



Haliburton Forest

& WILD LIFE RESERVE LTD

LEASEHOLDER NEWSLETTER SPRING 2026



HELLO, HALIBURTON FOREST LEASE HOLDER'S!

With the last of the ice receding, we look forward to having you back up at Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. It's the perfect time to get outside, explore some trails, and enjoy the beauty of the changing season. Please take a moment to read through the operational updates below. Should you have any questions, please direct them to leases@haliburtonforest.com.



TIMELINES FOR ROADS AND PROPERTY ACCESS

We plan on opening our roads for normal vehicle traffic as of **8:00am** on **Thursday, May 14, 2026**, weather and road conditions permitting. We will issue changes to conditions and road openings through our website.

Please remember to stop at the Main Office to return/exchange your gate keys and pick up your vehicle passes by the end of the May Long Weekend. Locks will be changed on all gates by **5:00pm** on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**.



UPDATES ON FEE STRUCTURES & DEADLINES

All Hunt Clubs are reminded that their first payment is due on **Friday, May 1, 2026** and the final payment is due on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**.

All Lessees are reminded that the balance of their site payment is due by the end of the day on **Monday, May 18, 2026**.

For clarity, the fees for lessees are provided below.

Rate #	Leased Rates 2026 Including HST	2026
1	Hemlock Point	\$4499.44
2	All Other Sites	\$5140.23
3	Kelly, Johnson, L'Azure, Pelaw, Loon, Baby Loon	\$5464.24
X	Annex	\$400.00

Lease payments can be made from home by e-transfer to accounting@haliburtonforest.com with your name and site information in the notes, by mailing a cheque, or by calling the Main Office with your credit card details. Debit, credit, and cash are all accepted in-person at the Main Office. A 3% service fee applies to all credit card payments.

Please be prompt in making payments to avoid penalties. A \$100 per month late fee is applied to all late payments.

ANNUAL CAMPER MEETING & ANNUAL HUNTERS MEETING

The Annual Lessee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, July 2, 2026** at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held virtually. A link to the meeting will be provided the week of June 22, 2026.

The Annual Hunters Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16, 2026** at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held virtually. A link to the meeting will be provided the week of September 7, 2026.

MOOSE & DEER HUNTING DATES

Moose: Monday October 19, 2026 – Sunday October 25, 2026.

Deer: Monday November 2, 2026 – Sunday November 15, 2026.

The dates for 2026 reflect one week of property use availability between the hunts. We will provide a more descriptive update, as we normally do, in the fall newsletter.

SPRING CLEANING & DUMPSTERS

In preparation for the opening of the roads and spring cleaning at Base Camp, we require all ATVs, snowmobiles, and trailers to be removed from the fields at Base Camp by **5:00pm on Saturday May 16, 2026**.

We would like to provide yet another friendly reminder that garbage should be disposed of properly. Household waste and recycling bins are provided at Base Camp adjacent the main North Road gate.

Please remember that large items must be taken to one of the municipal landfills. To access the municipal landfills, you may sign out a landfill card from the Main Office during business hours.



FIREWOOD AVAILABILITY

Please ensure a **Firewood Cutting Indemnification Agreement** has been signed prior to operating a chainsaw on Haliburton Forest property. PPE must be worn, being boots, chaps, helmet, ear protection, eye protection, and gloves.

Inactive log landings where firewood harvesting is permitted include the spur road east of Duck Lake Shelter Cabin, as well as the gravel pit at the east end of Black Lake along the Black Creek Trail. You are also welcome to check with the Main Office for any additional approved harvesting areas.

Firewood is available for purchase at the Main Office for \$10 per bag. For larger quantities, please contact Nesbitt Firewood Sales at: 705-935-0950.

Please Note: To help prevent the spread of invasive pests, firewood from outside of Haliburton County is not permitted on the property. Additionally, tractor-trailer deliveries of firewood logs to campsites are not allowed.

OUTHOUSES

Please send your requests for outhouse repair/replacement to leases@haliburtonforest.com.

We anticipate repairs/replacement to start mid-May.



FORESTRY OPERATIONS

Our forest management operations this year will be focused on Kelly Road, Stocking Lake Road, Havelock Loop Road and Holts Road.

As ever, please remember to drive defensively and assume you may meet logging truck traffic, road construction traffic, or large camper trailers at any time.

