

# LEASEHOLDER NEWSLETTER FALL 2023



# **HELLO**, HALIBURTON FOREST LEASEHOLDER'S!

We are excited to be looking ahead with the peak of autumn colors upon us and snowmobile season just around the corner.

Below you will find important operational information for this fall and early winter. Should you have questions or a general inquiry, please email <a href="mailto:leases@haliburtonforest.com">leases@haliburtonforest.com</a>.

As always, Haliburton Forest will be closed during the moose and deer hunts. Only members of approved hunt clubs will be permitted within the property. However, the property will be open between the moose and deer hunts. Following the conclusion of the deer hunt, roads within the property will be closed to vehicle traffic.

#### **Moose Hunt:**

Property Closed: Monday October 16 – Sunday October 22.

You must be off the property by 8PM on Sunday October 15. You may return to the property after 8PM on Sunday October 22.

#### **Between Hunts:**

Property Open: Monday October 23 – Sunday November 5.

You may return to the property after 8PM on Sunday October 23. You must be off the property by 8PM on Sunday November 5.

#### **Deer Hunt:**

Property Closed: Monday November 6 – Sunday November 19.

You must be off the property by 8PM on Sunday November 5. You may return to the property after 8PM on Sunday November 19 (via ATV or Snowmobile).



### LEASED CAMPSITE FEE STRUCTURE

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

The first option is to pay in full by December 31, 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 \$1,000.00 by December 31 and pay the balance by 5PM on the Monday of the May Long Weekend.

The current lease fees are provided below:

Rate #	Leased Rates 2024 Including HST	Paid on or Before 31 December 2023	Paid on or After 01 January 2024
1	Hemlock Point	\$3,687.96	\$3,798.60
2	All Other Sites	\$4,037.63	\$4,158.76
3	Kelly, Johnson, L'Azure, Pelaw, Loon, Baby Loon	\$4,682.34	\$4,822.81
X	Annex	\$350.00	\$350.00

### DIRECTION ON DAMAGE/CLEANUP DEPOSIT:

Any new lessees assuming a lease with Haliburton Forest (vacant or with an existing RV trailer and/or structure) will be required to pay a deposit of \$2,000.00. This refundable deposit is structured to ensure that when a lessee, or Haliburton Forest, terminates a lease, there is a financial commitment to removing possessions and cleaning up the site. To simplify, if a lessee or Haliburton Forest terminates a lease, the lessee must remove all possessions prior to being refunded their deposit. While this policy does not apply to any leases signed prior to January 1, 2024, we also take the opportunity to remind you that every lessee – whether or not they have paid such a deposit – is still obligated to clean up their site if or when their lease is terminated.

# ANNUAL LESSEE CAMPER MEETING MINUTES:

The annual lessee meeting will move to a virtual format for 2024. A day and time will be announced in the Spring Newsletter. If you missed the 2023 meeting, there were a few key topics of discussion:

- Business Update: Lessees remain the number one stakeholders for the Tourism & Recreation division. The tourism business has remained consistent throughout 2022/2023 but faces the challenges of rising fuel and supply costs. Tourism offerings: Lessees should continue to take advantage of tourism offerings (many of which are discounted to lessees). The guided clay shooting range is now open and gaining in popularity. <a href="https://www.haliburtonforest.com/sporting-clays-range/">https://www.haliburtonforest.com/sporting-clays-range/</a>
- Truss Foodworks: The restaurant continues to be a valuable service to lessees, Forest guests and surrounding cottagers. The service hours continue to improve.
- Administrative: It is important to continue ensuring that sites are compliant with the terms of the lease. Keeping structures such as your shed, annex and deck within the permitted sizes are imperative to Haliburton Forest renewing your lease.
- Lease site exchange: The policy of working with those on the waitlist if choosing to exchange a lease continues. Notification of intent to exchange a lease and Haliburton Forest conducting a site assessment to ensure compliance are the first steps. Contact information of those on the waiting list is provided in groups to ensure persons at the top of the list are provided priority. Many sites have been exchanged in this manner with positive outcomes for all parties involved; friends and family members of current lessees that have a true interest in obtaining a lease have been provided the opportunity to become leaseholders.
- Discussion items: The majority of the meeting was an open discussion, topics included special events such as the ultra run, bicycle race, wildlife management/hunting, fire awareness / seasonal fire bans, music festival etc.



#### **ATVS & SNOWMOBILES**

ATVs and Snowmobiles may be parked in the top fields starting Monday October 9, 2023. All items must be removed by end of the day on May 13, 2024.

No recreational powersports equipment or trailers are permitted in the bottom field (scrap metal area) or the Wild Woods Walk treeline. The bottom field will be used for additional vehicle parking throughout the winter months.

As a friendly reminder, please note that Haliburton Forest is not responsible for the safety of your equipment when it is parked in these areas.

Please also note that season passes for ATVs and snowmobiles will be \$155.00 plus HST this year. Passes are provided per machine for one specific individual and are valid for the calendar year. If friends or family members use the machine on groomed trails, they must pay the day pass fee or purchase an <u>additional season pass</u>. We are hoping to have passes available for purchase by Thanksgiving Weekend.

