

Haliburton Rocks!

The Haliburton Highlands really does “rock” in so many ways. Explore the rich minerals deposits, unique geological features, and rugged autumn landscapes of the area while enjoying the great hospitality and fine folk of the Highlands. Your two night/three day itinerary includes a hike to world class undisturbed sites of unique minerals and crystals, a search for the Harburn Wells, mineral collecting, and a visit to the studio of a rock artist. This is a very special celebrity version of Haliburton Rocks! featuring the talented musician and geologist, Katherine Wheatley (<http://www.katherinewheatley.com/>). Katherine will join us as singer/songwriter in residence to discover the mineral wonders of Haliburton County, perform a “rock” concert on Sunday evening, entertain us around the campfire on Monday, and who knows what else. You will stay at the beautiful Sunny Rock B&B, and enjoy an optional hot stone massage to ease a day of outdoor exploration.

ITINERARY

Sunday, September 6

Arrive at Sunny Rock B&B and settle in.

- 4:00 pm Welcome, introductions, icebreakers, review itinerary
- 4:30 pm *Introduction to the Rocks and Minerals of the Haliburton Highlands* with geologist, John Etches.
- Short van ride to see an exposure near Ingoldsby
- 6:30 pm Dinner at the Wild Orchid or Grill on the Gull in Minden.
- 8:00 pm *“Rock” Concert* – performance by Katherine Wheatley at Wintergreen Pancake Barn

Monday, September 7

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 *Gems Beneath your Boots* - A visit to Greenmantle Farm near Wilberforce for a three hour hike to discover undisturbed deposits of fluorichterite, orthoclase, tremolite, actinolite, apatite, and quartz with hosts Sandra and Mark Bramham
- 12:00 *“Rock” Cuisine* - a tasty lunch

- 1:30 *Rock Artist* - Visit the Tory Hill studio of Gary Blundell whose amazing art is inspired by rock faces and landscapes.
- 2:30 *Rock Hounding* - Travel to the Bear Lake Occurrence to collect samples of apatite, mica, titanite, amphibole, biotite and calcite.
- 5:00 Return to Sunny Rock B&B
- 6:30 Dinner at Sunny Rock B&B
- 7:30 Rest and Relaxation
Campfire with Katherine Wheatley
Hot Stone Massage (optional)

September 8

- 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 *In Search of Harburn Wells* - Somewhere in the hills northeast of Haliburton there lies a unique geological phenomenon called the Harburn Wells. Many have heard about it; few have been there.
- Or more mineral collecting.
- 12:00 Lunch - Heritage Café
- 1:30 Farewells and Departure