The Haliburton Forest Research Institute will be hosting its annual Research Day on Friday May 8, 2026. We look forward to presentations on cutting-edge research on topics with speakers from University of Toronto, Trent University Haliburton Forest, The Land Between, U-Links and the Ontario Woodlot Association. If you are interested in attending or would like to find out more, please email Adam at: agorgolewski@Haliburtonforest.com





Haliburton Forest

RESEARCH INSTITUTE

RESEARCH DAY

FRIDAY MAY 8, 2026

9:00am - 4:00pm

at the Seminar Building

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve

1095 Redkenn Road,

Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0

FREE EVENT
Open to the Public

647-273-5470

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9:00-9:10	Opening Remarks: Haliburton Forest Research Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Adam Gorgolewski, Haliburton Forest Research Institute
9:10-9:30	Ground to crown: Designed uses for the whole tree <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zachary Mollica and Dr. Maria Yablonina, University of Toronto
9:30-9:50	Enhanced weathering of wollastonite for carbon dioxide removal in Haliburton Forest <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Minger Guo, Trent University
9:50-10:10	Biochar benefits to soil and tree health of Toronto street trees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Sean Thomas, University of Toronto
10:10-10:40	<i>Break</i>
10:40-11:00	Suppression and release of sugar maple: reassessing the relative importance of vigor and crown class <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. John Caspersen, University of Toronto
11:00-11:20	Trends and predictors of beech bark disease severity and progression in an unmanaged old-growth forest <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Givelas, University of Toronto Scarborough
11:20-11:40	Regeneration management in single tree selection, and treating interfering regeneration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Adam Gorgolewski, Haliburton Forest Research Institute
11:40-12:00	Economic realities of plantation management in Southern Ontario <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elliott Groen, Ontario Woodlot Association
12:00-1:10	<i>Lunch</i>
1:10-1:30	Assessing stand-level sensitivity and functional complex network patterns in Haliburton Forest <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charlotte Grieve and Shelley Wang, University of Toronto
1:30-1:50	Forest carbon research by land, sea, and air <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Adam Martin, University of Toronto Scarborough
1:50-2:10	Tree species effects on forest soil methane uptake: Mechanisms and climate implications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liam Douglass, University of Toronto
2:10-2:40	<i>Break</i>
2:40-3:00	How do residential footprints affect food availability for songbirds? A focus on the whippoorwill <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leora Berman, The Land Between
3:00-3:20	Aquatic plant inventory recap <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nicholas Weissflog, U-Links
3:20-3:40	U-Links: Testing the waters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jack Scott, U-Links
3:40-4:00	Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) committees, ESG-related executive compensation, and voluntary ESG reporting: Does the ratio of independent directors matter? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Samir Trabelsi, Brock University

MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION

The sugarbush at Haliburton Forest has been in operation for over 25 years. The sap is harvested from approximately 600 trees, and we produce about 600 litres of maple syrup every year (one litre per tree). It takes 40 litres of sap to make 1 litre of maple syrup, which means that we boil down around 24,000 litres of sap per year! The sap only flows out of the trees when the temperatures drop below freezing at night and above freezing during the day, so we only have a short window during the spring to make the syrup. We still make our maple syrup the “old-fashioned way” – we boil the sap down over a wood-fired evaporator. This gives the syrup extra richness and just a hint of smokiness. Our syrup ranges from light to dark in colour - the lighter syrup is produced earlier in the season and the darker syrup comes later in the season and has a stronger flavour. We sell our maple syrup in the Main Office at Base Camp, the Wolf Centre, the West Guilford Shopping Centre, McFadden’s Meat Market in Haliburton, and through Boshkung Smokehouse in their retail store. We offer 250ml, 500ml, 1L and 4L bottles.

GEOCACHING

We’re excited to share that Haliburton Forest has launched a geocaching program for leaseholders and campers! This new activity adds another layer of adventure to your time in the Forest, encouraging exploration along our trails while discovering hidden caches placed throughout the Forest. Whether you’re a seasoned geocacher or trying it for the first time, it’s a fun way to get outside, learn more about the Forest, and enjoy a bit of treasure hunting with family and friends.

To get started, simply download the free [Geocaching®](#) app on your smartphone, create an account, and you’ll be able to view and log caches hidden throughout the Forest.



GEOCACHING



BOSHKUNG SMOKEHOUSE

Big news from Boshkung Smokehouse! We've been cooking up more than just barbecue lately... and you're going to want in on this.



New Weekly Specials Lineup:

Happy Hour (Weekdays 3-4pm) – Kick back with unbeatable deals to start your afternoon right.

Tuesday – Wing Day – Crispy, saucy, and downright addictive.

