



Haliburton Forest

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LEASEHOLDER NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

Spring has sprung? Or will winter ever end?

The team at Haliburton Forest was thrilled that Mother Nature surprised us with an early winter, allowing our trails to open in mid-November. It seems that the snow never really stopped.

Total snowfall from 01 December 2018 to 28 February 2019 was 201cm compared to 156cm the previous year. This resulted in snow depth of 68cm in early-March compared to 16cm last year.

The numbers do not lie and this made for some amazing snowmobiling and dogsledding over the course of the winter. Big Russell said that this was one of the best winters in his memory.

As great as our winter has been, we are getting ready for the arrival of spring and we are looking forward to the warmer weather.

Happily, the melt has been steady but gradual, allowing the snow pack to slowly disappear without causing any major flooding so far. We're hoping that the low, positive temperatures continue.

Reminders: Spring cleaning and dumpsters.

In preparation for the opening of the roads and spring cleaning at Base Camp, we are asking that your ATVs, snowmobiles, and trailers are removed from the front field/parking area by end of the day on Sunday 05 May 2019.

After that, our maintenance staff will move them for you. While we will try to be gentle, we are unable to guarantee that they will be moved "your" way.

We would also like to remind everyone that we will be relocating the garbage and recycling bins before the roads open. Please continue to assist in maintaining the cleanliness of the garbage area.

Specifically, please ensure your regular waste is going into the garbage bins, recycling into the blue bins, and cardboard into the red box. There is a bin at the bottom of Base Camp for scrap metal.

Large items should be taken to the Kennisis Lake or West Guilford dumps. You may sign out a dump card from the Main Office during business hours.



Timelines for roads and property access.

We plan on opening our roads for normal vehicle traffic as of 8:00am on Friday 10 May 2019, barring any unusual rain or storms.

With the gradual melt that we have been seeing so far, we believe that this is realistic. However, you may want to check our Facebook page or Twitter before heading up that weekend, just in case!

As usual, we would like to remind everyone that the roads will be very soft until at least the end of June, so careful driving is mandatory at all times. This is especially true of the shoulders on all of our roads.

Please remember to stop at the Main Office to return/exchange your gate keys, pickup your vehicle passes, and re-sign your lease, by the end of the May Long Weekend.

The locks will be changed on most gates by the May Long Weekend, and on all of the gates by the end of the day on Tuesday immediately following the May Long Weekend.

Updates on fee structures and deadlines.

All hunt clubs are reminded that their first payment is due on 01 May 2019 and the second payment is due on 01 September 2019. The amount to pay is indicated in your invoice.

Lessees have two options when it comes to deadlines for payments:

The first option is to pay in full by 31 December of the preceding year, in order to “lock in” at last year’s rate. If you did this already, thank you!

The second option is to make a deposit of \$1,000 by 31 December of the preceding year, and pay the balance by the end of the day on the Monday of the May Long Weekend, which is coming up soon!

For clarity, the fees for lessees are provided below.

Rate #	Leased Rates 2019 Including HST	2019
1	Hemlock Point	\$3,275
2	All Other Sites	\$3,590
3	Kelly, Johnson, L’Azure, Pelaw, Loon, Baby Loon	\$4,160
X	Annex	\$350

Please be prompt in making payments to avoid penalties and to assist us in our budgeting for roads and property improvements.

Updates on fees and payment methods.

A few changes have been made to the fees, payment methods, and bookkeeping system for 2019.

Our bookkeeper will now be handling all of the invoicing. In the past, this was something we always handled directly out of the Main Office.

We will still have access to payment information in the Main Office, but everything will be now run through our accounting programs—no more Excel spreadsheets!

Going forward, when you make a payment and it is received, you will automatically be sent an updated invoice with the remaining balance if there is one.

Something we have been working towards for a long time now is accepting e-transfers for all leaseholder payments, including lessees and hunters.

The banks have made it easier to transfer and accept known payments. Our bookkeeper has set up e-transfers as an automatic deposit, which means there is no need for a security question/answer if your bank supports automatic deposits, which all major banks already do.

Here is the process for paying by e-transfer:

Step 1: For the recipient email address please use accounting@haliburtonforest.com

Step 2: Include the amount you are sending. In the message section include key information:

For hunters, please include your name AND the name of our hunt club—for example: Phil Primavera, Silly People Hunt Club.

For lessees, please include your name, your site number, AND your lake name—for example: Russell Morrison, 66.6 Happy Lake.

With this information, our bookkeeper will be able to match your payment to your invoice. If you don’t include this information, we may not know where to apply the payment.

We do have all of your emails and contact information on file, but this information should always be included with your e-transfer payments. We also ask for the same information when cheques or other methods of payment are used.

Step 3: Send the payment.

We will still accept post-dated cheques, cash, debit, and credit cards. For the time being, credit card payments will still be subject to a 3% service fee. As mentioned above, please include your name, and the name of your hunt club if you are a hunter, or site number and lake name if you are a lessee, with every payment that you make.

Important dates and events.

We have many events coming up this summer and we hope to see you at a few of them! You can book through our website or by calling the Main Office.

Friday 10 May 2019

Celebration of Research.

