



# Haliburton Forest

& WILD LIFE RESERVE LTD

## LEASEHOLDER NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025

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### *HELLO, HALIBURTON FOREST LEASE HOLDER'S!*

It was a long, snowy winter season at Haliburton Forest! For those that were able to visit, it was a great year for snowmobiling, snowshoeing and ice-fishing opportunities. Please take a moment to read through the operational updates below. Should you have any questions, please direct them to [leases@haliburtonforest.com](mailto:leases@haliburtonforest.com).



### *TIMELINES FOR ROADS AND PROPERTY ACCESS*

We plan on opening our roads for normal vehicle traffic as of **8:00am** on **Friday, May 16, 2025**, weather and road conditions permitting. We will issue changes to conditions and road openings through our website.

Please remember to stop at the Main Office to return/exchange your gate keys and pick up your vehicle passes by the end of the May Long Weekend. Locks will be changed on all gates by **5:00pm** on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**.



## *UPDATES ON FEE STRUCTURES & DEADLINES*

All Hunt Clubs are reminded that their first payment is due on **Thursday, May 1, 2025** and the final payment is due on **Monday, September 1, 2025**.

All Lessees are reminded that the balance of their site payment is due by the end of the day on **Monday, May 19, 2025**.

For clarity, the fees for lessees are provided below.

<b><u>Rate #</u></b>	<b>Leased Rates 2025 Including HST</b>	<b>2025</b>
1	Hemlock Point	\$4368.39
2	All Other Sites	\$4990.51
3	Kelly, Johnson, L'Azure, Pelaw, Loon, Baby Loon	\$5305.09
X	Annex	\$400.00

Lease payments can be made from home by e-transfer to [accounting@haliburtonforest.com](mailto:accounting@haliburtonforest.com) with your name and site information in the notes, by mailing a cheque, or by calling the Main Office with your credit card details. Debit, credit, and cash are all accepted in-person at the Main Office. A 3% service fee applies to all credit card payments.

Please be prompt in making payments to avoid penalties. A \$100 per month late fee is applied to all late payments.

## *ANNUAL CAMPER MEETING & ANNUAL HUNTERS MEETING*

The Annual Lessee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, July 2, 2025** at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held virtually. A link to the meeting will be provided the week of June 23, 2025.

The Annual Hunters Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17, 2025** at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held virtually. A link to the meeting will be provided the week of September 8, 2025.

## *MOOSE & DEER HUNTING DATES*

Moose: Monday October 20, 2025 – Sunday October 26, 2025.

Deer: Monday November 3, 2025 – Sunday November 16, 2025.

The dates for 2025 reflect one week of property use availability between the hunts. We will provide a more descriptive update, as we normally do, in the fall newsletter.

## *SPRING CLEANING & DUMPSTERS*

In preparation for the opening of the roads and spring cleaning at Base Camp, we require all ATVs, snowmobiles, and trailers to be removed from the fields at Base Camp by **5:00pm on Saturday May 17, 2025**.

We would like to provide yet another friendly reminder that garbage should be disposed of properly. Household waste and recycling bins are provided at Base Camp adjacent the main North Road gate.

*Please remember that large items must be taken to one of the municipal landfills. To access the municipal landfills, you may sign out a landfill card from the Main Office during business hours.*



## *FIREWOOD AVAILABILITY*

Please ensure a **Firewood Cutting Indemnification Agreement** has been signed prior to operating a chainsaw on Haliburton Forest property. PPE must be worn, being boots, chaps, helmet, ear protection, eye protection, and gloves.

Inactive log-landings with permission to harvest firewood include the spur road to the east of Duck Lake Shelter Cabin. You may also check at the Main Office if there are other areas where firewood can be harvested.

Firewood is also being sold at the Main Office in bags for \$10/bag. If you are looking for larger quantities, we recommend calling Nesbitt Firewood Sales at 705-935-0950.

**Please Note:** No firewood from outside of Haliburton County is permitted within the property in order to prevent the spread of invasive pests. Also, lessees are not permitted to have tractor-trailer deliveries of firewood logs to campsites.

## *OUTHOUSES*

Please send your requests for outhouse repair/replacement to [leases@haliburtonforest.com](mailto:leases@haliburtonforest.com).

We anticipate repairs/replacement to start mid-May.



# FORESTRY OPERATIONS

Our forest management operations this year will be focused on (1) Sunday Trail from Dutton to Nugget, and (2), Stocking Lake Road, particularly between North Road and Holts Road. In the woods, we are increasingly finding that the Beech trees are already dead or rotting from Beech Bark Disease as we attempt to manage them. This poses real challenges for safety, product recovery, and sustainability. This year we will be reinvigorating our silvicultural program to reduce the abundance of disease-prone Beech saplings and provide growing space for other species. Two of our team members are licensed for exactly this purpose, and we are excited to be making investments for the long-term sustainability of our forest.

