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Camping Rates

Camping rates are based on per person and per night.

Adults \$10 per night

Youth \$5 per night (ages 6-17)

Children no cost (5 and under)

Seniors \$8 per night (aged 60+)

Groups \$100 per night (11-16 people)

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Public Consultations Support Management of Poker Lakes

Starting in May of 2008 the HHWT will be actively managing users of the Poker Lakes Canoeing and Camping Area, via a permit/reservation system. As is currently being used in the Frost Centre Area.

A public consultation process was carried out between May 1 and July 31, 2007. In which, 2 public meetings were held and some 200+ surveys were distributed. Response to the process suggests 70-90% of those providing input are in favor of the management proposal. Survey results and the final management proposal are posted on the townships website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Attendance to the public meetings provided valuable input on various issues around developing a User Pay/Camping Permit system. This input has greatly assisted Staff, Committee and Council in evaluating the funding options available, priorities and the degree of public support.

Additionally, the majority of area users surveyed on local water trails strongly support the need to develop a reservation system for the controlled management of area campsites in reducing the competitive pressures of too many people trying to access limited space and resources.

The intent of the proposed

system is to become a self-funded, sustainable management program.

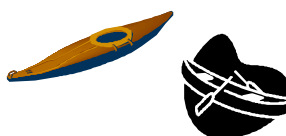
The proposed management area is 1800 hectares of crown and municipal lands situated in the geographic township of Hindon. Located between Bracebridge and Carnarvon off of Hwy 118. The area consists of some 80 campsites, 9 lakes and 10 portages, 2 access points, and several kilometers of trails.

This area is commonly known as the Poker Lakes Area. Access to the permit/reservation system will be through 1-866-364-4498.

Canoe and Kayak Rentals Take Off

In the spring of 2007 the HHWT, in partnership with Algonquin Outfitters started renting Canoes and Kayaks. We now have foam blocks and tie downs so that rentals can be transported on your vehicle and taken to the other HHWT access points.

If you would like to rent a canoe or kayak we suggest reserving them in advance by calling us at 705-766-9033.



Campfire Recipes

HAM & SWEET POTATO FOIL PACKETS

Makes 12

Ingredients

- Cubed ham
- Cubed sweet potatoes
- 1/2 apple, cubed

Directions

Place all ingredients in foil, seal tightly.

Cook on hot coals for approximately 15 minutes, turning after 7 minutes.



YUMMY MUSHROOMS

Ingredients

- 4 portabella mushroom caps
- 1 cup of Italian dressing
- 1 jar of roasted red peppers
- 2 cups of mozzarella cheese

Directions

Marinate the mushroom cap in the Italian dressing for at least 1 hour. BBQ caps on stem side for 5 minutes. Turn and put a layer of roasted red peppers and top with mozzarella. Cook until cheese is melted.



*A seed hidden in
the heart of an
apple is an orchard
invisible.
“Welsh Proverb”*

Desert Recipe: Brown Bears



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 1/2 Tbsp of cinnamon
- 4 Tbsp of melted Butter
- 1 package of Pillsbury dough

Directions

Mix sugar and cinnamon together until well blended.

Melt butter in a shallow pan.

Take biscuits and roll in hands to form snake shaped pieces.

Wrap the pieces of dough around a stick in a coil. Cook over campfire until evenly browned. Roll cooked dough in the melted butter and in the cinnamon and sugar mixture.

P.J Marshall Award Presented to HHWT

The Township of Algonquin Highlands was awarded a P.J Marshall Plaque Award for innovation in public-private partnerships for its Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Management Model. The award was presented to Project Coordinator Mark Coleman and Committee Member Fred Shuttleworth on August 22 at the 2007 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference in Ottawa.

“The trails contribute significantly to the appreciation, preservation and sustainability of public natural lands in Ontario,” said Mark Coleman. “The diversity, quality and accessibility of our public

trails enhances the healthy life styles of residents and visitors alike while providing a basis for a strong year round economy.”

“This award celebrates innovative public-private partnerships that municipalities have undertaken to maximize resources and serve their communities better.” said Doug Reycraft, AMO President. “The Highlands Water Trails project stands out for generating new revenue for the communities while simultaneously promoting active living, greater recreational services, and environmental stewardship.”



If the water feels cold, it is cold!!

Now that Fall is quickly approaching, we wanted to provide you all with some tips for cold water survival.

Water is considered cold at 21 degrees Celsius, but if you are in the water for a long period of time, water as warm as 27 degrees Celsius can have adverse effects on you.. This means that even in July and August all water in Canada is cold.

If you fall into the water, all efforts should be given to get-

ting out of the water by the fastest means possible.

Should you find yourself in the water, avoid panic. Air trapped in clothing can provide buoyancy as long as you remain still in the water. Swimming or treading water will greatly increase heat loss and can shorten survival time by 50%..

