **Fishing version** – you will need this if you want to fish only.

For details, see the MNRF's 2016 Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary or 2016 Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary, visit ontario.ca/ Outdoorscard or call 1-800-288-1155 (Ontario residents only) or 1-800-387-7011.

HUNTING

Big game draws

Eligibility to purchase hunting licence tags, validation tags and/or game seals in Ontario is allocated by computerized draws to support big game sustainability. All draw entries must be electronic.

For more details, including draw application and licence availability dates, see the MNRF's 2016 Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary, available at ontario.ca/hunting, or call 1-800-288-1155 (Ontario residents only) or 1-800-387-7011.

Elk harvests

Elk hunting is available only in southern areas where the elk herd is now self-sustaining and can support limited harvesting. Portions of two

wildlife management units (WMUs) in the Highlands are included in the harvest season.

Black bear hunting

New in 2016: the MNRF has expanded and extended the black bear spring season pilot for five years. Starting in 2016 the pilot spring season will be held from May 1 to June 15 in all WMUs that have an open fall season. This includes all Haliburton County WMUs (see Fishing and Game Seasons). The season is open to, and bear hunting licence tags are good for both resident and non-resident hunters. Some restrictions apply, including new regulation of bear bait placement.

FISHING

Ice fishing in the Highlands

Haliburton County is subject to provincial ice hut registration requirements as part of Fisheries Management Zone 15. These include requirements to register ice huts and to remove them by March 31.



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Off-Roading in the Highlands

Off-roading is so popular here, more than 90 per cent of local club members hail from outside the county.

The Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) has about 1,000 members, but less than 100 are local, according to HATVA president Bob Johnson.

"In Haliburton County, we have some of the best riding in Ontario," says Johnson.

HATVA has aligned with the Algonquin West, North Hastings and Lake of Bays ATV clubs to provide one-pass access to 1,700 kilometres of trails. The trails cross through all four Haliburton County municipalities and the Kawartha, Peterborough, Madawaska and Muskoka regions.

Most of the county's approximately 700 kilometres of trails are carved out on Crown land. HATVA has land use permits with multiple private property owners for seamless rides.

The season usually runs from May 1 to November or December and HATVA organizes about a dozen rides per season. The free President's Ride,

generally held the first Saturday in May, sees as many as 40 people.

HATVA's mission is to promote safe riding. As some of the trails cross highways, riders need to be 16 years of age or older and have a driver's licence to use them. Trail-only riders must be 12 or older, and a new law requires passengers to be eight or older. All riders and passengers must wear approved helmets and have their ATVs plated and insured.

Annual membership is \$220 for families and \$110 for individuals. HATVA offers weekly trail passes for \$40, weekend passes (generally Friday to Sunday) for \$25 and day passes for \$15.

HATVA doesn't provide ATV rentals, but several area tour companies, such as Back Country Tours and Redline Outdoors, offer ATV rentals and tours of varying types.

Visit haliburtonatv.com, email info@ haliburtonatv.com or call 705-457-8780 for more info.

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Spring, Summer & Fall Sports

Looking for great sports experiences? On these pages you'll find a sampling of the many sports, lessons and equipment rentals available in the Haliburton Highlands.

For additional information visit myhaliburtonhighlands.com, email tourism@myhaliburtonhighlands.com, call 705-286-1777 or contact your local municipality for programs and lessons at community arenas, parks and recreation areas (see Municipal Contacts).

2016 SUMMER SPORTS – HALIBURTON COUNTY			
SPORT	ASSOCIATION / PROVIDER	WEBSITE	
Archery	Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Archery Club	hhoa.on.ca/archery.html	
Badminton	Check with your local municipality for court locations	See Municipal contacts on page 81	
Ball hockey	Check with your local municipality for availability	See Municipal contacts on page 81	
Baseball	Check with your local municipality for leagues / diamond locations	See Municipal contacts on page 81	
Canoeing	Check with your local municipality locations	See Municipal contacts on page 81	
Cycling	Cycle Haliburton Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club	cyclehaliburton.ca haliburtonrealeasyryders.com	
Golfing	Golf ranges and clubs, driving ranges, family golf ranges	experiencehaliburton.com	
Hiking	Municipal Hiking Trails	See Municipal contacts on page 81	
Kayaking	Minden Whitewater Preserve	whitewaterontario.ca	
Mountain biking	Sir Sam's Ski & Bike	sirsams.com	
Paddle boarding	SUPnorth Paddle Board Adventures Lessons & tours	supnorth.ca	
Rock climbing	Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve	haliburtonforest.com	
Soccer	Haliburton Soccer Club - Youth & Adults	halsoccer.org	



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SPORT	ASSOCIATION / PROVIDER & WEBSITE
Squash	Highlands Squash Club highlands-squash-club.com
Table tennis & Tennis	See Municipal contacts on page 81
Jet Skiing	Backcrounty Tours-Jet Ski Rentals backcountrytours.ca
Wakeboarding & water skiing	RPM Ski & Wake School haliburtonrpm.com
Wakeboarding & water skiing	Ski-Mazing Watersports School skiwakefootschool.com

Winter Sports

Embrace the fresh experiences the Highlands have to offer in one of our most beautiful seasons.

Our trails draw Nordic skiers from around the world, there's something in the water where hockey is concerned, and local entrepreneurs have developed unique sports and adventure packages that will surprise and delight.

20	016 WINTER SPORTS – HALIBUR	TON COUNTY
SPORT	ASSOCIATION / PROVIDER	WEBSITE
Curling	Haliburton Curling Club Minden Curling Club Wilberforce Curling Club	haliburtoncurlingclub.com mindencurlingclub.com wilberforcecurling.com
Dog Sledding	Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Winterdance Dog Sled Tours	haliburtonforest.com winterdance.com
Ice car racing	Minden Fairgrounds	casc.on.ca
Ice climbing	Yours Outdoors Medeba - group retreat	yoursoutdoors.ca medeba.com
Ice fishing	Buttermilk Falls Resort	buttermilkfallsresort.com
Ice hockey Skating	The Highlands' many ponds and lakes (depending upon temperatures)	Check with your local municipality for rink locations
Skiing (alpine)	Sir Sam's Ski & Bike	sirsams.com
Skiing (Nordic)	The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail & Ski Club Association	skihaliburton.com
Snowboarding	Sir Sam's Ski & Bike	sirsams.com
Snowmobiling	Algonquin Snowmobile Club Haliburton County Snowmobile Assoc. Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club Tall Pines Snowmobile Club	algonquin-sc.on.ca hcsa.ca paudashtrailblazers.on.ca tallpines.org
Snowshoeing	Check with your local municipality for rink locations	See Municipal Contacts on page 81



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S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena,
55 Parkside Street, Minden
Tuesday, May 17 and Thursday, May
19 from 7 to 9 p.m.