The Haliburton Forest Research Institute will be hosting its annual Research Day on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to presentations on cutting-edge research on topics such as LiDAR, carbon storage, maple silviculture, lake ice, water quality, and yes – Beech Bark Disease. If you are interested in attending or would like to find out more, please email [agorgolewski@Haliburtonforest.com](mailto:agorgolewski@Haliburtonforest.com)

Fall is a long way away, but for those of you who might be interested in joining a guided tour of our forest with the Forest Management team, please mark September 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in your calendars for the Hike Haliburton festival. This is a county-wide event, but we always host at least one hike talking about forestry here at Haliburton Forest.

As ever, please remember to drive defensively and assume you may meet logging truck traffic, road construction traffic, or large camper trailers at any time.



## *MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION*

The sugarbush at Haliburton Forest has been in operation for over 25 years. The sap is harvested from approximately 600 trees, and we produce about 600 litres of maple syrup every year (one litre per tree). It takes 40 litres of sap to make 1 litre of maple syrup, which means that we boil down around 24,000 litres of sap per year! The sap only flows out of the trees when the temperatures drop below freezing at night and above freezing during the day, so we only have a short window during the spring to make the syrup. We still make our maple syrup the “old-fashioned way” – we boil the sap down over a wood-fired evaporator. This gives the syrup extra richness and just a hint of smokiness. Our syrup ranges from light to dark in colour - the lighter syrup is produced earlier in the season and the darker syrup comes later in the season and has a stronger flavour. We sell our maple syrup in the Main Office at Base Camp, the Wolf Centre, the West Guilford Shopping Centre, and through Boshkung Smokehouse online and in their retail store. We offer 250ml, 500ml, 1L and 4L bottles.

## *AN UPDATE ON PAIR*

In 2023, Haliburton Forest joined the Partnership Accreditation in Indigenous Relations (PAIR), a program led by the Canadian Council for Indigenous Business. Our goal is to build informed, respectful, and mutually beneficial relationships with Indigenous communities, individuals, and businesses—particularly those within the traditional territories where we operate.

Over the past two years, we've made meaningful progress. We introduced cultural awareness training for managers and our teams, added land acknowledgements to public meetings, launched our first diversity and inclusiveness survey, and improved our hiring and procurement practices. We also created a guideline for Indigenous land use as well as created a list for circulation of harvesting opportunities on our freehold properties. We've hosted Indigenous groups on-site, supported ecological initiatives like Manoomin, wild rice, re-seeding and have started incorporating Anishinaabemowin on our welcome signage and displays at the Wolf Centre.

As we head into 2025, we're expanding cultural awareness efforts across the organization, developing an Indigenous youth internship program, working with additional Indigenous artists, businesses and craftspeople to bring merchandise to our Forest Experiences department, and working to better integrate Indigenous-related policies into our daily operations. We are also continuing outreach to Indigenous communities for feedback on our multi-year PAIR action plan—an essential step to ensuring our efforts are meaningful and relevant.

Importantly, we've submitted our PAIR Phase 2 application for review and will be working towards Phase 3—and eventual certification—throughout 2025.

## *BOSHKUNG SMOKEHOUSE: HOURS & MENU*

Big Changes at Boshkung Smokehouse! We've been busy behind the scenes and are excited to share what's new at Boshkung Smokehouse! Our menu is now 99% made from scratch, bringing you even more house-made goodness in every bite. Plus, we've switched to using all beef tallow in our fryers for an even better flavour and crispier results.

We're also rolling out daily specials for the spring and summer season:

**Tuesday** – 2 Can Dine for \$50

**Wednesday** – Wing Wednesday

**Thursday** – \$10 Off Meat Platters

**Friday** – Fish Friday

**Saturday** – Smoked Prime Rib

**Sunday** – Taco & Margarita Sundays

Come see what's new, taste the difference, and enjoy your favourites all week long! To view the current menu, hours of operations, and to order take out, please visit: [www.boshkungsmokehouse.com](http://www.boshkungsmokehouse.com)

Follow us on social media for the most up to date information!

Instagram @boshkungsmokehouse and Facebook @boshkungsmokehouse

Current hours of operation are:

**Monday** – CLOSED

**Tuesday** – 12:00pm-7:00pm

**Wednesday** – 12:00pm – 7:00pm

**Thursday** – 12:00pm – 7:00pm

**Friday** – 12:00pm – 9:00pm

**Saturday** – 11:00am – 9:00pm

**Sunday** – 11:00am – 7:00pm

- Full menu available until close!



