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For the Friends of Bonnechere Parks, as for many volunteer organizations, the off-season is often the busiest time of year. And the past several months have been no exception. We're now putting the final touches to a new fun book for children (publication date: July 12, 1997) and a Friends video which will be used for staff training and public relations. We are also working on an activity book for youth (publication date: July 1, 1998). This will be a companion piece for our highly successful premier publication, Spirits of the Little Bonnechere.

Many of our longtime campers will recall that Bonnechere Provincial Park was established as a Canadian Centennial project in 1967. That's right — this is our 30th year and plans are underway for a special birthday celebration. In preparation Park staff have been busy building cabins, establishing a new kayak program, and planning a Calendar of Events with something for everyone.

As busy and exhilarated as are, we've also had pause for reflection. In March, Peggi Armstrong — a close friend of the Park, was tragically killed in a car accident. Peggi will long be remembered for her dedication and passion for the Bonnechere Cultural Heritage Project, in particular the archaeological digs at Basin Depot. At this time we wish our friend Kathy McAnish, of the OAS Ottawa Chapter, a speedy recovery.
Betty Biesenthal, Editor

MARSHALL AND FRIENDS COMING SOON TO A BOOKSTORE NEAR YOU

Best of Friends

Riding on the success of our premier publication — *Spirits of the Little Bonnechere* — which continues to do well at bookstores across eastern Ontario, this summer the Friends are releasing a second publication. The **Best of Friends Fun Book** introduces the animal friends of Bonnechere Park mascot Marshall the Turtle: Mike the Painted Turtle, Molly the Mallard Duck, Teddy the Timber Wolf and Ricky the Raccoon.

Children will have fun learning about these animals and the natural habitat that comprises Bonnechere Park. It's 32-pages of brain teasers, crossword puzzles, find-a-ways and colouring exercises geared to the younger set. Ideal for rainy day fun or passing the time on a lazy afternoon, the **Best of Friends** is the perfect souvenir of Bonnechere Park. The fun and games will occupy the inquisitive long after your summer holiday comes to an end. Try out the enclosed sample sheets on some of your young friends.

The fun book features the illustrations by Betty Biesenthal and did the research. Biologist Mark Stabb provided research.

Funds raised from the sale of the **Best of Friends** will support the development of the Cultural Resource Centre at Bonnechere Park. Be sure to pick up a copy on your next visit to the Park. If you would rather order by mail, call Betty at 613-732-9273.

Wholesale orders welcome.



Happy Birthday Bonnechere!



This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of Bonnechere Provincial Park — even though it doesn't seem that long ago that Bonnechere Park visitors joined the staff in celebrating twenty-five years of protecting the unique resources of the Little Bonnechere River. As one of ten provincial parks established in 1967 to mark Canada's centennial year, Bonnechere joined an expanding network which is today recognized as a world-class system for protected places.

The years have brought many changes to the Park thanks in large part to the commitment of Ontario Parks which provides capital funding for the operation and upgrading of services and facilities.

The Friends of Bonnechere Parks continue to provide vital leadership and support towards cultural resource research, as well as the development of educational programming and fund raising initiatives.

The Bonnechere Cultural Heritage Project in partnership with the Ontario Archaeological Society, Ottawa Chapter, work to protect the rich cultural heritage of the Park. Indeed, several OAS members have spent part of the winter cleaning, identifying and cataloguing artifacts uncovered in last summer's digs.

For the many visitors who return year after year, and the dedicated volunteers who support Bonnechere Park, this special place is one of unique features and unique people. Come share our Park with your friends and family this summer and fall — **Discover the Valley's Hidden Treasure.**

Jim Fraser, Park Superintendent

Summertime and the Living is Even Easier

For Bonnechere Park campers things get better and better every year. This summer we're offering electrical campsites, reservation services and an increased number of campsites. And new for '97: **rustic cabins**. Developed as a provincial pilot project in response to what campers are telling us they want, these cabins provide vacation opportunities for those visitors who prefer to enjoy the solitude of the wilderness in combination with more of the comforts of home.

This spring Park staff built two pine cabins along the shores of the Little Bonnechere, upriver from and a bit more secluded than the campground. Each cabin sleeps up to six people in two bedrooms: one queen-sized bed and two double bunks. Complete with cedar furnishings, the cabins are heated by wood stove. A large deck and picnic table complete the perfect setting for watching the river flow by. Cooking is done outside on a propane stove, BBQ or campfire. An outhouse is located nearby, and showers can be had at the Park's comfort station. Enjoy a 15-minute paddle by canoe or a 20-minute walk to reach the sandy beach.

Rates: \$60 per night; \$400 per week. Includes canoe, firewood and propane BBQ. No pets please.



Artist in Residence

We are pleased to announce that this summer Bonnechere Park will have its very own artist-in-residence. For the next few months, **Herschel Payne**, artist, educator and wilderness traveller, will exchange his violin bow for a palette knife and paint brush to record the natural beauty of our wilderness retreat. The focus of the artist's work will be on the Little Bonnechere River — both inside the Park and upriver towards the source in Algonquin Park. Currently, several of Mr. Payne's canvasses which were painted in the Temagami region of Northern Ontario, hang in the Park gate house.