A.J. LaRue Arena, 728 Mountain Street, Haliburton Coaching Registration: Deadline is June 30.

If you'd like to be a coach for the 2016/2017 season, please go to our website at highlandstorm. org and print an application form. Email your completed form to our team officials rep via the website contacts page (use "click here" once you reach the email form), or mail your application form to P.O. Box 406, Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

Annual General Meeting: April 2017

Tryouts: August 2017

Refer to highlandstorm.org for finalized event dates, important updates and contact information.

Follow us on our Facebook page at "Highland Storm Minor Hockey."

Sponsors are always welcome. Please contact our fundraising representative at highlandstorm.org/Contact.

Thanks, everyone, and **STORM ON!**



Sledding in the Highlands

Dashing through the snow takes on a whole new meaning with snowmobiling in the Haliburton Highlands.

Public and private trails cover more than 600 kilometres in the Highlands, including portions of Algonquin Park, and connect to trail systems bordering the county.

You can find up to 8,000 snowmobiles travelling public county trails on any given winter weekend, according to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA).

One of the province's largest snowmobile clubs, the HCSA marks its 45th anniversary in 2016 according to club president Paul Gaudin. The club bills sledding as the largest generator of economic impact in winter tourism for the county based and have adopted the slogan "Grooming for Tourism".

The HCSA grooms more than 370 kilometers of trails throughout the Highlands. The club also grooms the only Ride around Algonquin Park (RAP) tour route through the scenic 772,000-hectare park. Snowmobilers have direct trail access to Minden, Carnarvon and Haliburton for fuel, food, accommodation and snowmobile dealers. Trail system highlights include the floating bridge crossing in Minden and breathtaking outlooks from the historic Haliburton County Rail Trail.

Formed in 1963, the Algonquin Snowmobile Club lays claim to the title of first organized trail-building club in Ontario. Its development began with the LOBO trail between Dwight and Oxtongue Lake in Algonquin Highlands. The system now includes almost 300 kilometres of trails from Algonquin Park to Huntsville and

Kearney to Dorset.

Dorset is also home to the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club, which rides on 200 kilometres of trails through Muskoka and the Highlands.

Highlands East sledders can link up with the Paudash Trail Blazers Club, which also operates into Bancroft, Apsley and Coe Hill.

Sledders can enjoy the county trails and easily connect with neighbouring trail systems on one permit, since the local clubs all use the province-wide permit system managed by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC).

Gaudin noted registrants are asked to identify their home club so that a portion of the permit proceeds may be directed back to the club to cover costs such as grooming equipment.

Private trails include the 80,000-acre Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. The Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization reports the Forest is ranked as one of the top 10 destinations to snowmobile in North America.

Don't own a sled? In addition to rentals at the Haliburton Forest for its own trails, you can check out local marinas and retailers for sled rentals. Snowmobile tour operators also offer rentals, training and guided tours.

More information on sledding in the Highlands, including in-season condition reports, is available at hcsa.ca, algonquin-sc.on.ca, tallpines.org, paudashtrailblazers.on.ca and haliburtonforest. com.

OFSC permit pricing information and ordering is available by link from the public club websites, directly at ofsc.on.ca, and from permit resellers in the county (check club listings).



Why the Highlands?

Haliburton County has always been a less populated, more laid back version of cottage areas to the south in the Kawarthas and west in Muskoka. In the last few decades, the population has grown with retirees, cottagers, entrepreneurs and artists, to name a few. Together with long-time locals, they've created a surprisingly happening place that is attracting all kinds of people for different reasons. You will never be at a loss for something to do or new friends to meet.

Cottaging

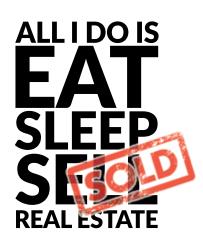
The Highlands has the complete package for cottagers, with starting prices well below what you'll find in other areas like Muskoka. Our lakes and waterways are generally cleaner and many are still undeveloped. A dozen or so small towns and hamlets, plus hundreds of attractions scattered throughout the county, from art school to zip lines, provide convenience and enjoyment whatever the weather.

Many cottagers get involved in the community or their lake associations. The associations often take responsibility for lake stewardship and social activities and are a good starting point for getting to know people. Go a bit further and there are groups and activities serving nearly every interest, sports and events for every season.

Retirement

If you don't mind a bit of winter, Haliburton County may be one of the best places in the world to retire. Roughly 30 per cent of the permanent population is over 65, a group that has spawned enough sports, clubs and advocacy groups to keep you busy every day of the year. The county has three curling clubs and three environmental groups; there are organizations dedicated to local food, quilting, gardening, hunting and fishing, health care, poverty, physical health and mental wellness - just for starters. It's easy to make friends, and newcomers can often find themselves at the centre of town life within just a few months. With two local hospitals, a health clinic and a decent supply of healthcare practitioners, Haliburton County is a place retirees feel at ease.





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Why the Highlands? cont'd

Young Families

The biggest challenge for young families moving to the Highlands is employment. Being a seasonal economy, there aren't many full-time, year-round, well-paying jobs outside the public sector. But there are some, and many of those public sector employees will soon retire, leaving opportunities for younger people. For those with licences or willing to train, there's also a great need for tradespeople of all types.

But once employment is sorted out, the Highlands offer a rich family experience lost in most other parts of the world. Employers, for the most part, respect family time, and it's normal for working parents to be home for dinner or to have the flexibility needed for childcare arrangements. The Highlands has a strong school system and 4,000 square kilometres of wilderness to explore. Community still means something here. And if hockey is something the kids (or parents) are interested in, this just might be the best place anywhere.

Entrepreneurs and professionals

It's never been particularly easy to make a living in Haliburton County – not 150 years ago, and not today. But with modern communications technology, working from the dock is a more attractive alternative than some non-descript GTA business park. That lifestyle is drawing professionals who can practice from a distance and entrepreneurs who see opportunity in our growing economy.

For the latter the options are endless. Every year, a few existing businesses look for a buyer so the owner can retire. Those interested in starting a new business should take note of the revival in small manufacturing: intrepid business owners are putting technology and craftsmanship to work, and succeeding, building companies of one or two dozen employees and creating products for local use and export. Some examples are glassware, soap, furniture, cabinetry, water line technology, video production, marketing services and food.

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That's one good reason to use a local builder or contractor. They'll know how to adapt building methods to the local terrain and which options are best suited to it. They should also know local building codes and zoning by-laws so that they can advise on what you can and cannot do.