Summer Season hours will change again, please stay tuned to our social media channels for all updates on hour changes!



## *CLAY TARGET SHOOTING*

We are happy to offer this exciting activity in its second operating season. This fully guided experience is a hit with groups and families.

Check out the [webpage](#) for more details and to book!

## *YOURS OUTDOORS: EXPERIENCE THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS*

Explore more with Yours Outdoors! With an increasing number of amazing experiences available to you right on site at Haliburton Forest as well as throughout the Haliburton Highlands.

Stop by the main office for info or visit [www.yoursoutdoors.ca](http://www.yoursoutdoors.ca)





## *HALIBURTON FOREST FISHING SOCIETY*

The Haliburton Forest Fishing Society continues to do its great work at improving the fishing experience here at the forest. This past winter has seen some great trout catches coming from the stocked lakes, with 20" plus fish reported being caught! This year our goal is to stock over 6,000 fish in some of our 12 stocked lakes, remember that these fish are 10-12" when they go into the lakes producing some awesome fishing! Stocking will be scheduled for late October to give the best chances for success and less stress on the fish.

To make this happen and to keep the stocking program going we need your help in raising funds. **Our goal this year is to generate \$12,000 in contributions**, which will be 100% matched by Haliburton Forest. Every dollar raised goes to the work of the Fishing Society and the stocking program! Your contributions to the Fishing Society provides you with insider stocking information of where and when we have previously stocked fish, lets you have your say in the work of the Fishing Society and of course helps improve the fishing experience at Haliburton Forest. Visit our website to contribute or speak with our staff at the Main Office, who will be happy to help.



## *MARK YOUR CALENDARS*

We have many exciting events and guided experiences coming up and we look forward to seeing you, your families and friends there! See below posters for some upcoming events. You can book through our [events/experiences calendar](#) or by calling the Main Office.

## *MUSIC AT HALIBURTON FOREST THIS SUMMER*

**Benton Brown & The Lowdown** - Friday, August 29, 2025



# Haliburton Forest

RESEARCH INSTITUTE

## RESEARCH DAY

**9** **MAY**

**Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve**  
**1095 Redkenn Road,**  
**Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0**

647-273-5470  
[agorgolewski@haliburtonforest.com](mailto:agorgolewski@haliburtonforest.com)



9:00-9:10	<b>Opening Remarks: Haliburton Forest Research Institute</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Adam Gorgolewski, Haliburton Forest &amp; Wild Life Reserve</li></ul>
9:10-9:30	<b>Managing Successional Dynamics in Response to Beech Bark Disease in Tolerant Hardwood Forests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mark Givelas, University of Toronto Scarborough</li></ul>
9:30-9:50	<b>Working with Forests: Design-Build Demonstrators</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zachary Mollica, University of Toronto</li></ul>
9:50-10:10	<b>OWA's Private Land Advanced Forest Inventory: Practical Applications of LiDAR Derived Forest Resource Inventory in Operations and Carbon Sequestration Accounting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elliott Groen, Ontario Woodlot Association</li></ul>
10:10-10:40	<i>Break</i>
10:40-11:00	<b>You're Dead to Me: Deadwood Carbon Stocks in Temperate Forests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mahendra Doraisami, University of Toronto Scarborough</li></ul>
11:00-11:20	<b>What Makes Forest Soils Effective Greenhouse Gas Sinks?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imrul Kayes, University of Toronto</li></ul>
11:20-11:40	<b>Preliminary Data on Tree, Soil Health and GHG Responses to Biochar Top-Dressing for Freeman Maple Planted in Urban Soil</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imrul Kayes, University of Toronto</li></ul>
11:40-12:00	<b>Enhanced Weathering of Wollastonite for Carbon Dioxide Removal at Haliburton Forest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Minger Guo, Jordan Gilder &amp; Larissa Wallisch, Trent University</li></ul>
12:00-1:10	<i>Lunch</i>
1:10-1:30	<b>Impact of Non-Industrial Wood Ash Application on Sugar Maple Regeneration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victor Bewsh, Trent University</li></ul>
1:30-1:50	<b>Updating Tree Marking Guidelines for Selection-Managed Northern Hardwood Forests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Adam Gorgolewski, Haliburton Forest Research Institute</li></ul>
1:50-2:10	<b>Crown Position Effects on the Growth Rate of Haliburton's Sugar Maple Trees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charlie Olsen, University of Toronto</li></ul>
2:10-2:40	<i>Break</i>
2:40-3:00	<b>A Decade of Lake Ice Research in Haliburton Forest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tea Falzata and Qinglin Lu, University of Toronto</li></ul>
3:00-3:20	<b>Invasive Phragmites Identification and Mapping in the Highlands</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frank Figuli, U-Links</li></ul>
3:20-3:40	<b>Testing the Waters - A Haliburton County Wide Water Quality Monitoring Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jack Scott, U-Links</li></ul>