Fall Colours at Bonnechere Park

At this point in the year, it seems that summer will last forever. But before we know it the glorious colours of fall will create a natural canopy over the entire Ottawa Valley. This year, stretch your vacation season with an **autumn getaway** to Bonnechere Park. Open thru Thanksgiving weekend, the Park is an ideal place to stay while enjoying all that autumn has to offer.

Throughout Renfrew County, the **Celebration of the Flaming Leaf** presents a variety of fall-time festivities. Enjoy **Rural Ramble** — a traditional self-guided tour through the rural routes and agrifood operations of the scenic Ottawa Valley countryside. As well, the local creative community opens its doors to present several unique artisan tours including that of the **Madawaska Valley Artisans**. Many Valley communities hold their annual **country fair** at this time of year, the most notable being the **Renfrew Fair**.

At the Park, we'll host the **Archaeological Experience '97** fall dig in September with the support of the OAS Ottawa Chapter. It's a wonderful opportunity to experience archaeology first-hand.

So plan to come out and enjoy the refreshing fall season. Reserve a rustic cabin or riverside campsite with electrical hookup to take the evening chill off a colourful and relaxing visit to the Little Bonnechere.

For more information on the Celebration of the Flaming Leaf and other fall events, contact the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association: 1-800-757-6580 or <http://www.ottawavalley.ctyrenfrew.on.ca/ovta>.

Discover the Valley's Hidden Treasures



Following is the 1997 Bonnechere Park calendar of Events — plan to join us and be sure to tell your friends. Keep in mind you

will require a Valid Daily Permit or Camping Permit to participate in most of these activities. For additional info or event updates call 613-757-2103.

Come out and help make our summer a success!

July 1, Tuesday: Canada Day

Special Kid's Camp: games, activities, flag raising and cake on the beach at noon. 11am to 12:30pm at the Davenport Centre.

July 5 and 6: Valley Music Weekend

An evening of traditional Valley fiddling and stepdancing; Saturday, 8pm at the Davenport Centre.

July 12 and 13: 30th Anniversary Weekend

Best of Friends Fun Book launch and birthday cake on Saturday afternoon.

Storytelling and folk songs with local balladeer Barney McCaffrey; Saturday, 8pm at the Davenport Centre.

July 19, Saturday: Take a Hike, Eh!

Celebrate Parks Day by participating in this national project sponsored by the Canadian Parks Partnership. This year the Friends are hosting two hikes: a 5 to 6km (3-hour) walk to High Falls on the Bonnechere River, departs Basin Depot in Algonquin Park at 9:30am. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear to reflect the weather, and bring plenty of sunscreen. *It's your chance to win a trip for two anywhere Air Canada flies!*

July 23, Wednesday: The Anishinabe Experience

Traditional native storytelling, drummers and dancers, 8pm at the Davenport Centre.

July 26, Saturday: Tall Tales and True Stories

Tell your own tall tales based on the theme — Adventures in the Woods; Saturday, 8pm at the Depot.

August 2, 3 and 4: Spirits of the Little Bonnechere Weekend

Step back in time and meet the spirits of the original settlers and travellers of the Little Bonnechere River; Saturday, 8pm at the Depot.

August 9 and 10: Friends of Bonnechere Parks Weekend Festival

Enjoy kayaking, water sports, crafts and artisan displays at the Festival of the Water; Saturday, 1 to 4pm. Join the Friends at 1pm at the Davenport Centre for our Annual General Meeting. Saturday evening entertainment, 8pm at the Davenport Centre (TBA).

August 16, Saturday: Archaeological Experience '97

Hosted in cooperation with the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society, this day-long workshop provides hands-on experience and a chance to observe a sample excavation. Learn about aboriginal cooking techniques; make a clay pot. At Basin Depot in Algonquin Park (purchase your Day Use Permit at Bonnechere Park).

August 23, Saturday: Come Howl at Bonnechere Park

Outdoor educator and author Mike Runtz will be signing copies of his new book — *Wolves* — from 7 to 8pm; he will then present a 30-minute slide show on the topic. Afterwards, a convoy of vehicles will travel into Basin Depot for the wolf howl.

August 30, 31 and September 1: Labour Day Weekend

Use Bonnechere as a base to visit Pembroke's Old Time Fiddling and Step Dancing Competitions.

KIDS CAMP

Our ever-popular Kids Camp offers cultural and natural heritage programs on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. Park staff assist the kids in completing Rookie Ranger activity sheets — a great way for the younger set to learn more about Bonnechere Park!

New for '97 — Kayak Rentals at Bonnechere Park

This summer, rent a kayak at the Park and experience the Little Bonnechere in a whole new way. These skirtless, open-concept kayaks are ideal for beginners and amateurs as they are easily exited if tipped. Single and double versions are available for rent — the 2-person model is great for an adult and child.

Rates per hour: \$6 per single; \$8 per double. Available at Friends Bookstore.

