



News from The Friends Spring 2021

The official launch of the season is just around the corner and we couldn't be more excited! Our **Outpost Alma** location will be opening back up this Friday, May 21st and we welcome you to come check out our new products and local offerings. As well, we will be opening the **Outpost East Gift Shop** and **Outpost West Gift Shop** in Fundy National Park in the coming weeks. This will include a brand new look and space for Outpost East! The Friends of Fundy Crew is ready to welcome you!



Become a Friends of Fundy Member or RENEW Your Membership

Become a member of a growing organization that supports the environmental, social and economic goals of the Fundy region.

As the official 'Friends' of Fundy National Park, we strive to enhance visitor experiences that contribute to the region's conservation and community economic development goals. Here's a bit of what we do!

- Host one of New Brunswick's largest nature book selections to support learning and connecting with nature at all ages.
- Work closely with our partners to support annual events in Fundy National Park such as the Rising Tide Festival, Fundy All Nations Pow-Wow, Sounds of Summer Concert Series, Parks Day / Take a Hike, and Fundy Circuit ULTR. As well as local community events—Alma Celebration Days, Alma Fleet Launch Festival, Winterscape Alma and Rising Tides, Trails & Tunes.
- Promote the Fundy Geo-caching Program and Fundy Challenge Awards for hiking 100 km in National Parks!
- Showcase the Molly Kool Heritage Centre and host, in cooperation with Fundy National Park, family-friendly kitchen parties full of songs, stories and dancing.
- Work along side partners to support environmental projects within the region such as The Fundy Pollinator Trail and the Alma Knotweed Project.

Memberships includes:

- 10% discount on all purchases at all of our Outpost Gift Shops and Online.
- Quarterly Newsletter.
- Invitation to the annual Friends of Fundy fall hike and BBQ.
- A locally designed cotton tote bag featuring some of the Friends of Fundy partnerships.
- Opportunities to support Fundy National Park and volunteer with Friends of Fundy events.

Memberships can be purchased at our gift shops, through our website or by contacting office@friendsoffundy.ca!

Individual \$25
Family \$40
Sponsor Membership \$50
Corporate Membership \$150

For more information, check our website
friendsoffundy.ca

Mountain Bike Atlantic

Mountain Bike Atlantic promotes Atlantic Canada as a mountain biking destination to increase visitation and tourism revenues for each of the Atlantic Provinces.

Mountain Bike Atlantic was established by local stakeholders, right here in the Fundy Region, in 2019 as a collaborative effort to promote the Atlantic region as a global destination for mountain biking. Supported by an Advisory Committee of local experts from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador, we engage trail communities to collaborate on enhancing mountain biking products and experiences that help promote and sustain visitation, and improve the visitor experience for residents and tourists alike. Friends of Fundy is proud to remain the administrative support and community champion for Mountain Bike Atlantic!



For more information visit
<https://mtbatlantic.com/>

Spotlight on Nature: Warblers and Wood Ducks



Springtime is upon us and you may be seeing some birds that are unfamiliar to you in your yards. These are called songbirds, and they are usually in the warbler family! One of the most common warblers in Albert County, especially in Fundy National Park is the Yellow-rumped warbler – also known as the Butterbutt! These are curious, little birds, roughly the size of a Chickadee. They are black, white and have a yellow breast, and as their name states, a yellow rump, or butt. The Yellow-rumped warbler can be spotted en masses at McLaren Pond in Fundy National Park.

Another warbler you may see warbling (?) about is the Yellow warbler. This is a common New World warbler that is all yellow with light brown spotting on its breast. One of the easier to identify warblers, this bird is a favourite amongst birders in New Brunswick. The Yellow warbler can be spotted all around Albert County, and particularly on the Fourty-Five Road, Lavery Road and on Herring Cove Road in Fundy National Park.

As if these warblers weren't enough, you may be seeing some ducks and waterfowl that are new to you. Wood ducks are out in full force this time of year.

They have the similar looks to the mallard, the most familiar of ducks. A green head, webbed-feet, wings, y'know, duck stuff. But the Wood duck has an awesome mohawk and slenderer figure than the mallard counterpart. These slick dudes nest in trees, and when their ducklings are born, these babies need to make a leap of faith to the grounds below (seriously, Youtube this, it's awesome).

There are so many things to be excited about in the spring months. Flowers are blooming, birds are coming back, and we can re-emerge into the outdoors safely from a long winter of the Covid threat. Butterflies and moths are coming, which I can't wait to write about in the next issue, so stay tuned, stay safe, and enjoy the rebirth of Nature!