Wednesday – Pasta La Vista Wednesdays – All pastas, all day... comfort food done right.

Thursday – \$10 Off Meat Platters – Because more meat is always the right choice.

Friday – Fish Friday – Fresh, flavour-packed, and the perfect way to roll into the weekend.

Saturday – Meat Challenge – Think you've got what it takes? Finish it in 45 minutes and it's on us.

Sunday – Taco & Tequila Sundays – Bold flavours, cold drinks, and the perfect Sunday vibe.

Retail Store Expansion:

We've taken things to a whole new level inside the shop – and it's loaded.

Homemade Frozen Foods

Stock your freezer with our house-made favourites, including: Lasagna, cottage pies, mac & cheese, quiche, meat pies, and more.

New Dairy Fridge

Now carrying all your essentials – cheeses, dairy staples, and more to round out your kitchen.

Fresh Bread Rack

We're now stocking 8–10 varieties of bread, making it easier than ever to grab everything you need in one stop. Currently stocking Sourdough, White Bread, Burger Buns, Hot Dog Buns, Tortillas, English Muffins and more!

BBQ Essentials Now Available

Charcoal, BBQ pellets, and more – everything you need to fire up at home like a pro.

Premium Steaks Now In Store

We'll be stocking a limited selection of steaks from Mcfaddens Meats in our front display fridge – top-quality cuts, ready for your grill.

Better Prices on Cases of Beer!

We have worked with Moosehead, and Blue Mountain Brewing to be able to offer several of their products in case size at a competitive pricepoint!

Whether you're dining in, grabbing takeout, or stocking up at the shop – there's never been a better time to swing by.

Come hungry. Leave stocked.

GUIDED EXPERIENCES & RENTALS

We are happy to continue to offer our daily guided experiences:

- Clay Target Shooting
- Canopy Tours
- Rock Climbing Wednesday's
- Mountain Bike Rentals
- Canoe Rentals



YOURS OUTDOORS: EXPERIENCE THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Explore more with Yours Outdoors!
With an increasing number of amazing experiences available to you right on site at Haliburton Forest as well as throughout the Haliburton Highlands.

Stop by the main office for info or visit www.yoursoutdoors.ca



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HALIBURTON FOREST FISHING SOCIETY

The Haliburton Forest Fishing Society moves into its **9th year** since its inception in 2017 and continues to create memorable fishing experiences. The foundation goals were to resurrect the fish stocking program, improve the fishing within Haliburton Forest and embark on a fish related conservation project. With over **45,000** fish having been stocked to date and over **\$200,000** raised all going to putting fish in the lakes I think it is something we can all be proud of. We aim to stock 4500 fish in 2026 and need to raise \$20,000 so please continue to support the Haliburton Forest Fishing Society. You can contribute through the front office or online through the website. By contributing you will receive the most recent stocking list and the updates through the year. We hope to see you out at the Fathers Day Fishing Derby!! Tight lines and enjoy your fishing!



You can help us manage our fisheries by filling out a creel survey. This helps us assess how well the stocking program and more importantly the fish are doing. Paper copies can be picked up in the office and are available online.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have many exciting events and guided experiences coming up and we look forward to seeing you, your families and friends there! See below posters for some upcoming events. You can book through our [events/experiences calendar](#) or by calling the Main Office.

MUSIC AT HALIBURTON FOREST THIS SUMMER

Benton Brown & The Lowdown - Friday, August 28, 2026



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FISH & BBQ FUNDRAISER



*FUN FOR
 THE
 WHOLE
 FAMILY!*

FREE FISHING DERBY
FISH FRY BY HOOK, LINE & SINKER
PIG ROAST BY BOSHKUNG SMOKEHOUSE
LIVE MUSIC
GAMES FOR KIDS
BBQ COMPETITION



**FATHER'S DAY
 SATURDAY
 JUNE 20**

**HALIBURTON FOREST
 7:00AM - 7:00PM**

An event to raise funds for the
 Haliburton Fish Hatchery
 & the
 Haliburton Forest Fishing Society

**1095 REDKENN ROAD,
 HALIBURTON ON, KOM 150**

For more information &
 registration, please visit:

WWW.HALIBURTONFOREST.COM

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 Fireplaces and Leisure Perfected



HALIBURTON FOREST PRESENTS:

BENTON BROWN & THE LOWDOWN



Friday, August 28 - 7:00 PM

THE OLD LOGGING MUSEUM
1095 REDKENN RD, HALIBURTON,
ON K0M
1S0, CANADA

Tickets Available at:
www.haliburtonforest.com



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PINE PROJECT: OVERNIGHT CAMP

Our friends at the Pine Project run an amazing backcountry summer camp in Haliburton Forest called Red Wolf Overnight Camp.