Friends On-line

Thanks to Rory Mackay, published author, keen historian and volunteer extraordinaire, the Friends are now on-line. The site includes articles from recent newsletters, excerpts from *Spirits of the Little Bonnechere*, and hot links to other good sites relative to cultural and natural heritage. If you're on-line, be sure to visit our site at:

<http://fcbe.edu.on.ca/~mackay/frndsbon.htm>

Win Big with Take a Hike!

Enter the National Take a Hike Contest for your chance to win great prizes: First prize: a trip for two to any of the North American, Caribbean or European scheduled destinations that **Air Canada** flies to.

Second prize: \$500 **Eddie Bauer** gift certificate.

Third prize: one of 12 **Hallmark Cards** gift baskets.

Children's prize: mountain bike supplied by **Canadian Tire**.



Summer Shopping

While visiting **Bonnechere Park** be sure to drop by the **Friends Bookstore** for friendly conversation and vacation shopping. Purchase a souvenir and support our organization at the same time.

Our 1997 selection includes:

- Friends publications
Spirits of the Little Bonnechere
Best of Friends Fun Book
- Bonnechere Park mouse pads
perfect for the home or office computer
- Bonnechere Park note cards
featuring Garvey cabin & Basin Depot
- Bonnechere Park t-shirts
a big seller last summer
- Bonnechere Park wolf pup sweat-shirts
kids' sizes — perfect for the wolf howl
- from Mike Runtz
Wolves
1998 Algonquin Park Calendar
- snakes and bugs-in-a-nut
back by popular demand!
- nature books for kids
- Solitudes CDs and cassette tapes
- rubber bats and model crickets
- stained-glass sun catchers
- field guides
- sun tan lotion and sun screen

Watch for the new line of Ontario Parks souvenirs and clothing. And while you're there, be sure to renew or purchase your Friends membership. **Your support is important to us.**

Erratum

In the last Circle of Friends I mentioned that Rory Mackay donated 3% of the royalties he earned from the sale of *Spirits of the Little Bonnechere* back to the Friends. In fact, Rory is donating 30% of his royalties to the Friends towards the development of the Cultural Resource Centre. Sorry about the confusion, Rory, and thanks ever so much.

FRIENDS IN NEED, FRIENDS IN DEED

Established in 1992, The Friends of Bonnechere Parks is a community-based, non-profit, charitable organization. Our mission is to encourage and support the Crown's mandate and programs for interpretive, educational, scientific, historical, protection and preservation purposes related to the natural and historic resources of Bonnechere, Bonnechere River and Foy Provincial Parks. The operations of the Friends are authorized by Ontario Parks, and coordinated by a volunteer Board of Directors.

The focus of this year's activities is to raise funds towards the development of a Cultural Resource Centre at Bonnechere Provincial Park. Funds will be raised through grants and corporate sponsorships, membership fees, donations, bequests, and sales at the Bookstore at Bonnechere Park.

Memberships

Individual (\$10) please indicate new or renewal

Family (\$15) please indicate new or renewal

Memberships benefits for individuals and families include:

- 10% discount on all purchases made at the Bookstore at Bonnechere Park,
- subscription to the Circle of Friends newsletter,
- invitations to all Friends' special events, and
- voting rights at the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Bonnechere Parks.

Support

We invite you to support the Friends of Bonnechere Parks by giving a donation of your choice or a donation according to one of the following categories:

Annual (\$35 to \$99)

Supporting (\$100 to \$149)

Donor (\$150 to \$249)

Benefactor (\$250 and up)

If your donation is an In Memoriam, please print the name of the loved one below:

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Make cheques payable to the Friends of Bonnechere Parks. A tax receipt will be issued for all membership fees and donations.

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DONOR'S NAME

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Volunteers

As a charitable organization, we benefit a great deal from the volunteer efforts of a dedicated group of families, friends and campers who look upon Bonnechere Park as a special place. If you would like to become a part of our group, help out with a special event, or join our Board of Directors, please contact:

FRIENDS OF BONNECHERE PARKS, BOX 220, PEMBROKE, ON K8A 6X4



Marshall the Wood Turtle



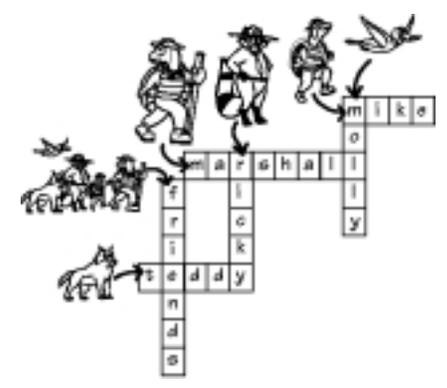
Who is the official mascot of Bonnechere Park?

To solve this riddle, unscramble each word. Then put the boxed letters into the matching boxes at the bottom of the page.

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For answer see other side.

Best of Friends



Friends Picture Crossword

Use the names of the Friends to fill in this picture crossword. Follow the direction of the arrows to write in the spaces across → and down ↓.

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- P A R K
- F I S H
- B A L L
- T E N T
- S H E L L
- W O L F
- R A C C O N
- S A N D
- T R E E
- F U N
- T U R T L E
- L A K E

For answer see other side.