



Haliburton
Highlands
Land Trust

Protecting the land we love for future generations

Land Trust Discovery Days

Calendar of events 2017

Land Trust Discovery Days programs are a chance for people of all ages to have fun and learn something new!

Most events will take place on a Saturday and most are offered by donation. Your generosity helps us continue programs such as this and also helps our work as land stewards. Please check individual event listings as some have limited spaces and some have a fee. Please register for the events at our website, listed below, so that we can be prepared to offer the best program possible. Also note that our events are not a drop in format but do have a start and finish time. Take a look and see which events you will be attending this year!



See event listings and descriptions below.

Winter Tracks & Signs

Saturday, Feb. 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Where: Nature's Place, Minden (Bobcaygeon Rd, just behind the library)



We will begin inside Nature's Place where we will have a chance to observe and learn about various animal tracks. We will even make our own animal prints in plaster, and have an opportunity to make animal track crayon rubbings and sponge prints. What fun!

If conditions allow, we will venture outside and explore a nearby path where we will use our observation skills to find and identify animal signs and tracks. Otherwise, you are welcome to use your new skills independently after the program and be an animal track sleuth. Dress for the weather. Please register as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this fun workshop. Locate the registration link under Events, Register for Discovery Days.

Cost : Admission by donation.

Leader: Wildlife Biologist Irene Heaven, Education Coordinator of Abbey Gardens.

Reptile Road Show

Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)



This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about. It's a fascinating presentation, and a chance to get up close and personal with some amazing reptiles that most of us would never encounter in the wild. The show starts right at 10:00 am. Tickets must be purchased before the event either online or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton. Locate the registration link under Events, Register for Discovery Days.

- Cost:** *General Admission* – \$15 per adult, \$10 per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults & 2 children) \$30 (pre-paid ticket please, see above)
- Location:** Haliburton Outdoors Association's Fish Hatchery, [6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton](#)
- Leader:** [Scales Nature Park](#)

Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm



Who goes “hoo” in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. You will visit several locations on the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey route which Pauline monitors for Bird Studies Canada. Owls are identified by their distinct calls. So listen and learn. Chances are good at this time of year that an owl or two might even be seen, as happened last year! Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Plooard. Admission by donation. Locate the registration link under Events, Register for Discovery Days.

Location: Meet at [Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd., Carnarvon](#), ON at 8:00 p.m. where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.

Cost: Admission by donation **Leader:** Pauline Plooard

Wild Leeks, Edibles & Spring Wildflowers

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am- 12:00 noon

Explore the woods at Abbey Gardens and forage for wild edibles with food forester and wild epicurean Carolyn Langdon. We’ll hike the trails and learn about sustainable harvesting of leeks. We will also learn about other spring wildflowers and their features. After our walk, come back to the kitchen to try some homemade potato and leek soup. (Other foods will also be available for purchase) Please register before attending to help with food preparation quantities. Locate the registration link under Events, Register for



Cost: \$5 per person, includes soup (payment may be made online or in person on the day of the event)

Location: [Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr., Haliburton](#) (off Hwy 118 West of Haliburton)

Leader: Carolyn Langdon, Windfall Food Forest, forager and food forester

Teddy Bear Picnic

August: Thursday August 24, Dahl Forest 10:00am to 12:00 noon



Ramble and sing your way through the lovely Dahl Forest with singer/songwriter David Archibald! David regularly performs with Ontario Parks and has a wonderful way of teaching through music. Learn some fun facts about bears and enjoy the trails and music!

Pack a picnic lunch and we will all gather for a Teddy Bear picnic after our ramble. You are welcome to bring along your favourite Teddy Bear to picnic with the group!

Admission: by donation, your generosity ensures that we can continue providing these exciting and fun events! Donations can be made at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca Please register online to help us plan our event. Locate the registration link under Events, Register for Discovery Days.

Leader: singer, songwriter David Archibald

Tree Identification

Saturday September 16, 10:00 am to noon



Have you ever wondered how to tell a balsam from a spruce? You can learn to identify the trees of Haliburton County from expert Peter McElwain. Spend some time on the trails at the Haliburton Museum and hone your tree ID skills. Please register in advance. Locate the registration link under Events, Register for Discovery Days.

Cost: By donation

Location: [Haliburton Museum](#)

Leader: Peter McElwain

Stargazing

October

Date and location to be determined

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Below is a list of special events. Please check our website for further information and registration. www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Bioblitz!! Dahl Forest

June 2017

This will be the first Bioblitz to be held in Haliburton County!

A Bioblitz is a 24 hour information gathering event where experts and assistants focus on gathering information about plant and animal species at a particular location. In this case, the lovely Dahl Forest, a Haliburton Land Trust property on Geeza Road, will be the focus location.

As more information becomes available, we will put it on our website so please check in regularly!

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