

Toronto Bicycling Network
Wolf Den Hostel and Nature Retreat – The Fall
Cycling, Hiking, and Canoeing Weekend Getaway
September 13 to 15, 2019

Information Sheet:

Stay at the rustic Wolf Den Bunkhouse ‘n Cabins, close to the entrance of Algonquin Park, from Friday evening until Sunday. Enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts while reveling in and celebrating the end of the summer season. Stay in a comfortable bed with all the facilities of home.

We have the entire Hostel booked for the weekend. There are six buildings. The Main Lodge, the Loon cabin, the Bear cabin, the Beaver cabin, the Deer cabin, and the Ben cabin.

The Main Lodge is three floors. It has washrooms, showers, cooking and eating facilities, and a common area upstairs; the bedrooms are down stairs. We will eat meals together here. There is a separate washroom cabin with showers for summertime use.

If you are in one of the cabins, you can go to the Main Lodge or to the washroom/shower cabin for washrooms, showers, and running water. There are no washrooms or running water in any of the other cabins.

Choose a bed for yourself and your friends when signing up. View the room and bed layout graphic below (page 4). Go to the TBN website and view the “Wolf Den – The Fall” web page for the updated rooming list showing who is staying where. It will be manually updated as often as possible.

Provided will be a Friday night burger dinner and snacks, two breakfasts, and supplies for two sandwich style lunches. Saturday night dinner will be potluck.

The closest urban centre is Huntsville on Hwy 60 if you want to go to a restaurant Friday night, or want to have dinner before driving back home Sunday. “3 Guys and a Stove” or “That little place by the lights” are popular Sunday night dinner spots. You may need a reservation.

Activities:

The weekend offers cycling, awesome hiking, and canoeing/kayaking. We have some nice road cycling routes, a few of them are remote starts. There are also mountain bike routes in Algonquin Park.

It is a 20 minute walk to Ragged Falls on the Oxtongue River. We will do a dark walk to Ragged Falls Saturday night.

Call Algonquin Outfitters at 1-800-469-4948 if you want to book a canoe/kayak. Check their website for pricing (<http://algonquinoutfitters.com>). This outfitter is within walking distance of the Hostel.

Some will choose to hike in Algonquin Park. Day use fees are \$17 per vehicle per day (includes HST) – so car pooling reduces costs.

Interpretive Trail Hiking:

- < 3km: Whiskey Rapids, Hardwood Lake, Peck Lake, Two Rivers, Lookout, Big Pines, Spruce Bog Boardwalk, Beaver Pond, Algonquin Logging Museum (very interesting)
- < 6km: Hemlock Bluff, Bat Lake, Booth's Rock
- < 11km: Mizzy Lake, Track & Tower, Centennial Ridges

Mountain Biking:

- Old Railway Bike Trail (20 km round trip)
- Minnesing Mountain Bike Trail (4.7 to 23.4 km)
- Byers Lake Mountain Bike Trail (13 km round trip)

Registration:

Please register online for this outing. You can pay by Credit Card, PayPal, or cheque. If you wish to pay by cheque, sign up online and download the sign up form. Include a cheque for \$135 (or \$145 if you are not a TBN member) made payable to the "*Toronto Bicycling Network, Inc.*". Send the form with payment to:

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Send us an email at the same time so we can reserve your bed choice.

The registration cut off is September 1st, 2019.

When payment is completed in the online system, you will receive an email with a link to download a confirmation document providing directions to the Hostel, an itinerary, and extra information. If you send a cheque or register by mail, we will email you the document. If you mail us your registration close to the cutoff date, send us a concurrent email – mail has arrived after the weekend trip!

The hostel is about a three-hour drive north of Toronto on Highways 400, 11, and 60.

Because of the facility and the options available in the area, this is an "all weather" weekend trip.

Car Pooling:

While we will not directly organize carpooling, we will help in the process. Contact us for more information. For car poolers, if you cannot find a ride, we will refund your online payment or return or destroy your cheque.