Michael Elliott has spent most of his life in and around Albert County. Now living in Sussex, NB, Michael is an avid birdwatcher, outdoorsman, golfer and nature enthusiast. He is a scout leader and hosts a web show called Nature with Rusty, where he shares his passion for nature with the youth. Michael is currently working on his Masters in Arts and is employed at Fundy National Park.

Fundy National Park

As Fundy National Park looks ahead to the upcoming spring/summer operating season, visitors will have access to the following services and facilities:

- Both Visitor Reception Centres will be open for the season, seven days a week from 8:00 am to 7:45 pm during peak season (June 25 to September 5).
- All campgrounds will be open and operating. Point Wolfe and Lakeview Campgrounds are scheduled to open on June 26.
- Roofed accommodations will be open and will require a minimum 2-night stay. Closures on Mondays and Thursdays will remain in place until June 26, 2021 - these restrictions will be reconsidered depending on public health guidelines.
- The swimming pool will be open under normal operating hours and pool entrance fees will be re-introduced this season.
- The golf course will be open as per normal operations with the introduction of some new daily junior and family rates in addition to existing rates offered.

- Interpretive programs will be offered this season while adhering to public health protocols.
- Backcountry camping will be offered with no minimum stay requirements.
- Rustic cabins are currently available for weekend use. These restrictions will be reconsidered depending on public health guidelines.

Note: Reservations for camping are and visitors are encouraged to book early.

Fundy National Park will resume geocaching and continue with the Explorers and Club Parka programs. For more information please go to <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/nb/fundy/activ/decouverte-tours>

Harvey Hall

By Madeline Taylor

As winter becomes a distant memory and spring makes it's long-awaited appearance, many of us are feeling renewed energy. Early spring is a time to prepare for growth: bustling around planning for this year's garden, gathering the supplies you'll need for summer projects, and coordinating hopeful summer vacations. You are not the only one preparing for growth. Sitting and waiting on the Petitcodiac river, watching the tides flow in and out, day after day, year after year - is the Harvey Hall.

In years past the Hall has been overlooked during this time of growth and preparation, which led to creaky floorboards, a leaky roof and a beautiful, historical building left in disrepair. This spring, The Harvey Hall has a team of locals advocating for its well-deserved place among our community. Fundraising efforts, expertise from volunteers and the care of a village will allow The Hall to participate in springtime again. With your help, the Harvey Hall could become a place where the ways to prepare for spring are passed through the generations, where music is played and celebrations bring friends, family and neighbours together under one beautiful roof.

If you would like to be a part of the Harvey Hall's restoration, and see its doors open again soon, please reach out through one of the following channels:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheHaveyHall>
 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theharveyhall/>
 Board President: Melissa Wilbur – Melissa.may.richards@gmail.com
 Donations can be made on GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/a3429b34>



Workshops & Festivals

The Village of Alma is undertaking a multi-year knotweed eradication project. Knotweed poses a very real threat to the integrity of private and public infrastructure, and the natural beauty of the village. The most effective way to rid the village of this very invasive species is to try to control all the knotweed patches in the village at the same time.

The non-profit organization **Guardian Ecology** is hosting a Covid safe volunteer event!

"Knotweed Workshop and Chop" Saturday June 12th from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants will meet at the Village of Alma community room upstairs in the Multi-purpose Building. Registration is mandatory as there is limited space for physical distancing. Masks are required.

Email guardianecology@gmail.com to register.
Give them a follow on FB @GuardianEcology

Guardian Ecology would like to thank

Muddy Rudder Bar & Grill,

Buddha Bear Coffee Roaster & Cafe, and

Friends of Fundy for sponsoring this event!



At the end of March, the Friends of Fundy hosted ceramic artist Tim Isaac from New Horton with his Raku Workshop! Over the weekend, he held two workshops, where individuals glazed a variety of ornaments, dishes, pendant etc., (all crafted by the artist) and saw the magical process of firing raku ceramics!

A delicious **"Taste of Fundy"** was provided by Alma's own **Octopus Garden Café** and beverages from **Holy Whale Brewery & Buddha Bear Coffee Roaster & Cafe.**

Keep an eye out for announcements of more Artist Workshops in Alma and throughout the Fundy region this summer!



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2021 RISING TIDES TRAILS & TUNES FESTIVAL**

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