

Waskahegan Events 2011 - In addition to our regular Sunday hikes/ski trips: *Updated handouts available at the AGM April 15, 2011*

Evening Hike on the Waskahegan Trail: New! - Open to everyone; no pre-registration
-**June 10**; Friday 7:00PM; meet at Superstore 51 Ave; Hike Ministik A87 to Horseshoe Lake:
P.89/73; 8.4K; Karen 642-6372. A new time for a hike to see more animals; flashlights or
headlamps recommended as well as hiking poles.

Waskahegan Trail Challenges 2011: - open to everyone; no pre-registration
-**May 7**; Sat 8:30AM; meet at Superstore 51 Ave; **Challenge of the Lakes** from Saunders
through Mud Lakes; P.41-45/25-29; 21.5km; contact Michele 417-6928
-**Oct 1**; Sat 8:30AM; meet at Superstore 51 Ave; **Miquelon Challenge** A87 to A84;
P.81-91/67-75; 19km; contact Karen 642-6372

Beyond the Waskahegan Trail 2011: open to all Waskahegan Members; except for **



May 28; Sat 9:00AM; meet at Superstore 170 St; **Ft. Assiniboine Sandhills/Holmes Crossing**;
165km northwest of Edmonton, No pre-registration. Just show up at the meeting place.
We will stop at the Holmes Crossing Recreation area and then explore some of the Ft.
Assiniboine Sandhills, crossing the Athabasca River on the Vega ferry and having supper (optional) on
the way home. Car pool fee \$10. Hike 12 to 15km.



July 09; Sat 9:00AM; meet at Superstore 170 St; **Bus Tour Begg Botanical to Imrie Berry
Picking**; tour from Hwy 628 west to Hwy 779, north to Hwy 37, south Hwy 779, Hwy 16 east
return loop, 10-12km hike broken up. Registration Required with \$5 covering administration, bus
driver tip and a donation to Botanical Gardens. There are approximately 40 spaces available.
-Bus donated by Connelly McKinley to tour possibly 8 places with approximately 10km hiking with options
along the way. Possibilities to visit are: Hasse Lake - 3km loop, lots of birds, Inspired Market
Gardens, Carvel Store, Saumer Time Alpaca Ranch, Lunch & walk about George Pegg Botanic
Garden, Walking tall Elk Ranch with store with elk products, Imrie Park hike &/or pick
raspberries or Saskatoon's, Wagner Natural Area with a 1km trail loop & has rare plants &
birds.



Jul 26-29; Tues-Fri; overnight **Goldeye Lake Centre** - Nordegg area Hwy 11 Foothills;
approximately cost \$320 + \$32 car pool fee; Cost includes hotel accommodations 3 nights + 3
days food. Registration Required with posted cheque for \$320 for May 15, 2011 payable to
Karen Bell. There are 20 spaces available.
-Travel south stopping at the Ellis Bird farm by Lacombe and doing a hike before check in, staying 3
nights with all meals included, optional swimming or canoe in the lake, hikes daily. On the way home, we
will hike and have supper at the EcoCafe in the Village of Pigeon Lake.



Aug 20; Saturday 8:00AM, meet at Superstore 170 St. **Sundance** Provincial Park **Wild
Sculpture Trail** is a 3 1/2 hour drive each way by bus. It is 256km North West of Edmonton with
gravel road awhile after Edson. I want to do this as a one way hike through having the bus pick up at the
end of the trail. Trail conditions are in question because of under use and therefore we may do a there
and back to the first or second campsite and may incorporate the Emerson Lakes trails part of Sundance
depending on final assessment in July/August. Cost will be \$35*each.
Register at AGM or later with cheque dated August 7th, 2011 and made payable to Karen Bell. There is no
cancellation fee prior to August 7. After August 7 and before Aug.13 there is a \$5 cancellation fee and
no refund after August 13 unless you can find a replacement person.



Sept 5; holiday Monday 8:30AM; meet at Superstore 51 Ave; **Canoe/Kayak Genesee to Devon & Hike Devon** ; hike 10km; river 5 hours; Pre register for canoeing with post-dated cheque dated August 15,2011 for \$35* payable to Karen Bell; no pre-register for hike only. There are 14 spaces available for canoe trip.

-We hike for 2 1/2 to 3 hours along the river in Devon; eat our lunch while riding a van to Genesee where we launch our canoes to travel 4-5 hours down river back to Devon. There is an optional Supper or BBQ after. Car pool to Devon \$5. *\$5 cancelation fee after August 15th, no refund after August 28th, unless a replacement can be found.*



Sept 15-18; Thurs-Sun; overnight; southern AB or **Kananaskis** Alberta; pre-register after July 15th; Accommodation, Cost TBD.

-We would stay an extra day if William Watson Cabins can be booked 2 months prior or Canmore Alpine Hostel Bell Cabin or the Hostel Bear or Hi-Kananaskis and hike for 3 days, preparing our own food, cost to be determined. List of interested names sign up at AGM to be contacted in July.



Oct 15; Sat 9:00; meet at Superstore 51 Ave; **3rd Annual Volunteer Hike & BBQ** for WTA Volunteers**; location TBD; pre-registration required after September 15.

-location likely to be out near our trail at a community hall. We will hike, have a BBQ (smokies instead of burgers/), socialize and have some form of entertainment. Hike could be a treasure hunt. Entertainment. Donations for prizes.



Nov.11; Fri 5:00; meet at Superstore 51 Ave; **Social on the Waskahegan Trail,** Hike & Social with food, film, music in local area, (night) hike WTA trail; no pre-registration; just show up at car pool meeting place or hall later.

-Landowners, Prospective members, WTA members** are all invited; location to be determined-likely a hall out near our trail; meet to car pool at 5:00PM if you want to hike prior to the social which will still start at 7:00PM to 9:30. Program eg. Meet & Greet, Welcome & Door prizes; Speaker & Entertainment TBD.

Dec 20; Tues 6:00PM; meet at Victoria Park skating parking lot; **Christmas Lights Hike,** Choir, Hot Chocolate at the legislature & night hike; No pre-registration. Just show up at the meeting place. Hike for an hour + looping across the river through Kinsmen and to the legislature for the choirs at 7 & 8, having hot chocolate there, return to cars.

For more information on any of the above events please contact Karen at 780-642-6372 or hikes@waskahegantrail.ca and watch for updates on www.waskahegantrail.ca and in the next newsletter.