



## On the Trap Line

## Itinerary

Discover the fascinating world of Canada's and Haliburton County's oldest industry – the fur trade. This intriguing, thought provoking adventure takes you back into history with an 18<sup>th</sup> century fur trader, along forest and stream with a wildlife biologist to discover Ontario's furbearing animals, and snowshoe a trap line with a modern day trapper.

9:00 Pick up at designated meeting place or accommodation  
Travel to Dwight

9:30 Meet Mike Buss, an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Fur Trader

### 9:45 **Step Back into Canada's History**

On snowshoes follow Mike Buss along Ten Mile Creek to a log cabin that has been restored as a trading post. You will hear stories of the fur trade as it was conducted in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, and observe and handle reproduction trade goods. Mike will also demonstrate the use of some of these artifacts including flint and steel fire making, flintlock firearms and traps. The biology and ecology of fur bearing animals is interpreted in light of Native technologies and lifestyles and with regard of European market economics. The round trip snowshoe hike to the cabin and back is approximately 2 km

11:45 Enjoy a traditional lunch of baked beans, bannock, wild rice and hot rum toddies.

1:00 Meet Rob Clarke, a local trapper

### 1:15 **On the Trap Line**

Snowshoe with Rob to a nearby pond to check a trap set for beaver. Gain insights into the methods, motivations and ethics of the modern day trapper. You will also visit Rob's shop to observe how furs are readied for market and discover fascinating facts about today's fur industry.

4:00 Return to meeting place or accommodation

To book this package contact Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436 or [Info@yoursoutdoors.ca](mailto:Info@yoursoutdoors.ca) . See [www.yoursoutdoors.ca](http://www.yoursoutdoors.ca) for more details.