Free to attend! (8:30 am-4:30 pm)

Saturday 11 May 2019

Specialty Lumber & Log Auction.

Free to attend! (10:00 am-2:00 pm)

Friday 17 May 2019

Dog Kennel Tours (4:00 pm)

*Daily until Thanksgiving.

Tuesday 25 June 2019

Natural history presentations.

Free to attend! (7:00pm)

*Every Tuesday through July and August.

Thursday 27 June 2019

Wolf Howl (8:00 pm). Free to attend!

*Every Thursday through July and August

Friday 28 June 2019

Astronomy Program (Times vary monthly).

*Every Friday through July and August

Tuesday 09 July 2019

Guided Fishing with Pete (9:00am-12:00pm)

*New in 2019!

Friday 04, Monday 15, and Saturday 27 July 2019

Rocks & Ropes (1:00 pm-5:00pm)

*New in 2019!

Sunday 21 July 2019

Guided Casual Canoe Trip (9:30am-3:30pm)

*New in 2019!

Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August 2019

Discovery Day Camp for children ages 7-10.

Wednesday 14 August – Sunday 18 August 2019

Forest Festival – Varying times and performers.

<http://www.theforestfestival.com/>

Sunday 17 August 2019

Guided Casual Canoe Trip (9:30am-3:30pm)

*New in 2019!

Saturday 18 and Wednesday 29 August 2019

Rocks & Ropes (1:00 pm-5:00pm)

*New in 2019!

Saturday 7 September 2019

The Haliburton 100 Mile Ultra Run

www.haliburtonforest100.org/

<https://raceroster.com/events/2019/21813/haliburton-forest-trail-race>

Tuesday 20 August 2019

Guided Fishing with Pete (9:00am-12:00pm)

*New in 2019!

Annual Camper Meeting

Please be advised that the Annual Camper Meeting for lessees will be held in the Seminar Building on Saturday 29 June 2019 at 10am. We expect the meeting to run until around 12pm.

You must submit your suggestions and requests no later than 31 May 2019, to give us time to prepare the discussion topics and agenda for the day.

We are going to host a BBQ following the meeting again to thank you for being one of our lessees!

To help us prepare for the day, we would appreciate it if you RSVPed by the Doodle Poll at this link:

<https://doodle.com/poll/5sk95d9zhcrztz4q>

Annual Hunt Club Meeting

Please be advised that the Annual Hunt Club Meeting for lessees will be held in the Seminar Building on the Sunday before the Deer Hunt, being Sunday 03 November 2019.

The meeting will begin at 2pm and run until around 3:30pm. You must submit your suggestions and requests no later than 31 May 2019, to give us time to prepare the discussion topics and agenda.

Please note that it is mandatory for each Hunt Club to send at least one representative to this meeting!

Rules for the spring bear hunt.

Once again, we will be allowing the spring bear hunt to occur at Haliburton Forest. There are a few important rules that must be followed.

First and foremost, hunters must exercise extreme caution as the property will be available to other users such as lessees during the hunt.

Second, at least two weeks prior to arrive, you must notify the Main Office of who, where, and when you will be participating in the hunt.

The spring bear hunt continues to be on a trial basis so we ask that all hunters do their best to make it safe, successful, and enjoyable for everyone.

Reporting issues or repair requests.

A friendly reminder that we encourage you to submit requests for road repairs or to let us know about other issues you may encounter by sending us an email at leases@haliburtonforest.com. It is especially helpful when these requests or update come with some photos, to help us diagnose the issue and plan the repair work before we get started!

GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM THE FOREST



Tourism & Hospitality Award

Our team was honoured to be recognized with the 2018 Tourism & Hospitality Award from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The award recognizes excellence in tourism operations in the community. We were up against some very respectable groups who were also very deserving of the award.

In attendance at the event were Tegan, Ted, Penny, Dale, and Malcolm, representing all of the Tourism & Recreation operations at Haliburton Forest, from the front office to the back office to the tours to the maintenance crew.

We would like to extend our congratulations to the other nominees as well the other award winners who were recognized that night!



2019 Poker Run

Congratulations to everybody who participated in the annual 2019 Poker Run in February.

In addition to it being some of the best snowmobiling of the season, we also managed to raise \$15,000 for our local Fire Department!

Talking to the Fire Chief, we learned that the funds will be used for a new set of “jaws of life” and potentially other equipment as well.

It is our intention to continue supporting the Fire Department as they have contributed so much to the safety and well being of leaseholders at Haliburton Forest over the years.

We are already looking forward to another great annual Poker Run in 2020... We just hope that the conditions are as good next year!



Forestry Tours & International Visitors

The Forest Products division had an interesting winter—in addition to all of the normal operations and improvement efforts, the crew was proud to host several big groups.

In February, the entire staff of Forests Ontario—the province’s largest treeplanting agency—visited our operations. Then, we had 25 senior forestry experts from China come to learn about how forestry is done in Canada.

In late-winter, our forestry crew hosted 60 students from the forestry program at Fleming College, to provide the students with some hands-on education in the bush and at the sawmill.

We are always happy to show our operations to the public and this winter was no exception!