The main negatives with building a home are time and costs. It can take longer to build because of permits, site preparation, availability of suppliers and making all those decisions. And it can cost more than an existing home because the cost of basic infrastructure often isn't factored into the price of a built home. You don't see many real estate listings boasting of sewage, a driveway, water and electricity – but when built from scratch these can be costly.

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Waterfront or no Waterfront

The choice between buying waterfront property or not is rather obvious: the first has water and all the recreational opportunities that rivers or lakes allow; the second is less expensive. As straightforward as that may seem, you should still do a bit of thinking before making a decision.

Consider how you will use the property, not just now but in the future. Many people off-water are surprisingly happy with the decision. Often it

means they can afford more land (which means more privacy) and a larger home. Lake views can be stunning, but so can the vista over a meadow or pond, or from the top of a hill.

One common strategy is to buy on water and retire off of it. Waterfront generally appreciates much faster and so those gains can be used to help fund retirement when it's time to move off the water.

Buying a

Buying a home or recreational property in Haliburton is different than buying a house in a city. Many places simply don't have the standard set of utilities we would take for granted elsewhere. In the city, you usually don't have to check if the water is drinkable or if you can keep the place warm in winter.

Here, it's a good idea to check those things, and many others. Does the water level in your lake fluctuate with the seasons? Who owns the road

you need to get to your home? Is the structure built to withstand temperature extremes and large quantities of rapidly melting snow? A good real estate agent and local lawyer can help you avoid any mistakes.

Prices are generally lower than elsewhere. Offwater properties can be found for under \$200,000 and water access (not on water, but with rights to use it) for not much more.



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The first question a lender will want to know is if it's a principal residence or a second home. You'll typically need a larger down payment for a second home and, generally, the size of down payment will affect the interest rate and type of mortgage you can have. Banks typically require five to 10 per cent down on first homes if the mortgage is insured by the CMHC, a cost you have to pay yourself. To avoid the insurance cost, which can be thousands of dollars, you'll need 20 to 25 per cent, or even 30 per cent if you're not a Canadian resident.

Mortgage brokers are more flexible, because they often work with several banks as well as private lenders, but that flexibility can cost more in rates and fees. Whether a bank or a mortgage broker, local service providers are very familiar with cottage properties and the many oddities of property in rural areas. The former is likely to offer the best rates, the latter more flexibility in terms, down payment and income requirements. While a city-based bank may balk at certain kinds of construction, local professionals will understand what's acceptable. Another common option for vacation property purchases is to take a line of credit on your main residence, provided it has sufficient equity, and make your purchase main residence fits in with your financial plans and appetite for risk.

The type and quality of construction will also have an effect on your ability to get a mortgage. That's because the lender needs to know, literally, how solid the investment will be so that they can determine an appropriate rate and whether it's a good risk.

Tax considerations

Second properties in Canada are subject to capital gains tax, so it's vital to get advice from your lawyer or accountant before buying. Decisions such as how the property is registered and whether you rent it out can have huge implications for your tax bill many years down the road. Though you haven't even bought the place yet, now is the time to think about the endgame. For example, if you plan for your children to inherit the cottage, there may be relatively easy steps you can take now to reduce their future tax obligations.

Use the expenses diary in this handbook to keep track of any improvements. Capital expenses can be subtracted from capital gains, so you pay less tax. It's similar with renting out your cottage: the income must be declared, but you can deduct from it any associated costs, including maintenance, advertising, security, cleaning and even some or all of your mortgage interest.





Insuring Your Property

As with any major asset, it's always a good idea to have insurance on your home or cottage. The point is to make sure your coverage matches your needs and expectations.

All Risk versus Named Risk

All-risk policies cover everything that isn't specifically excluded. Typical exclusions are things like earthquakes, water damage from leaks, subsidence (sinking) of the structure and anything to do with normal wear and tear. Named risk policies tend to be substantially less expensive due to their narrower scope.

Water Damage

One of the most common causes property damage in cottage country is water. Water can leak slowly from your sink, seep into your foundation, gush forth from a burst pipe, rain in through a window broken by a fallen tree, or wreck your roof in winter from ice damming. Each of these hazards can be treated differently in an insurance policy.

Fire

Nearly all policies will cover fire from many causes, including lightning, but there will, naturally, be exceptions. You may not be covered for fires caused by: your own negligence; a wood stove, thermostat or electrical wiring you installed yourself; using an appliance or electronic device for reasons other than its intended purpose; or leaving a barbecue or outdoor fire unattended.

Personal Property

Generally, personal property is everything in the building that isn't nailed down: things like furniture, clothing, electronics, dishes and bikes. Your first consideration is to ensure you have sufficient coverage — how much would it take to replace everything? The next step is to determine if replacement cost coverage is available and if you want it.

Building Costs

Check with local builders on the price per square foot of new construction and do the calculation yourself. If you have high-end finishes such as granite counter tops, wood floors and fancy fixtures, make sure these are discussed with your insurance company and included in your coverage. Most policies will assume you have 'standard'

finishes and will reimburse you only to that level.

Boats

Non-motorized boats are often covered as personal property, but motorized ones generally need a separate endorsement and additional premium. Check that your boating insurance covers liability – and don't forget to insure the trailer, too.

Liability

Most policies have a coverage amount for liability, typically one or two million dollars. The cost of this insurance is relatively low and worth the expense.

Renting

Most insurance policies require you to tell the company if you're renting your property, no matter how short the term. Failing to do so may mean a refusal to pay out in case of disaster. Often all that's required is a small additional premium – it's worth it.

Vacancy

Some policies, particularly all-risk ones with high limits, become void if you leave your property vacant for more than a specified period of time without taking certain precautions. Make sure you know what they are.

Proving a Loss

One of the smartest things you can do is take photos of every room, from every angle, including closets (with the doors open to expose the contents) and bathrooms, and keep them somewhere else. If you have replacement cost coverage, you'll get exactly what you spend to restore your property to its previous state, up to the limit of your policy; if you don't, you'll get what the adjuster considers fair, current value.

Avoiding voiding

Things which may void your policy or cause denial of a claim include electrical, plumbing work and major renovations not done by qualified professionals; a wood stove or fireplace you haven't disclosed; leaving the property vacant for longer than allowed or without taking the required precautions; renting your property without telling the insurance company; using your home or cottage for illegal activities; living in a flood zone; and failing to make repairs necessary to prevent further damage caused by a covered risk.

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What Sets Us Apart

Beauty in the arts abounds here in the Highlands. It's an unexpected aspect of life that you can experience everything from artisanal works to theatre, dance, world-class opera and international films. Dozens of artists and artisans can be found in studios and local galleries during studio tours, festivals, and juried art shows.

Marvel at the live theatre performances during the Highlands Summer Festival. Thrill to performances from the Highlands Opera Studio and to concerts by international opera students in local masterclasses.

