



## Remembering Richard Guy



We are all deeply saddened to let you know that our dear friend Richard Guy passed away on the morning of Monday, March 9th. He was 103 years young.

We will all miss his enthusiasm, his inspiring words and amazing strength for climbing stairs! He knew so many of you who took part in our climbs and we were all inspired by him and his undying love for Louise. He and his team had been busy planning an Adventure for this year and we hope that it will continue in his honour.

Over the years we have saved a number of quotes that were Richard's and he often said he was one of the luckiest men; not only because of his wonderful wife but because he got to do what he liked. And so a parting word from Richard seems fitting:

*"Do what you like, I think that is the important thing."*

If friends so desire, [AWA](#) will be honoured to receive donations in memory of Richard.

---

## Adventure Updates

**Friends Fish-A-Thon** and the **Canmore to Banff XCcountry Ski** kicked off our Adventures for Wilderness 2020.

---



## Friends Fish-A-Thon

Our adventure started on Friday with a race against time; we boogied to set up our staging area and drill our holes in the ice before the weather socked in and the blowing snow kept us huddled by our fire. By Friday evening, we had 4cm of snow, with more to come. We bunkered down in our tent, hoping to catch some late roving and hungry walleyes. Saturday morning we woke up to  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and welcomed some more friends that popped in for a day visit. We roamed around the lake, drilling holes and using a fishcam hoping to spot some schools of perch, or even just a single monster pike. We also took time to help our friends at Alberta Lake Management Society with one of their citizen science programs, the Winter Lakekeepers Program. We recorded the total dissolved oxygen at various depths of the lake, and took a sample of the water to test Total Phosphorous—all of which help indicate the overall health of the lake.

As the day progressed, more snow arrived and some of our friends who couldn't overnight on the lake had to leave. As the snow continued to fall, we resumed our posts hoping to pair our dinner with a side of fish, and eventually, our efforts paid off! We caught a 26 inch pike on a tip up located outside of the tent. It ended up being the only fish we caught over the weekend, but at least we can say we weren't completely shut out! The catch rejuvenated our spirits, and we celebrated over a tasty meal. Sunday morning came, and it was time to pack up and head home, however it seemed that Mother Nature didn't want

us to leave. By Sunday morning, a total of 9 cm of snow had accumulated bogging down our vehicles, in addition to a couple of frozen vehicle batteries. With some shoveling, pushing, and a little bit of kitty litter, we eventually made it out safely – with stories to tell!

[See photos from the adventure here](#)

Despite the challenging cold weather and some pretty slow fishing, our *Adventure for Wilderness* made for a memorable weekend, bringing good people together to celebrate a common passion: a love for Alberta's wilderness.

*-Nissa Petterson, Adventure Coordinator*

**You can still sponsor Friends-Fish-A-Thon here!**



## **#Can-to-Ban XCcountry Ski**

Sometimes you just need to put your phone down, turn off the news, and go on an adventure. As the weekend arrived, a winter storm warning was blowing in - but we were hopeful for sun. After only a one day delay, we headed off into the wilderness!

Discovering the logistics of getting to the trailhead was only the start of our adventure. Confidently, in our finest animal print, we skied 19 km along Goat Creek and Spray River trails. Fresh, trackset snow and a bluebird day made for

forgiving steep descents, and a relaxing trailside picnic. Aware of the recent grizzly sighting, we sang, yodeled, and laughed for four and a half hours! Reconnecting with nature gives you the opportunity to reset emotions and refresh your perspective. To everyone who sponsored our Adventure for Wilderness - Thank you! Remember to get outside, and appreciate Alberta's natural beauty.

*-Jamie Jack, Adventure Coordinator*

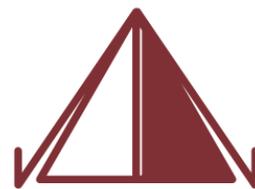
Jamie, Hannah and Sky are still accepting donations in support of their Adventure. Check out their awesome photo gallery and help these Adventurers reach their \$2000 target.

[See more from #Can-to-Ban!](#)

---

## 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 ([literally YOUR own backyard!](#)) Visit our website to learn about the Adventures this season and how you can support Alberta Wilderness Association.



[Learn more](#)

---

Wishing you the best,  
*Your AWA Team*



---

*Copyright © 2020 Alberta Wilderness Association, All rights reserved.*

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).