



An Inner City Adventure for Wilderness!



Figure 10. Safeway; a large sponge, *Aulacopella*, and a straight-shelled (orthocone) nautiloid in the lower right corner. Dollar coin for scale.

This week our featured adventure is one happening in Calgary and involves a treasure hunt! In particular, expert geologist Tako Koning will be coming along to help you find fossilized treasures from the Ordovician era in prominent Calgary landmarks. Spend the afternoon on June 18 on a driving/walking tour through central Calgary seeing and learning about the creatures that lived in what we call Canada some 450 million years ago. These fossils are visible in limestone that clads the outside of buildings on the SAIT campus, as well as in

Kensington and in the downtown core. [Register today to secure your spot for this one-of-a-kind experience!](#)

There is also an exciting trip for dog lovers to Jumpingpound summit June 25, as well as an adventurous trek into White Rock Coulee (also June 25), plus our online Bison adventure for kids -- the last one in the series! Keep scrolling for more information and to register.

And don't wait to register for the other events happening in July and August. Spaces are limited and most of our events so far this year have sold out! Check out our upcoming adventures at adventuresforwilderness.ca

Please share this email widely, our adventures have already raised almost \$25,000 for wilderness -- let's keep the momentum going and introduce more folks to the beauty and importance of Wild Alberta!

Happy adventuring!

Lindsey

P.S. To see all of the great adventures from this year give us a follow on your favourite social media channel [@adventures4wild](#). The links are also at the end of this newsletter.



Kid's Citizen Science (June): linnii "Bison" with Christyann and Alvin

June 18, 2022 - "linnii" (which you may know as Bison) is the sixth and final Adventure being offered in the Kids' Citizen Science Adventure series for 2022. Our June adventure is about linnii. We often refer to linnii as bison or buffalo and for this Adventure we are calling them linnii. Once almost completely gone, we will learn about bringing linnii back to the land in Alberta. Your kit for this Adventure includes a book bag a wonderful story book, and a beading craft. Early registrants qualify for an excellent gift celebrating another

important Alberta animal - caribou!

[Register now for the chance to win a prize and to receive your kit in time](#)

Discover 450 Million Year Old Fossils!

June 18, 2022 - With Tako Koning - This is a half day urban field trip where we will look at buildings clad in fossils-rich limestones of the Tyndall Formation which is quarried at Tyndall, Manitoba. The field trip begins downtown Calgary and we will make our way to Kensington and finally SAIT where a wide variety of fossils (corals, sponges, nautiloids, algae, pelecypods, brachiopods) are exquisitely preserved in the limestone of the Senator Patrick Burns building. This field trip is family friendly, kids are welcome!



[Fossil hunters and budding paleontologists welcome!](#)

Jumpingpound and Hounds

Calling all lovers of mountains, wildflowers, hikes, and dogs! Join us for a moderate trek up Jumpingpound Summit in Kananaskis. Dogs (on a leash), children, and adults who are children-at-heart are all invited to enjoy the woods, wildflowers, summit



views, and company on this favourite jaunt. Prizes for the adventure's cutest four-legged participant!

[Join the pooch patrol](#)



Hiking White Rock Coulee

June 25, 2022 - With Heinz and Kris Unger. Join us on a unique opportunity to access and see a remote, rarely visited Provincial Natural Area, with beautiful rock formations. A trip to Medicine Hat in the spring, probably with an over night stay, is an extra bonus. The hike leads down one branch of the White Rock coulee, then along the South Saskatchewan River across from the Suffield National Wildlife Area and back up through a different coulee. We will return to the vehicles hiking across the prairie.

[Coulee Hiking to Reveal Nature's Treasures](#)

Bikepacking the Cowboy Trail

July 2 & 3, 2022 - With Sean Nichols, AWA Program Specialist. This weekend-long bikepacking trip will take us from Calgary south to the Porcupine Hills along the Cowboy Trail. In this two-day adventure we will spend a day taking in the fantastic views and history of Alberta's front ranges. Then we'll camp overnight among the wildflowers of the Porcupine Hills before returning to town the second day. The adventure will be led by an experienced bikepacker and we will have support on-hand to cover any eventuality.



[Are you up for the challenge?](#)

What is Adventures for Wilderness?

Adventures for Wilderness is AWA's annual program to engage Albertans in wilderness conservation. We believe an Adventure can be anything from climbing a mountain, to walking by the river, to enjoying the beauty of nature in your own backyard! Visit our website to learn about the Adventures this season and how you can support Alberta Wilderness Association.



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