Campers have the chance to live backcountry with peers and experienced mentors, exploring the forest, sleeping in tents, canoeing, cooking over the fire, learning new bushcraft and wilderness skills, playing nature games, and much more!

To learn more, visit their website at pineproject.org!



Summer 2026 Details:

Camp registers by age ranges (7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14), however, individual camp groups are created closer to the start of camp and allow for some mixing between ages.

<u>ONE WEEK SESSIONS</u>	
July 26 - August 1 (Ages 9-14)*	\$1,315
August 2 - 8 (Ages 7-14)	\$1,315
August 9 - 15 (Ages 9-14)	\$1,315
August 16 - 22 (Ages 7-14)	\$1,315

*Includes Rainbow Trout, a group for girls, non-binary and gender non-conforming participants. Anyone who feels like they'd thrive in this setting is welcome!

LESSEE PERKS!

Canopy Tours - Run twice daily throughout the summer. Book in advance through the office.
Lessees get 10% off when they book for family and friends.

Wolf Centre - Open daily throughout the summer.
Lessees and their children 17 and under get in for free.

Wolf Howl – Thursday evenings in July and August.
Free to the public, but donations are accepted at the door.

Astronomy - Every Friday through July and August.

Clay Target Shooting – Runs daily through the summer. Book in advance through the office.
Lessees get 10% off when they book for family and friends.

To receive the 10% discount bookings must be done through the Main Office.

You can book online, but then be sure to contact us so that we may apply the discount.

KEEP UP TO DATE

As always be sure to follow us on our various social media platforms to stay informed.

Haliburton Forest Events Calendar: www.yoursoutdoors.ca/events

Haliburton Forest in General - #HaliburtonForest



- Facebook: @HaliburtonForest
- Instagram: @haliburton_forest
- TikTok: @haliburtonforest

Wolf Centre

- Facebook: @hfwolfcentre
- Instagram: @haliburtonforestwolfcentre
- TikTok: @hf.wolfcentre

Yours Outdoors

- Facebook: @YoursOutdoors
- Instagram: @yours_outdoors

EcoLog

- Instagram: @ecologhomes
- Facebook: @EcoLogHomes





CONCLUSION

We hope everyone has a great spring and gets a chance to enjoy the trails, lakes, and the beauty nature has to offer. We hope these updates were helpful and we encourage you to reach out to leases@haliburtonforest.com if you have any questions.

To end this newsletter, below is an interesting piece highlighting the importance of Haliburton Forest beyond its well-known forestry practices and recreational opportunities.

STOCKING LAKE 2025 WATER QUALITY SUMMARY



Overview

Haliburton County is about 200 km northeast of the Greater Toronto Area. It sits on high land in the Canadian Shield and is known for its forests and more than 600 lakes. These natural features were shaped by melting glaciers and are a big reason tourists visit the area.

In 2021, local lake groups asked for better water monitoring. In response, Woodlands and Waterways EcoWatch started a program to track water quality across the county. It began as a small pilot project in 2022 and has quickly grown, with many more lake associations now involved. Stocking Lake, located in the Haliburton Forest, is used as a “reference lake.” This means it represents natural conditions because it has very little human activity, very few buildings, and mostly untouched shoreline.

Results from 2025

Overall, the water quality in Stocking Lake in 2025 was normal and similar to past years.

Phosphorus

Phosphorus is a nutrient that affects algae growth. Levels were slightly higher in winter, likely due to unusual weather and early snowmelt, then dropped in spring and fall. All levels were well below the safety limit.

Nitrogen (TKN)

Nitrogen levels stayed steady throughout the year and were slightly lower than average for similar lakes. Levels dropped a bit more in the fall.

Ammonia

The way ammonia is measured was improved in 2025 to give more accurate results. Levels were very low all year and safely below guidelines.

Sulfate

Sulfate levels stayed steady and were far below the safety limit.

pH (Acidity)

The lake’s pH stayed within a healthy range (neither too acidic nor too basic) throughout the year.

Water Clarity

Water clarity improved compared to 2024. In spring, you could see about 4.35 meters deep, and in fall about 5.7 meters—clearer than the previous year.

Summary

Stocking Lake continues to show healthy, stable water quality. Because it is largely untouched by human activity, it provides a good example of natural lake conditions in Haliburton County.