



Steppin' Out in the Highlands

Sample Itinerary

Note: Itinerary is subject to change. Programs can be customized and extended to meet your needs and interests.

Day 1

Arrive at arrive at accommodation and settle in.

- 1:00 Welcome and introductions
- 1:30 *On the Crests of Kennesis*
Explore the rugged vistas of the Algonquin Highlands with an experienced naturalist. You will start your hike at the historic log chute at Big Hawk Lake and make your way (5km) to Little Hawk Lake.
- 4:00 Return to Accommodation for rest and relaxation or optional activities.
- 6:00 pm Dinner at Oakview Lodge on the shore of Big Hawk lake
www.oakviewlodge.com
- 7:30 pm *Toe Tappin' Tunes*
A house concert by very talented local musician

Day 2

- 7:30 Breakfast at accommodation
- 9:15 *In Search of Harburn Wells*
Guide - Sean Pennylegion
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. This guided walk to find it and return is approximately 1 km.
- 10:30 *Haliburton Sculpture Forest*
<http://www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/>

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is unique amongst sculpture gardens and sculpture parks in Canada and the world. The forest is dominated by deciduous trees allowing for ease of viewing throughout the year. The sculptures, by design, reflect the environment in which they reside and the materials used to create them are in harmony with their surroundings. This guided walk will be approximately 1 km.

11:45 Lunch - Heritage Café in Haliburton.

1:30 *Walk in the Clouds*

<http://www.haliburtonforest.com/canopy.html>

Walk the canopy boardwalk in the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Ltd. This boardwalk winds for a kilometre through the treetops some 20 meters above the forest floor. A platform suspended from the treetops above, becomes the gathering place where you can enjoy a leisurely snack while your guide interprets the forest environment surrounding you. This adventure also includes a guided van tour through Haliburton Forest and a voyageur-canoe ride across a wilderness lake to the boardwalk.

5:30 Return to Accommodation for Dinner

8:00 Optional Massage or Yoga to relax after a busy day

Day 3

8:30 Breakfast and checkout

10:00 Wet and Wild

Take a stroll in an amazing wetland on the property of Don Wright near Lochlin. Discover the flora, fauna and geological history of this provincially significant wetland and walk along the unique esker that borders it.

12:30 Lunch at Gravity House Café or the Wild Orchid in Minden

1:30 Farewells and Departure

This package can be customized or extended to include some or all of the following hiking options:

- Hike the Hills - Burn a few more calories on the 10 km of scenic trails in the Frost Centre area, some of the best in Haliburton County. A stacked loop system of trails allows you to choose your distance.

- Gems Beneath your Boots - A visit to Greenmantle Farm near Wilberforce for a 4 km hike to discover undisturbed deposits of fluorichterite, orthoclase, tremolite, actinolite, apatite, and quartz.
- Dorset Tower Trail - It is uphill all the way to a great view of the Lake of Bays and the town of Dorset until it is time to come down again
- Hike Algonquin – A trip north to Algonquin Park to hike one or more of the many hiking trails up there.

Not so small print. This experience package involves a moderate amount of hiking with an emphasis on discovery and learning. Packages with greater hiking distances can be easily arranged for more experienced hikers. Hiking options are available for an additional fee.