Tap your toes to performances arranged by the Haliburton County Folk Society or expand your mind with tales woven by expert storytellers. Sing along at the Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival or groove to Jazz at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Combine music with your love of the outdoors during Hike Haliburton Hiking & Music Festival.

is a member of the rural circuit for the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). Following TIFF, the Haliburton International Film Festival showcases some of the season's TIFF films. In April, the Doc(k) Day Documentary Film Festival previews new Canadian and international documentaries.

Those Other Movies screens first-run films from September to June and from May to October. Movie buffs can travel to Kinmount's Highlands Cinemas and enjoy a rare movie memorabilia experience.

We're so dedicated to the arts that we host a four-day symposium to discuss how to grow and sustain rural performing arts. The second Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities is scheduled for Oct. 27 to 30, 2016.

Check out the Arts Directory and Map published by the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands or the catalogue of art courses and workshops offered by the Haliburton School of Art + Design.



Studio Tours

DORSET ART AND GARDEN TOUR

Second annual event gives visitors a chance to relax and celebrate local artists and enjoy their country gardens in the quaint community of Dorset. Selections include handcrafted furniture, knitted works, painting, pottery, and sculpture from 12 artists at nine studios, plus several gardens. Visit the tour's Facebook page for the brochure, or start your tour at 1110 Main Street. Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. facebook.com/www.

HALIBURTON COUNTY STUDIO TOUR

The 29th annual tour features artists from around the Highlands and their fascinating works in glass, fibre, metal, clay, mixed media and more. Timed to coincide with fall colours at their very best. The tour is self-guided so you can start, stop, and break for lunch wherever you choose. Oct. 1-2 and Oct. 8-9 (Thanksgiving weekend) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca

TOUR DE FOREST SUMMER STUDIO TOUR

Celebrating its 10th year, this growing summer studio tour offers double the opportunity to view unique artworks since guest artists are also on hand at most locations. Pottery, glass, jewelry, painting, drawing, woodworking, fabric arts, quilting and photography are among the many choices available from 14 artists at 26 studios. Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31 (Civic Holiday weekend) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. haliburtontourdeforest.com

HIGHLANDS EAST STUDIO TOUR

The 14th annual quality studio tour of fine arts and crafts amid the breathtaking scenery of Highlands East, features works in various media including pencil and paint.

Aug. 6-7 and 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. highlandseastartour.com

KENNISIS LAKE COTTAGE OWNERS'

ASSOCIATION ART ON THE DOCK

Second annual Art on the Dock tour featuring more than 30 artists and artisans at 20 locations around Kennisis Lake. Artists and artisans will show and sell their art and crafts on their docks and decks, and in their cottages, lofts and garages. Works include acrylics, photography, song and poetry, wood, textiles and more. Visitors can tour the circuit by boat or car guided by Art on the Dock signage.

Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. klcoa.org/events





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Galleries and Museums

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Agnes Jamieson Gallery

176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Established in 1981. Offers exhibitions year round. For hours and admission visit mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre; 705-286-3763.

The Ethel Curry Gallery

94 Maple Avenue, Haliburton. Open seven days a week in summer. Hours vary off-season. Please check the website or call for hours; 705-457-9687; theethelcurrygallery.com.

Glass Eagle Studios

2801 Blairhampton Road at County Road 21, Minden. Historic Thomas Moon School House built in 1871. Workshops, classes and gardens to enjoy. Local honey, garlic and maple syrup in season. 705-286-3628.

Group of Seven Outdoor Exhibit & Mural

Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, 3987 Highway 60, Oxtongue Lake. Includes historical information showcasing the numerous works the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson created, depicting the area and the artists' connections to the community.

Haliburton Sculpture Forest

Glebe Park, Museum Road, Haliburton. Open spring through fall, with free admission. Guided tours available Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in July and August. Donations welcome. 705-457-3555; haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

Oxtongue Craft Cabin & Gallery

1073 Fox Point Road, Dwight. Opens May 21, 2016. Hours vary by season. Check online or call for hours. 705-635-1602; oxtonguecraftcabin. com.

Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre

23 York Street, Haliburton. Hours vary by season. Admission by donation (\$2 suggested); free for members. 705-457-2330; railsendgallery.com.

MUSEUMS

Dorset Heritage Museum & Information Centre

1040 Main Street, Dorset. Spring: Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 1 to Thanksgiving weekend: Wednesday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation. 705-766-0323; dorsetheritagemuseum.ca.

Haliburton Highlands Museum

66 Museum Road, Haliburton. Hours in summer: Tuesday to Sunday and holiday Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spring and fall: Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Winter: Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by chance or appointment. Admission by donation. 705-457-2760; haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

Kidd Schoolhouse Museum

5373 Loop Road, Highland Grove. Small collection of local artifacts, including original blackboards from the Tory Hill schoolhouse and approximately 50 local family histories. 705-448-9546 or 705-448-2218.

Lake of Bays Marine Museum

1090 Main Street, Dorset. A wide selection of artifacts and photographs, many historical recollections concerning the marine history of Lake of Bays and the SS Bigwin, a ferry restored to its former glory available for public cruises in the high season. 705-380-2244 (SS Bigwin office); ssbigwin.com

Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village

176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Established in 1984. Seven heritage buildings, the village features ongoing turn-of-the-century events during summer months. For info, hours and admission visit mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre; 705-286-3154.

Nature's Place

176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Adjacent to the wetlands and boardwalk connecting the River Walk and downtown. For info, hours and admission visit mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre; 705-286-3154.

Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum

1123 North Shore Road, Carnarvon. One of the largest archives of Ontario pioneer history and records, including the Hawk Lake Log Chute. Open Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. from late June to mid-September. Admission by donation. 705-489-2379; stanhopemuseum.on.ca.

Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum

2314 Loop Road, Wilberforce. The province's first Red Cross Outpost Nursing Station and the county's first hospital. A National Historic Site of Canada. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in July and August (closed Tuesdays) or by appointment. 705-448-3000; redcrossoutpost.org

Libraries

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Saturday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dorset - 1051 Main Street, Dorset

705-766-9969

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Minden Hills - 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden

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Tuesday to Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stanhope

1109 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands 705-489-2402

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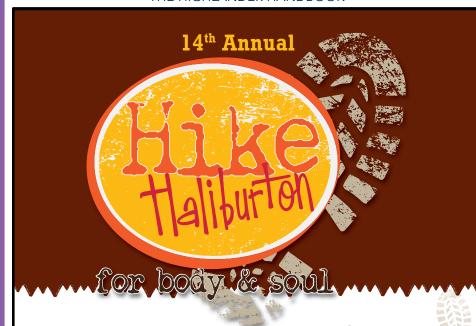
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2016 Events Calendar

Fun could be our middle name!