Copies of the rules and regulations for the use of "Special Vehicles" at Haliburton Forest are available in the Main Office, as well as <u>online</u>.

#### BASE CAMP WATER SUPPLY

The Base Camp water is supplied by drilled wells, UV light disinfected, and is tested regularly. The irregular water taste that occurred this summer has been corrected. During this time, the water was tested on numerous occasions and results were deemed consistently safe for potable use. We will continue to work with professionals in the industry to test and filter the water as required.







# TRUSS FOODWORKS SMOKEHOUSE: HOURS & MENU

Truss Foodworks Smokehouse continues to be busy serving up delicious food for the full range of visitors to Haliburton Forest. Please note that hours may vary during the autumn and early-winter, so for up-to-date menus and hours of operation, please go to <a href="https://www.trussfoodworks.ca">www.trussfoodworks.ca</a> or call 705-457-0314.

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

Instagram: @truss\_foodworks Facebook: @TrussFoodworks.



#### EVENTS - FALL/WINTER

Haliburton Forest and Yours Outdoors have a wide array of events and experiences happening this fall and winter -- most of which happen right on site! You can find out more and make reservations for any of these events online or by contacting the main office.

Online: www.haliburtonforest.com AND www.yoursoutdoors.ca

Email: reservations@haliburtonforest.com OR info@yoursoutdoors.ca

**Phone**: 1-800-631-2198

#### ICE FISHING

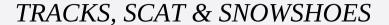
When: Daily Mid-January to Mid-March. Ice

permitting.

What: Lure your friends out for a half or full day

of ice fishing with an experienced guide. All

fishing equipment provided.



When: Wed & Sat Mid-December to mid-

March, snow permitting.

What: Learn to identify the tracks and scat of some of our local wildlife at the Wolf Centre, then identify them outside on snowshoes.





# GUIDED SNOWMOBILE TOURS

When: Wed-Sun from Mid-Dec to Mid-March, conditions allowing.

What: Experience some of the best snowmobile

trails in North America guided by an experienced sledder. Rentals available.



#### SKI LIKE A CANADIAN

When: Tues & Thurs Mid-December to mid-

March, snow permitting.

What: See winter by ski, with an experienced

cross country ski instructor, snacks and hot

drink. Rentals provided.



# **MAPLE MAGIC**

When: Daily March 9-17, 23, 23, 30, 31 and

April 6, 7

**What**: Discover where maple syrup comes from and how it is made, then try the syrup made onsite with a pancake brunch. Family friendly!



#### **SKIJORING**

When: Mon & Fri late December to mid-March.

Snow permitting.

**What**: Does your dog love to pull? Learn how to put that energy to use skijoring on cross-country

skis with a world-class competitor.



**When**: Dec 15-17, 22, 23, 29, 30 & Jan 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 & Feb 10, 11, 16-18, 23-25 & March 1-3, 8-10, 15-17

**What**: Spend the day learning how to build an igloo with winter camping expert, Martin Pine.



When: Nov 11, Dec 30, Jan 5, March 13 What: Join artist Harvey Walker a beginnerlevel, step-by-step painting party, to capture the majestic wolves who call the Wolf Centre home

# PREDATOR PROWL

When: Nov 18, Dec 6, Dec 16 and more TBD What: Learn about four-legged and feather predators with a live raptor demonstration and viewing of the resident Wolf Centre pack.

# PASTA MAKING WORKSHOPS

When: Nov 25 & 26, Jan 27 & 28, March 23 What: Learn the art of pasta-making in an authentic Italian kitchen and enjoy your delicious creations.













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- **Expert Tour Guides**
- Show & Shine
- BBQ Lunch & Campfire
- Memorable & Fun Activities

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60km-ish route through Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd Trails

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#### SPINY WATER FLEA

Spiny water flea seems to have been found (pending MNRF confirmation) in two lakes within Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. The lakes in question are Blue Lake & MacDonald Lake). We are investigating mitigation measures to limit its impact on those lakes.

Although there are many ways that this invasive species could have found its way into our lakes, its discovery does remind us of our responsibility to slow, and ideally stop, the spread of invasive species.

The long-term affects on the health of the lakes and the fish populations are not well understood. Spiny water flea was first discovered in Lake Ontario in the 1980's and has since been found in over 100 inland bodies of water. Research to date indicates that infected lakes will have declined food sources across trophic levels including sportfish.

Things that we can do keep invasive species out of Haliburton Forest include: washing hulls of boats, purchasing bait locally, washing all-terrain vehicles prior to arrival and sourcing wood locally (within Haliburton County).

For more information on Spiny Water Flea and its impact please follow the link below: <a href="https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/invasive-species/meet-the-species/fish-and-invertebrates/spiny-">https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/invasive-species/meet-the-species/fish-and-invertebrates/spiny-</a>

<u>waterflea/#:~:text=Spiny%20waterflea%20was%20first%20detected,other%20inland%20waterbodies%20in%20Ontario</u>

**Please note:** Haliburton Forest values consistent and professional communication with its community. To ensure all lessees have access to valuable information, newsletters and lease documents are posted here: <a href="https://www.haliburtonforest.com/lessees/">https://www.haliburtonforest.com/lessees/</a> Please check this link for future communication and newsletters as we cannot guarantee accuracy/receipt of emails.