If you can provide a ride to someone, it is greatly appreciated. It's a good way to defray your travel costs and you get to meet a nice person to make the long drive a lot shorter.

Suggestions on what to bring for the weekend:

Potluck Dinner: - Saturday night dinner is a group effort, bring a dish you wish to share

Bathing suit – there is a sauna cabin and water is everywhere

BYOB – alcohol is welcome if you are so inclined

Toiletries – bathing soap and shampoo

Slippers – for the main lodge

Flashlight or headlamp - for finding your way in the dark

Fold up chair – evenings are wonderful, have your meals outside or sit around a fire

Bike kit – there is no sag support on the rides, you may wish to bring a tube, patch kit, and tools

Bike helmet – helmets are mandatory on any TBN ride or event

Bike water bottles – we will not be bringing bottled water

Hiking boots and poles – if you want to explore the Algonquin trails

Rain gear – although we try, sunny weather can't be guaranteed

Bug repellent with DEET – it's Fall, but there still may be mosquitoes

Sun Screen – Sunshine balm

What not to bring:

Bottled Water – the hostel suggests using their “beautiful UV filtered water”

Plates, cups, and cutlery – between the hostel and ourselves, we have everything you need

Bedding, linens, comforters, and towels – these are provided by the Hostel

Cancellation Policy (please read):

All cancellations are manual. TBN weekend trips are not subsidized, and can not lose money. Last minute cancellations make it difficult to run an event. We purchase food before the weekend, and in the case of Wolf Den, we have to pay for all the beds in the hostel whether used or not. Please refer to TBN's weekend trip policy for specifics. Do not expect a refund, if you cancel two weeks before the event. You are welcome to find someone to buy your spot – please let us know, if you do.

New this year – we will be charging a \$15 cancellation fee to recover cancellation costs.

We will not have a waiting list for this trip. Filling spots in the last two weeks is virtually impossible. People make other plans. Do not expect a refund if cancelling in the last few weeks. Partial refunds may be possible, if the trip makes more money than we need to return to TBN.

Our goal for these weekend outings is to provide an inexpensive getaway from the city where people can enjoy the outdoors, cycling, activities, relaxing, and the company of other nice people.

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MAIN LODGE	
Room 1 (Couple)	Room 2 (Couple)
Double Bed 1A 1B	Double Bed 2A 2B
Room 4 (Singles)	(no room 3)
Single Bed 3 Single Bed 4	
Room 5 (Singles)	Room 6 (Singles)
Single Bed 5 Single Bed 6 Single Bed 7	Queen Bed 8 Single Bed 9

BUNKHOUSE LOON (left of Main Lodge)	
Room LOON EAST (Singles)	Room LOON WEST (Singles)
Queen Bed 10 Single Bed 11 Single Bed 12	Double Bed 13 Single Bed 14 Single Bed 15
One Room LOON DORM - Upstairs (Singles)	
Single Bed 16 Single Bed 17 Single Bed 18 Single Bed 19	Single Bed 20 Single Bed 21 Bunk Bed 22B Bunk Bed 23T

BUNKHOUSE BEAR (in front of Main Lodge)	
Room BEAR EAST (Singles)	Room BEAR WEST (Singles)
Double Bed 24 Single Bed 25 Bunk Bed 26B Bunk Bed 27T	Single Bed 28 Single Bed 29 Single Bed 30 Single Bed 31
One Room BEAR DORM - Upstairs (Singles)	
Single Bed 32 Single Bed 33 Single Bed 34 Single Bed 35	Single Bed 36 Single Bed 37 Bunk Bed 38B Bunk Bed 39T

CABIN BEAVER (next to Ben cabin)	
Room 1 (Couple)	Room 2 (Singles)
Queen Bed 40A 40B	Bunk Bed 41B Bunk Bed 42T
Room 3	
Futon Double 43	

CABIN DEER (by Loon bunkhouse)	
One Room	
Queen Bed 44A 44B	Futon Double 45

CABIN BEN (by fire pit)	
Room 2 (off Main room)	Main Room 1
Queen Bed 46A 46B	Single Bed 47 Single Bed 48