This section includes only some of the major events in the Haliburton Highlands experiences calendar.

For additional listings visit myhaliburtonhighlands.ca, go to the Visitor Information Centre on Highway 35 in Minden or call 705-286-1777 or 1-800-461-7677. You can also contact your local municipality.

Note: Events are listed according to the information posted or provided by event organizers.

MAY

May 17

Haliburton County Farmers' Market Haliburton Tuesdays from May 17 to Oct. 4, 12 to 4 p.m., Head Lake Park. 705-306-0523; E: incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com

An Evening for Visual Artists and Artisans 5:30 to 8 p.m. Bonnie View Inn. Meet and greet for all experienced professionals, hobbyists or emerging visual artists. haliburtonarts.on.ca or contact Peggy Morgan; 705-457-8033.

May 19

CARP Heart & Stroke Big Bike 9 a.m. Head Lake Parking Lot, Haliburton. To support heart

disease and stroke research. bigbike.ca; 705-749-1044 ex. 3590 E: sgeorge@hsf.on.ca

May 21

Natural Indigo Dyeing Workshop 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Abbey Gardens. \$50. Includes lunch and a hand-dyed silk scarf, made by you! Register at abbeygardens.ca; 705-754-4769; E: cara@ abbeygardens.ca.

May 21

Haliburton County Folk Society presents Kate Reid in Concert 7 p.m. Haliburton Curling Club. In support of the LGBT community, in partnership with Point in Time and Baked and Battered. \$20. Haliburtonfolk.com; 705-754-FOLK (3655) info@haliburtonfolk.com







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JUNE

June 1-September 30

On the Trail of the Monarch Butterfly Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nature's Place, 174-176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden Hills. For info call 705-286-2298; E: mcoleman@mindenhills.ca

June 3-5

38th Annual Haliburton Home and Cottage Show Friday 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Haliburton Curling Club and A.J. LaRue Arena. More than 150 exhibitors. Adults \$3, children under 12 admitted free. haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com; 705-

457-2892 June 10

Haliburton County Fair Annual Family Beef Barbecue 5 p.m. Meet and greet; dinner at 6 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Live auction and entertainment. Brought to you by the Minden Agricultural Society. haliburtoncountyfair.ca; 1-888-381-2552; E: info@haliburtoncountyfair.ca

June 11

Shoreline Naturalization & Wetland Walk

10 a.m. Rotary Park, Minden. Take a tour of the Minden Rotary Park shoreline naturalization project, followed by a hike on the Minden River Walk. Bring a picnic lunch. Cost is \$5 per adult, kids free with paid adult. haliburtonlandtrust.ca; 705-457-3700 E: admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca

June 11

152nd Haliburton County Fair 9 a.m. Minden Fair Grounds, Bobcaygeon and Fleming Roads. Events for the whole family. New this year, Carl Dixon performing at 5 p.m. haliburtoncountyfair. ca; 1-888-381-2552; E: info@haliburtoncountyfair. ca

June 11

Rotary Club of Haliburton's Lobsterfest 6 to 10 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., Haliburton Curling Club. \$65. Tickets at V&S Haliburton and from Rotary members. Live music by Custom Blend. 705-451-2715; portal.clubrunner.ca/201.

2016 Events Calendar

JUNE

June 12

Second Annual SIRCH Release of Butterflies

12 p.m. start. Butterfly release at 1 p.m. Minden Cultural Centre. Lunch, entertainment and butterfly activities for the children. Rain or shine event. 705-457-1742 E: info@SIRCH.on.ca

June 17 to October 7

Haliburton County Farmers' Market

Carnarvon Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m. Highway 118 at Highway 35, northeast corner beside Rhubarb Restaurant. 705-306-0523; E: incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com

June 17-19

Fresh Water Summit Festival Friday at 7 p.m. until Sunday at 12 p.m. Balsam Lake, Coboconk. Friday night party at the Wharf, Saturday Family Festival in Lions Park, Sunday Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic in the Park. 705-454-1110 E: chamber@coboconknorland.ca

June 18 to October 8

Haliburton County Farmers' Market Minden

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking lot of the municipal building at 7 Milne Street. 705-306-0523; E: incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com

June 18

Rails End Trash N Treasure Market 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rails End Gallery, Haliburton. Marketplace for recycled goods, antiques, vintage items, jewellery, household goods and curiosities of all kinds. railsendgallery.com; 705-457-2330 E: info@railsendgallery.com

June 18

Haliburton Highlands Food & Beverage

Showcase Noon to 4 p.m. Wintergreen Pancake Barn, 3325 Gelert Road in Minden. Families \$50, individuals 16+ \$20. 705-286-3202 E: dawson. wintergreen@sympatico.ca

June 18

Minden Truck Pull, Show and Shine and ATV/Truck Mud Bog 8:00 a.m. Minden Fairgrounds. ATV pulls followed by truck pulls, truck mud bog competition and show and shine. Proceeds help the Minden Kin Club. mindenkinsmen.ca; 705-935-0417; E: clondry@hotmail.com

JUNE

June 19

Fly-Tying and Casting Workshop for Beginners

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to tie a fly with volunteers from the Haliburton Highlands Fly Fishing Club. Limited spaces so register early. \$5 per adult, kids free with paid adult. haliburtonlandtrust.ca; 705-457-3700 E: admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca

June 20-September 12

Artisan Market Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Minden. Handcrafted items by local vendors. mindenhills. ca; 705-286-1936 x204; E: eweiss@mindenhills.ca

June 25

Wild Edible River Forage Paddle and forage with Carolyn Langdon to learn about aquatic edible plants. Lunch Included. Register at holness-yoga. com. 705-455-9294; E: gailholness@gmail.com.

June 25-26

Minden RAM Rodeo Minden Fairgrounds, Bobcaygeon Road. Two performances, one Saturday and one Sunday. Fore more details and schedule contact Joe Shaw at (705)-308-1352; E: joeshaw.mindenrodeo@yahoo.com

June 25-26

HATVA Deep Woods Safari Out of Gooderham. Choose from two rides per day. Staging at the Gooderham Community Center. Free Camping. To confirm attendance, info@haliburtonatv.com.

JULY

July 1

Canada Day Celebrations 11 a.m. Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost; All day in Minden Hills; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre. Check myhaliburtonhighlands.ca and your local municipal website for details.

July 2

Dorset Community Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dorset Recreation Centre. \$5 per table, first-come, first-served. algonquinhighlands.ca; 705-766-9968; E: recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca

July 2

Keep Our Community Sweeping Yard

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Sale Lloyd Watson Centre, fundraiser for the Wilberforce curling club and to support community katiesrun.ca; 705-448-2709; E: info@katiesrun.ca and youth curling. Donations accepted (no large appliances or clothing). Contact Tammy Vaughan; 705 448-3807.