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



**McFadden's**  
★ MEAT MARKET ★

An event to raise funds for the  
**Haliburton Forest Fishing Society**  
&  
**The Haliburton Fish Hatchery**



# FISH & BBQ

## FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

**Free Fishing Derby**  
**Fish Fry**  
**Pig Roast**  
**Live Music**  
**BBQ Competition** (\$75 per team)

1095 Redkenn Road, Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0

For more information visit: [www.haliburtonforest.com](http://www.haliburtonforest.com) or [www.boshkungsmokehouse.com](http://www.boshkungsmokehouse.com)

# FISH & BBQ

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

**Haliburton Forest Fishing Derby:** 7:00am – 12:00pm

**BBQ Competition:** 8:00am – 3:00pm

**Father's Day Brunch:** 10:00am - 11:30am

**Fish Fry (Hook, Line & Sinker):** 12:00pm – 4:00pm

**Pig Roast (Boshkung Smokehouse):** 12:00pm – 4:00pm

**Fishing Derby Awards @ the Smokehouse:** 12:30pm – 1:00pm

**Live Music by Woody Woodburn & Band:** 1:00 – 4:00pm

**BBQ Competition Judging & Awards:** 4:00pm – 5:00pm

1095 Redkenn Road, Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0

For more information visit: [www.haliburtonforest.com](http://www.haliburtonforest.com) or [www.boshkungsmokehouse.com](http://www.boshkungsmokehouse.com)

# PINE PROJECT: OVERNIGHT CAMP

Our friends at the Pine Project run an amazing backcountry summer camp in Haliburton Forest called Red Wolf Overnight Camp.

Campers have the chance to live backcountry with peers and experienced mentors, exploring the forest, sleeping in tents, canoeing, cooking over the fire, learning new bushcraft and wilderness skills, playing nature games, and much more!

To learn more, visit their website at [pineproject.org](http://pineproject.org)!

**Find Yourself In The Woods This Summer**

**Red Wolf Overnight Camp**

Ages 7-16 - Haliburton - August 2025  
\*Bursaries available!\* Visit [pineproject.org](http://pineproject.org)

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Pine Project

## Summer 2025 Details:

Camp registers by age ranges (7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14), however, individual camp groups are created closer to the start of camp and allow for some mixing between ages.

<b>ONE WEEK SESSIONS</b>	
July 27 - August 2 (Ages 9-14)*	\$1,275
August 3 - 9 (Ages 9-14)	\$1,275
August 10 - 16 (Ages 7-12)	\$1,275
August 17 - 23 (Ages 7-14)	\$1,275

\*Includes Rainbow Trout, a group for girls, non-binary and gender non-conforming participants. Anyone who feels like they'd thrive in this setting is welcome! (Ages 11-14).

## LESSEE PERKS!

**Canopy Tours** - Run twice daily throughout the summer. Book in advance through the office.  
*Lessees get 10% off when they book for family and friends.*

**Wolf Centre** - Open daily throughout the summer.  
*Lessees and their children 17 and under get in for free.*

**Wolf Howl** – Thursday evenings in July and August.  
*Free to the public, but donations are accepted at the door.*

**Astronomy** - Every Friday through July and August.

**Clay Target Shooting** – Runs daily through the summer. Book in advance through the office.  
*Lessees get 10% off when they book for family and friends.*

**To receive the 10% discount bookings must be done through the Main Office.**

**You can book online, but then be sure to contact us so that we may apply the discount.**

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## KEEP UP TO DATE

As always be sure to follow us on our various social media platforms to stay informed.

**Haliburton Forest Events Calendar:** [www.yoursoutdoors.ca/events](http://www.yoursoutdoors.ca/events)

**Haliburton Forest in General** - #HaliburtonForest



- Facebook: @HaliburtonForest
- Instagram: @haliburton\_forest
- TikTok: @haliburtonforest

**Wolf Centre**

- Facebook: @hfwolfcentre
- Instagram: @haliburtonforestwolfcentre
- TikTok: @hf.wolfcentre

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- Instagram: @yours\_outdoors

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- Facebook: @EcoLogHomes



## *CONCLUSION*

After a long, snowy winter season, we are all looking forward to the summer at Haliburton Forest – and to seeing you up here enjoying the property. We hope these updates were helpful and we encourage you to reach out to [leases@haliburtonforest.com](mailto:leases@haliburtonforest.com) if you have any questions.

