



# Announcing A4W Season 2

## Seven Splendid Spring Adventures!



Happy March to all Adventurers!

As I look out the window at the sparkling, and rapidly-melting snow, and at the sunlight bathing the bee box we installed during last year's *Pollinator Power!* adventure, I am reminded that it is once again time to ramp up for another year

of exciting adventures.

Indeed, I am not merely reminded, so much as I am thrust into the midst of the planning process - our first adventure of 2021, the [Family Skate on Bowness Lagoon](#), has already occurred, only a few days ago!

Turnout was, as continues to be necessary, small. But it was a fun, intimate time, complete with an exploration of the new Ice Trail at Calgary's Bowness park, a nice long winter walk, and Vivian Pharis' stories at the firepit--over s'mores and hot chocolate--of moccasins and of keeping warm in the long northern winters of her childhood.

And with our own winter coming to an end, we [have many more adventures coming up!](#)

Seven already in this email, with several more bubbling on the stove, and about to be served up. From a snowshoe trip in the Ghost, or a cross-country ski adventure in Kananaskis, to a crocus hunt on Nose Hill. Looking for something more at-your-own-pace? Why not join Jamie's *March Snow Sport Challenge* on Strava? Or submit your winter photograph in the reprise of last year's popular photo contest? Slightly later we have a spring hike in the Sheep River Valley... or follow along with me on social media as I bike to the four corners of the province trying to visit all 164 parks initially slated for closure and delisting last year!

In any case, if you're hankering to get out and stretch your legs there's sure to be something here to match your speed. Read on for ideas!

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## Mar 8: Snowshoeing on Waiparous Creek

Join local resident Heinz Unger for a snowshoe hike through the frozen Waiparous creek 'canyon'. We will get some rays of sunshine into the steep-walled valley to provide contrasting light and shade as we hike up the creek. Often you can hear or even see the water flowing under the ice and snow cover. It gives a very different perspective on a valley that's not easily accessed most of the year.



[Only a few days left to register!](#)

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## Mar 13: X-Country Ski the Mount Shark Loop

Strap on your skis and join us for an epic traverse along the Mount Shark “Green” Loop. We’ll conquer the difficult 15 km terrain and pop out back at the parking lot for celebratory snacks and a warm drink.

[Sign up to join Jamie, Sky and Hannah](#)

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## All Month Long: March Snow Sport Challenge

Complete 50 km of winter activity!

This adventure can be taken at your own pace - join the A4W club on *Strava* and take part in your favourite winter activity.

Ideas include: Nordic Ski, Snowshoe, Hike, Backcountry Ski, Backcountry Snowboard, Ice Skate, Toboggan, and more...

[Join the Strava Club with us!](#)

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## Mar 24: Crocus Hunt on Nose Hill

Join Christyann in an Adventure in



memory of Margaret Main, one of AWA's dedicated volunteers. In years past Margaret and Christyann would check hillsides for the first crocus blooms, a symbol of spring that meant so much to both

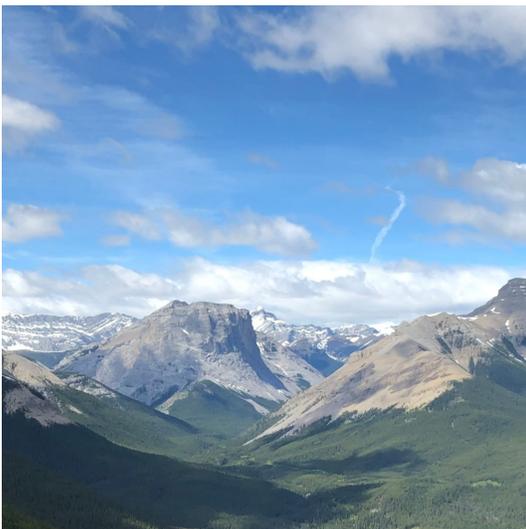
[Register to join the hunt](#)

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## Ends Apr 4: Photographs for Winter Wilderness

Share your adventures in Alberta's winter wilderness through the art of photography!

[Submit your photo & help support Alberta's Wilderness!](#)



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## Jun 5: Mount Hoffmann Hike

Offering some truly extraordinary views of the Sheep River valley and surrounding foothills, this scenic hike west of Turner Valley is not particularly busy, but is often a favourite of those who do know of it.

*This is a reprise of a hike that was undertaken September 2020 but was forestalled by weather. If you're looking for another try, with some*

*hopefully beautiful wildflowers, here's your chance!*

[Sign up for some great views!](#)

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## June: The Great Alberta Parks Bike-a-thon 2021

Follow Sean this June as he bikes around Alberta on a 3,500+ km odyssey, visiting the 164 parks slated for delisting by the Government of Alberta in 2020. Sean will be posting regular updates, photos and videos from each park, telling the stories from this emerald archipelago that we came so close to losing.



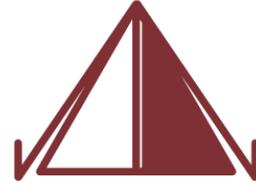
The trip will end at #164 on the list, the [Strathcona Science Provincial Park](#) in Edmonton on Canada Day where we will celebrate the occasion with a picnic luncheon, to which supporters are invited to join in!

[Sponsor Sean in support of AWA's work protecting Alberta's Provincial Parks.](#)

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## 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.



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