July 2

Dorset Heritage Day 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dorset Heritage Museum, 1040 Main Street. For info call 705-766-0323; E: dhm@muskoka.com

July 2-31

Wanderlust Daily, Rails End Gallery, Haliburton. Haliburton School of the Arts Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition. railsendgallery.com; 705-457-2330, E: info@railsendgallery.com

July 4-8, 10, 11-14

Oliver! Presented by the Highlands Summer Festival All shows at 8 p.m., with the exception of July 10, 2:30 p.m. matinee. Order tickets (\$34) online at highlandssummerfestival.on.ca or by calling 705-457-9933/855-457-9933.

July 5 to August 12

Rotary Music in the Park Rotary Club of Haliburton, Head Lake Park

July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 10 Free Art Talks in the Great Hall 4:45 to 6 p.m. at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, Fleming College, Haliburton. (705) 457-1680.

Katie's Run for Epilepsy Registration at 8 a.m., first race at 9:30 a.m. New venue: Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. 5K and 10K run, 2.5K walk/run. A great family event. Donations

toward epilepsy research can also be made online.

July 9

20th Annual Dorset Kids Fish Derby 9 to 11 a.m., Dorset Public Dock. Rain date July 10. \$2 admission. algonquinhighlands.ca; 705-766-9968; E: recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca

July 9-10

2nd Annual Art on the Dock Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 40 artists and artisans at 19 locations around Kennisis Lake. Hosted by the Kennisis Lake Cottagers Association. klcoa.org/events.

July 14-17

Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival Thursday evening, Minden Fairgrounds. For ticket information/pricing or to reserve a ticket, call Dennis at 705-457-6880; E: tickets@ mindenhillsbluegrassfestival.ca.

July 16

Stanhope Heritage Day 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum. \$2 admission. Children under 5 free. BBQ, live band, great demos. Fun for all ages. stanhopemuseum. on.ca; E: stanhopeheritageday@gmail.com

July 16

Irondale Wild Game Dinner 5 p.m. doors open, 6 p.m. dinner. Venison, moose, bear, beaver, fish, vegetables, salads and delicious homemade dessert. \$25 per person. Proceeds help to preserve Irondale's history. Tickets available at irondaleontario.ca/events or call 705-457-8438.



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JULY

July 18-22, 27-29

Old Love, a comedy presented by the Highlands Summer Festival All shows at 8 p.m. Order tickets (\$34) online at highlandssummerfestival. on.ca or by calling 705-457-9933/855-457-9933.

July 18-23

Junior Naturalists Camp Daily from 10 a.m. to noon, Minden Cultural Centre. Ages 6-10, cost \$45 per week, \$10 per session. Register at abbeygardens.ca/programs-events/workshops or contact Irene Heaven at irene@abbeygardens.ca; 705-754-4769.

July 21

Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic Morning start 7 a.m., afternoon start 12 p.m., Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre, Haliburton. Fundraiser for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation; \$200 per golfer. hhhs.ca; 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580; E: foundation@hhhs.on.ca

July 22-24

53rd Annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival Head Lake Park, Haliburton. railsendgallery.com; 705-457-2330; E: info@railsendgallery.com

July 24-26

The Judgement of Paris, storytelling, music and cabaret presented by the Highlands Summer Festival All shows at 8 p.m., with the exception of July 24, 2:30 p.m. matinee. Order tickets (\$34) online at highlandssummerfestival.on.ca or by calling 705-457-9933/855-457-9933.

July 29-31

Wilberforce Summer Carnival Friday and Saturday, 12-8 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Various locations in Wilberforce. Fundraiser for Old Number One. A midway, flea market, dinners and concert. highlandseast.ca; E: ctighe@highlandseast.ca

July 30-31

10th Annual Tour de Forest Summer Studio Tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 14 studios, 26 artists. haliburtontourdeforest.com; 705-754-3536; E: tourdeforest1@gmail.com

July 31

Dorset Arts, Crafts & Antiques Show 9 a.m.

JULY & AUGUST

to 4 p.m., Dorset Parkette. Free admission. algonquinhighlands.ca; 705-766-9968; E: recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca

Dorset Family Movie Nights Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Dorset Recreation Centre. Admission by donation. algonquinhighlands.ca; 705-766-9968; E: recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca

Oxtongue Lake Community Centre Family

Night Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Centre. Movie or a guest speaker. Admission by donation. algonquinhighlands.ca; 705-766-9968; E: recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca

Play in the Park Tuesdays 2 to 3 p.m., The Caboose, 23 York St., Haliburton. Themes will be posted at the end of June on dysartetal.ca. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 705-457-1740 ext. 35; E: amueller@dysartetal.ca

AUGUST

August 4-6

Masterclasses at Highlands Opera Studio 7

p.m., St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton; Canadian international opera star Richard Margison with HOS singers. \$15. highlandsoperastudio.com; 705-457-9933; E: info@highlandsoperastudio.com

August 5-6

Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Friday gates open at 6 p.m. Wilberforce Fairgrounds; Free admission. Saturday, gates open at 9 a.m. Adults \$7, children under 16 free. wilberforcefair.com; 705-448-3981; E: info@wilberforcefair.com;

August 7-9

Miss Caledonia, a one-woman show presented by Highlands Summer Festival All shows at 8 p.m., with the exception of August 7, 2:30 p.m. matinee. Order tickets (\$34) online at highlandssummerfestival.on.ca or by calling 705-457-9933/855-457-9933.

August 8

mccoburn@halhinet.on.ca

Environment Haliburton! presents Elizabeth May 7 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. Elizabeth May, Officer of the Order of Canada, Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands and Leader of the Green Party of Canada will speak. environmenthaliburton.ca; 705-754-9873; E:

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AUGUST

August 13-14, 20-21

Highlands East Studio Tour Call 705-448-2868; E: jandreamweaver@aol.com

August 9

From Opera to Broadway by Highlands Opera Studio 8 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton. \$32.50. highlandsoperastudio.com; 705-457-9933; E: info@highlandsoperastudio.com

August 11

From Opera to Broadway by Highlands Opera Studio 8 p.m., Minden United Church, \$32.50. highlandsoperastudio.com; 705-457-9933; E: info@highlandsoperastudio.com

August 16

For the Love of Shakespeare by Highlands Opera Studio 8 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton. \$32.50. highlandsoperastudio. com; 705-457-9933; E: info@ highlandsoperastudio.com

August 22-23

Haliburton Outboard PowerBoat Races Head Lake Public Docks, Haliburton. Free admission. Food by Lions Club, raffle proceeds to Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. Watch myhaliburtonhighlands. com for details. E: barbthammond@gmail.com

