



August and September Adventures to fill out your summer

As AWA's summer adventure program continues, we have a number of great adventures coming up for the back half.



From "Great Alberta Parks Bike-a-Thon" adventure, running through July

Happy summer to everyone! I'm writing this from the side of the road as I undertake my own adventure this July, visiting parks all around Alberta on the back of my bicycle.

I hope you have some epic (or not-so-epic, as befits your own speed) adventures planned for this summer. Whether you do or not, AWA has a number of ideas for your July and August (and September!) and we invite you to join us on one of them.

Whether it's a hike, a local biodiversity initiative, something educational, catching up on a previous adventure you missed, or just following along, I know you'll find something here that whets your appetite!

~ ~ ~ ***Happy Adventuring!*** ~ ~ ~



Aug 11: Ghost Wildfire Exploration

You may recall the wildfire in the Ghost last fall that almost got out of control and had the population of the valley on evacuation alert for almost a week. On this adventure we will hike through the gravel flats of the upper North Ghost Valley near Black Rock Mountain, where accompanied by wildfire expert Edward A. Johnson Ph.D., we will check out the burned and charred areas, looking for signs of new plant growth. We will learn how such fires start, how they spread and also how to best fight them. And we will better understand the benefits and also the damages that wildfires can cause.

[Indulge your inner firefighter!](#)

Aug 14: Orphan Oil & Gas Wells and Foothills Geology – Southern Alberta Field Trip

Senior petroleum geologist Tako Koning will be leading this exciting all-day road trip starting at Frank Lake, ending in Longview, and stopping at a handful of interesting sites along the way. We will visit sloughs where hundreds of bird species have been identified; stop at



the site of an orphan gas well assigned to the Orphan Well Association for abandonment and site remediation; investigate the underlying geology and stunning views at the crest of the Porcupine Hills; and more.

Please note: this adventure has been moved from Aug 28 to Aug 14.

[Sign up here!](#)



Jul-Aug: Biodiversity Bees in Brentwood

Following on the 2021 Earth Day theme of *Restore our Earth*, this year's World Environment Day, June 5, kicked off the UN *Decade of Ecosystem Restoration*. And, it all comes together nicely under the 2021 theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity: *We're Part of the Solution*. It seems like the perfect year to join in with communal stewardship right here in Brentwood – with plenty of space to keep 2 metres apart.

[Support local native biodiversity](#)

Sep 9: Jura Creek Slot Canyon Hike

Ever wanted to hike through a cool stream in a slot canyon on a warm summer day – an hour's drive from Calgary? Further up the valley you can visit a geology teaching site where three rock formations meet up, all several hundred million years old. Sign up to walk with Heinz Unger up Jura Creek, and maybe even scout out the “trail” to Loder

Peak.

[Explore the cool waters](#)



July: The Great Alberta Parks Bike-a-Thon 2021

It's finally happening! Follow Sean throughout July as he bikes around Alberta on a 3,000 km odyssey, visiting as many as he can of the 164 parks slated for delisting by the Government of Alberta in 2020. Sean is posting regular updates, photos and videos, telling the stories from this emerald archipelago that we came so close to losing.

[Check out his stories from the parks!](#)

All Summer: Keep it Wild, Help us Clean

Help us to clean the province by choosing locations throughout the summer and picking up all the garbage that is potentially harming wildlife and the ecosystems in our area.

We are hoping to gather a crew of at least 10 people to help us out, but if you are unable to join our crew there

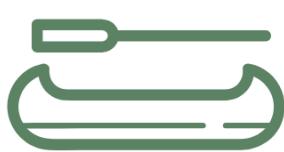


are some other ways you can participate!

[Find a wild space and take ownership!](#)

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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