HOW TO RECOGNIZE HYPOTHERMIA

- Continual shivering
- Slowing down
- Poor co-ordination of movements
- Numb hands and feet leading to stumbling and clumsiness
- Dazed, confused, careless or forgetful behaviour
- Slowed or slurred speech; slow response to questions
- Hallucinations
- Dilated pupils
- Decreased attention span



"Water is the only substance on earth that is naturally present in three different forms - as a liquid, a solid (ice) and as a gas (water vapor)."
Author unknown

FOREST FIRE FACTS

Ontario is more than one million square kilometers, of which 85% is covered by a variety of forest types. Fire has always been, and will continue to be, a significant and natural phenomenon in Ontario's forests.

A fire can move about 20 meters a minute.

Fires burn uphill faster and more intensively, than what they do downhill.

The most devastating fire in Ontario's history was the Matheson fire on July 29, 1916 when an escaped settler's clearing fire burned 500,000 acres and causing 244 human deaths.

The Haileybury fire in 1922 killed 43 people and destroyed 6,000 homes.

The average wage of a forest ranger in 1927 was \$2.75 per day.

The largest fire in recent recorded history in Ontario was Red Lake which occurred in 1983 and burned 328,590 acres before being put out by Mother Nature.

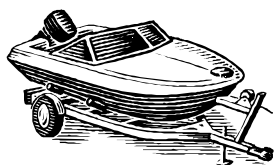
The most aggressively attacked forest fire was in Thunder Bay in 1980, which burned 313,200 acres. The fire was discovered on June 16, declared under control on July 17 and out on September 7th.



Boating Statistics

90% of boaters who drowned were not wearing a PFD or lifejacket at the time of the incident. (Canadian Red Cross Drowning Report)

Most people who drown never intended to be in the water. Many were enjoying boating activities or playing near water.



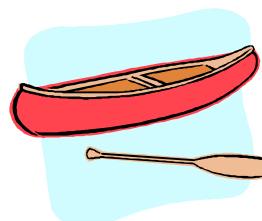
Since they did not intend to enter the water, they were not wearing a lifejacket or personal flotation device.

Half of Canadian boating deaths occur on lakes (53%), Oceans (23%) and rivers/streams (22%).

Boating accounts for 1/3 of water-related deaths in Canada. 33% of victims were power boating, 27% were sport fishing and 13% were canoeing.

More than 90% of boating victims are male and 50% are 18 to 34 years old.

Remember to wear your PFD at all times when boating.



For More Information Visit::

- Boat Smart Canada www.boatsmartcanada.com
- Canadian Coast Guard www.ccg-gcc.ca
- Transport Canada www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety/
- Canadian Safe Boating Council www.csbc.ca

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How to remove tree sap from clothes?

There are a few things to try to remove that great sticky sap that you may find on your clothes after a camping trip. Here are a few things to remember before you try and just wash it out. If in doubt try a test piece.

Try:

- 1) Turpentine
- 2) Rubbing Alcohol
- 3) Pine Sol
- 4) Antibacterial hand gel
- 5) Citra-Solv
- 6) Winning Colours



(http://members.tripod.com/~Barefoot_Lass/index-2.html)



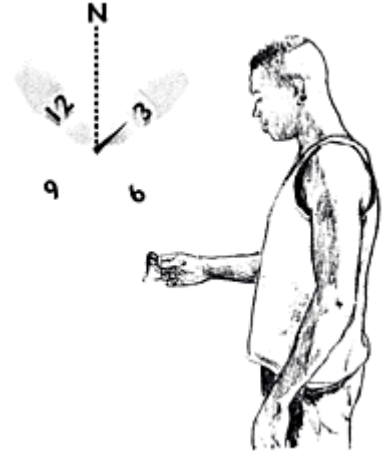
How to find North with your watch!

This way of finding north works anywhere in the Northern Hemisphere.

Go outside between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and find a place where you cast a shadow on level ground. Make sure your watch is set to the proper time (remember, if you are on daylight saving time, reset your watch to one hour earlier).

Turn your watch so that the hour hand (the little hand) points in the same direction as your shadow.

Stand so that one foot lines up with both your shadow and the hour hand. Line up the other foot with the 12 on the watch face. (If it's before noon, you'll line up your right foot with the 12. If it's after noon, you'll line up your left foot with the 12.) Now your body is facing north.



You can also find north by imagining a line that passes from the center of your watch halfway between the hour hand and the 12—this line will point due north.

Take A Hike in Algonquin Highlands

The Township of Algonquin Highlands via the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails department manages 38 + km of Hiking Trails throughout the area. These trails include the Beetle Lake Trail, Dorset Scenic Lookout Trail, Frost Centre Trails, Circuit of 5 Viewpoints, Crests of Kennisis, Log Chute, Alven Ferguson, Ridge Trail, James Cooper Trail and the Beech Trail.



The 5th Annual Hike Haliburton Festival will take place on October 12-14th, 2007. For more information on this event please contact Haliburton Trails and Tours Network at 705-489-4049 or www.trailsandtours.com.