August 23

Celebrations by Highlands Opera Studio 8 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton. \$32.50. highlandsoperastudio.com; 705-457-9933; E: info@highlandsoperastudio.com

August 18 and 20

The Brothers Grimm & The Bremen Town Musicians presented by Highlands Opera Studio 7:30 p.m. on August 18 and 2 p.m. on August 20; Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion, Haliburton. Double bill pricing \$37.50. highlandsoperastudio.com

August 20

Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary Tour 10 a.m. at the Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary, 2146 Duck Lake Rd. A chance to tour the facility, learn more about what the sanctuary does, and meet some of the wildlife in residence. \$5 per adult, kids free with paid adult. haliburtonlandtrust.ca; 705-457-3700; E: admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca

AUGUST

August 20

HATVA/Wilberforce Curling Club Poker Run Registration begins 7 a.m., breakfast 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wilberforce Curling Club. ATV ride 9 a.m., roast beef dinner with cash bar following ride at 5

a.m. Wilberforce Curling Club. ATV ride 9 a.m., roast beef dinner with cash bar following ride at 5 p.m. Cost is \$70 per ATV plus \$10 for additional riders. Pre-register by calling 705-447-0197; E: wilberforcecurling@gmail.com.

August 28, 30-31 and September 1 Faust presented by Highlands Opera

Studio August 28 at 2 p.m., August 30, 31 and September 1 at 7:30 p.m. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion, Haliburton. \$37.50. highlandsoperastudio.com

August 28

9th Annual Garlic Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Abbey Gardens, Haliburton. Local fresh garlic, baked goods, preserves, maple syrup and much more. Free parking, free admission. Children welcome. haliburtongarlic.ca; 705-489-4201; E: robbsheila@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER

September 3

Dorset Community Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Dorset Recreation Centre. \$5 per table. algonquinhighlands.ca 705-766-9968; E: recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca

September 8-11

Highlands East Plein-Air Arts Festival Thursday through Saturday painting. Exhibition and sale, Sunday 12-4 p.m. Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. highlandseastpleinair.wordpress.com #myHighlandsEast

September 22-23

10th Annual Haliburton Highlands Radiothon for the HHHSF 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Listen to Canoe 100.9 FM and Moose 93.5 FM on radio or online. Your donation benefits the Haliburton and Minden hospitals. hhhs.ca; 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580; E: foundation@hhhs.on.ca.

September 22-25

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489-4554 (Brewery)

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Dominion Hotel Pub Minden 705-286-6954

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McKecks Tap & Grill Haliburton 705-457-3443

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Eating Local

Haliburton County takes the 'eat local' concept very seriously.

Area growers, grower associations, grocers, food service owners work together to put local food on the tables of residents, visitors and dining establishments.

Wide varieties of local foods are featured at community grocery stores, weekly farmers markets, road stands and gateways, restaurants, fast food establishments, fairs, and festivals. The Haliburton County Farmers' Association and other groups participate in heritage days, community and county fairs, parades and other events. Numerous community gardens are springing up around the county.

Among the most visible and easily accessed sources of local food are the Haliburton County Farmers' Markets. Currently the group operates from three locations:

Carnarvon: Fridays, June 17 to Oct. 7, 12 to 4 p.m. Highway 118 at Highway 35, northeast corner beside Rhubarb Restaurant

Haliburton: Tuesdays, May 17 to Oct. 4, 12 to 4 p.m. Head Lake Park on York Street next to the Rails End Gallery

Minden: Saturdays from June 18 to Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking lot of the municipal building at 7 Milne Street

Our dedication to the 'eat local' concept extends beyond basic food production. One example is Abbey Gardens in Haliburton. This group is reclaiming a 310-acre former gravel pit site to create a community-wide project that encourages visitors to think about more sustainable management practices for land, food, energy and the economy.

The project now includes a two-acre market garden, a Food Hub that sells the garden's bounty and delicious ready-made foods, a community kitchen, ethically traded coffee beans, a bakery and a micro-brewery. Abbey Gardens hosts educational programs and events to help drive economic and social success in the Highlands.

Several local organizations have been dedicated to sustainable food production and food security – ensuring that good quality, affordable food is accessible to all. A Community Food Assessment project was conducted in 2015 that found the need to increase understanding of local food availability and access, and to continue researching and partnering together to strengthen our food system.

For more information visit haliburtoncountyfarmersmarket.wordpress.com, abbeygardens.ca, and harvesthaliburton.com.



Finding a Rental Cottage

Renting a cottage in Haliburton County can result in some beautiful memories if you plan ahead.

Online websites devoted to cottage life are plentiful and many provide reliable guidelines for cottage renters. Sites such as cottagetips.com and cottage rental agencies such as Kennesis Cottage Rentals (KCR) in Haliburton are among them. Here are just a few of those tips.

To begin with, make sure the rental opportunity is legitimate. Too many people have turned up at the cottage of their dreams only to find the owners had no idea it had been rented. A reputable cottage rental agency can help you avoid such traps.

Next, make sure the cottage is right for your budget and needs. Start early to get a good selection. Remember that a security deposit is standard, and non-refundable administration fees are standard for cottage rental agencies. Confirm the method of payment.

Ask for recent photos of the interior and exterior and check references, but be careful about relying on online reviews as those can be easily faked. If you're bringing kids, ensure the owners welcome children and that decks and water access are safe. If you want to bring a pet, make sure pets are allowed and keep them close to keep them safe.

Location, location, location: do you access the cottage by road or by water? How close is the cottage to a grocery store, a pharmacy, the hospital or clinic, restaurants, shops, event locations or any other amenity you'll want or could need?

If you're looking for waterfront access, is the cottage right on the water? If not, what is the access process? What type of beach does it have? Is there a deep water drop-off that may be of concern?

Make sure the cottage is prepared for the total number of people you're bringing (types of beds), and don't bring more people than you've promised; among other things this could cause septic problems. Find out the type of electrical service, and the heating service in colder weather (e.g. electric, propane, wood stove). Ask whether the cottage has phone, mobile phone, Internet and television reception services. Also ask about water

and sanitation systems, which can vary.

Confirm the cottage has the appliances you want, including the basics and others such as washer/dryer, microwave, dishwasher and coffee maker, and whether it has a barbecue (and if propane, whether the tank will be filled).

Ask what you'll need to bring – for example, towels, sheets, indoor/outdoor toys and games, videos, a radio, drinking water and paper products.

Does the cottage include water toys or do you bring your own? If the latter, be sure to clean the hull to avoid bringing along pests such as zebra mussels. Note that motorized craft are prohibited on some lakes.

Once you've found the right place at the right price, read the agreement carefully, noting the cancellation policy and clarify any fuzzy details before signing. Find out the check-in and check-out times, and how you'll pick up the keys.

