

Information and Services for Hikers and Walkers

HIKING TOURS AND EVENTS

Canadian Ecology Centre Events

www.canadianecology.ca - (705)744-1715

Halloween Event

Families are invited to participate in a slew of activities such as crafts, games, guided nature walks on the trails, costume contests and campfire treats and scary tales. This event is scheduled for the middle of October each year.

Christmas Event

The Ecology Centre hosts a Christmas in the Forest celebration every December that includes hay rides through the forest, crafts, winter games, and fun around the campfire.

Please visit the Canadian Ecology's website at www.canadianecology.ca or call them at 705-744-1715 for more information about their special events.

Friends of Laurier Woods Guided Hikes

www.friendsoflaurierwoods.ca - (705)474-5420 (North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority)

The Friends of Laurier Woods have offered guided hikes on weekends in May on the Laurier Woods Trails. The hikes usually take place each Saturday morning at 9:00 am, but final days and times are not set until April of each year.

Sturgeon River House Tours

www.sturgeonriverhouse.com - (705)753-4716

The Sturgeon River House Museum offers guided tours of their trails throughout the year. From January until March, visitors are taken through the trails on snowshoes. In May and June, spring tours are available where visitors experience the trails in their full glory, and in September and October, you can enjoy the fall colours during their autumn tours.

OUTFITTERS

Bigwood Sporting Goods – 139 Worthington St E, North Bay – (705)474-7425 – www.bigwoodsports.com
Specializes in outdoor gear

Lefebvre's Outdoor Sports – 122 Main St W, North Bay – (705)474-5920 – www.losgear.com
Specializes in outdoor adventure gear

North Bay Canoe & Kayak – 2822 HWY 17 E, North Bay – (705)752-5558 – www.nbcanoe.com
Offers a variety of adventure products

LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

City of North Bay – (705)474-0400 – www.city.north-bay.on.ca
The Kate Pace Way is owned in part by the City of North Bay.

Friends of La Vase Portages – www.lavaseportages.com
This volunteer group promotes the La Vase Portages and works on improving the beautiful and historic site.

Friends of Mashkinonje – www.mashkinonje.com
This volunteer group is responsible for the maintenance of the trails found within the Mashkinonje Provincial Park. Visit their website to find out how to become members, and who to contact in order to receive a map of the Park's trails.

Friends of Laurier Woods – www.friendsoflaurierwoods.ca - NOT ONLINE AS OF OCTOBER 23, 2008
The Friends of Laurier Woods is a non-profit and charitable organization working to preserve the ecological and cultural integrity of the Laurier Woods.

Gateway Walkers – www.gatewaywalkers.ca

This club, a member of the Canadian Volkssport Federation (www.walks.ca), offers guided walks once a month. Gateway Walkers also has self-guided Year Round Walks available in North Bay, Callander, and Sturgeon Falls.

Magnetawan and Area Business Association – www.magnetawanarea.com

The Magnetawan and Area Business Association are the leaders in the community for trail promotion.

Municipality of Callander – (705)752-1410 – www.callander.ca

The Municipality of Callander maintains and promotes the Cranberry Trail.

Municipality of Powassan – (705)724-2813 – www.powassan.net

The Municipality of Powassan helps maintain the Pines Interpretive Trail.

North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority – (705)474-5420 – www.nbmca.on.ca

Many of the trails in the area are located in Conservation Areas, managed by the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.

Otter Lake Friends – www.venturenorth.com/otterlake

This volunteer group maintains and promotes the beautiful Otter Lake area.

Sturgeon River House Museum – (705)753-4716 – www.sturgeonriverhouse.com

The Sturgeon River House Museum is the home of the Theodore Fouriezos Wetland Trails. You can find an interactive map of these trails on the website, and the many activities and events the museum hosts throughout the year.

Town of Kearney – www.townofkearney.com – (705)636-7752

Promotes and manages the White's Farm Trail

Township of McMurrich / Monteith – (705)685-7901 – www.mcmurrichmonteith.com

Promote and manage the Sprucedale Recreational Trail.

Village of Burk's Falls – (705)382-3138 – www.burksfalls.net

Manages and promotes the Heritage River Walk

OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES

Hike Ontario – www.hikeontario.com

Source of province-wide information and resources about hiking, walking, and pedestrian based trail development and management in Ontario

Ontario Parks – 1-888-668-7275 – www.ontarioparks.com

Online guide to Ontario's Provincial Parks

Ontario Trails Council – 1-877-668-7245 – www.ontariotrails.on.ca

Promotes the development, preservation, management, and use of recreational trails in Ontario

Park-to-Park Trail Association – www.parktoparktrail.com

Promote the development, operation and maintenance of the Park-to-Park Trail connecting Killbear to Algonquin Provincial Park.

Seguin Trail – www.seguintrail.ca

Promotes the Seguin Trail as part of the Park-to-Park Trail.

Trans Canada Trail – 1-800-465-3636 – www.tctrail.ca

Find out all you need to know about the efforts to build the world's longest recreational trail from one end of the country to the other.