Confirm who will clean the cottage – many owners use a cleaning service, but KCR advises renters to leave the cottage in the condition in which they found it. Determine whether the owner will provide directions for recycling and waste disposal, along with a temporary landfill card (local municipalities offer Cottage Kits for this purpose).

If you decide to rent through an agency, ensure they have a superior website and strong references along with first-hand knowledge of their listed properties. Many agencies are registered with the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO), which regulates the province's travel industry.



Where to Get Groceries

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(though in the Highlands, high-speed access to the Internet isn't a given). Your hosts may also have partnered with local experience providers and event organizers to provide their guests with discounted admissions.

When booking, ask questions to make sure you're getting the experience and services you want for yourself or your visitors, including whether or not the hosts accommodate pets if that's a consideration. Keep in mind that rates will differ by location and services.

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To source your Highlands B&B, visit fobba.com, bbhaliburton.com or bbcanada.com. Additional B&B information is available at bedandbreakfast.com.



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Service Clubs & Volunteering

Volunteers play a critical role in many of the programs and services that keep local communities healthy, vibrant, active, and healthy. From arts and culture to exercise programs and sports, from student nutrition programs to Meals on Wheels, volunteers keep us ticking. Here you'll find local service club listings and information for several organizations devoted your health and well-being. If you're not already involved, check them out – you could find your perfect match. *Please note not all causes could be listed due to space limitations*.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS Lions Club

Meetings: Dorset – Second and fourth Wednesdays of every month (except July, August and December) at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 1051 Main Street.

Haliburton & District – Second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Haliburton United Church, 10

George Street.

Minden & District – Dinner meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from Sept-June at 7 p.m. at the Minden Lions Club, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd.

Regular causes: Support areas of need in the community as they arise, including minor hockey, youth baseball, Lions Camp Dorset, Fuel for Warmth, Arts Council, food bank, Camp Kirk (for youth with learning disabilities), Camp Dorset (kidney dialysis)

More information:

Haliburton & District: e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php, haliburtonlions@gmail.com or Lion David Mills at 705-457-1354

Minden & District: mindenlions@lionsa16.com
or Lion Brian Moore at 705-286-3233

Minden Kin Club Inc.

Meetings: Dinner meeting every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Minden Lions Club, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd.



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Regular causes: Food bank, local hospitals, Food for Kids student nutrition program, Catch the Cure (Angelman Syndrome research fundraiser) and support for local community needs as they arise for organizations or individuals.

More information: mindenkinsmen.ca or 705-935-0417

Rotary Club

Meetings: **Minden** – Mondays at 5:45 p.m. at the Minden Legion, 12847 Highway 35.

Haliburton – Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. at Pinestone Resort, 4252 County Road 21, Haliburton.

Regular causes:

Minden – Adventures in Citizenship, Junior Naturalists, youth summer camp, local youth recreation programs, Artists in the School, Volunteer Dental Outreach of Haliburton County, Junior Fair Day, Lochlin Community Centre, community kitchen/food bank, Big Bike for Heart and Stroke. **Haliburton** – Monthly blood donor clinics, HHSS bursary program, food bank, restoration and refurbishing of the Rails End Gallery caboose, hospitals, library and support for individuals and organizations on an as-needed basis.

More information:

Minden – Betty Mark at 705-286-4754 Haliburton – clubrunner.ca/haliburton or George Kadoke at 705-754-3486

Royal Canadian Legion

Meetings: Haliburton – Second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at 719 Mountain Street. **Minden** – First Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at 12847 Highway 35.

Wilberforce – Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 1007 Burleigh Road.

Regular causes: Wounded Warriors veterans service organization, the Cadets, Fuel for Warmth, the K-Wing at Sunnybrook Hospital, Leave the Streets Behind homeless veterans assistance program, youth programs, and any organization in need.



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Algonquin Shrine Club

Meetings: Dinner meetings on third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Rd.

Regular causes: Take care of local kids in need of Shriners Hospitals by providing individual transportation to the hospital and everything that's needed to provide the child with medical care.

More information: algonquinshrineclub.ca or

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Meetings: Fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Lodge, 24 Newcastle St., Minden.

Regular causes: Arcadia – Women's shelter, food banks, South Lake Road cleanup, Canadian Blood Services, individual community needs as they arise. **More information:** victoriadistrictmasons.ca or 705-489-1306

North Entrance Lodge

Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m. at the North Entrance Lodge, 20 George Street, Haliburton. Regular causes: The Child Identification Program

Regular causes: The Child Identification Program (2016), prostate cancer (2015-16), Food for Kids, the 4Cs, the Heat Program, Angelman Syndrome, the Bursary Program for high school students, Canadian Blood Services. More information: victoriadistrictmasons.ca or Nicholaus Pawluch (current Master) at nicholauspawluch@hotmail.com

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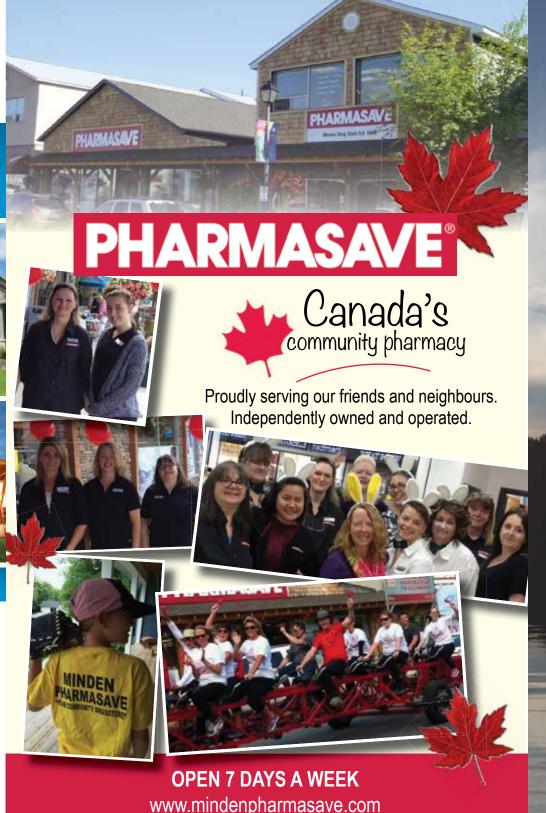
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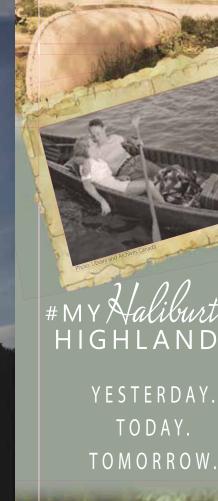














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