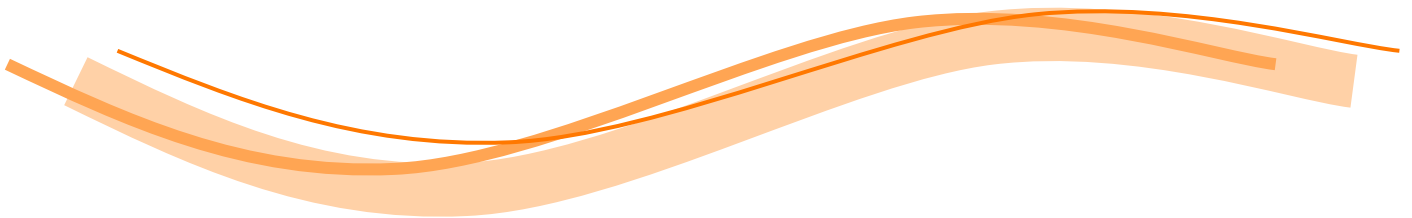




THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS





HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS	<p>Just two hours north of Toronto, the Haliburton Highlands offers some of Ontario's best hiking, cycling and canoeing. There's something for everyone - arts lovers, history buffs, rock hounds, stargazers, animal lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. With pristine lakes and untouched forests The Haliburton Highlands has a unique interaction between a vibrant arts scene and the environment. Enjoy October's breathtaking Fall colours at the Hike Haliburton Festival, or by following the Haliburton County Artist's Studio Tour.</p> <p>The Haliburton Studio Tour is Saturday & Sunday October 3-4, 2009 and Thanksgiving Weekend October 10 - 11, 2009 and is a great way to spend a weekend. Enjoy local accommodation from cozy B&Bs to luxurious Inns, soak up the Fall colours - plus the fabulous work of over 26 celebrated local artists. For more information check out www.haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca .</p> <p>The Hike Haliburton Festival is October 16, 17 & 18, 2009. Choose from themed hikes at every skill level, each led by an experienced, educational guide. There is a hike for you, whether you interested in Geology, Botany, Geocaching, Mushrooms, History, Fitness, The Arts and more! Visit www.trailsandtours.com/hike_haliburton.php for more details.</p> <p>I broadcasted my radio show live from the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve (www.haliburtonforest.com). This year's Forest Festival includes art installations along forest paths and concerts in the forest at sunset, held on floating stages in beautiful Bone Lake. (www.theforestfestival.com).</p>
Location	<p>Haliburton is a county of Ontario, known as a tourist and cottage industry area for its scenery and for its resident artists. Minden Hills is the county seat.</p> <p>Haliburton Village is a village on Head Lake inside Haliburton County which is its namesake. The county also contains the village of Minden, as well as the smaller communities of Wilberforce, Gooderham, Irondale, West Guildford, and Eagle Lake. The county borders Algonquin Park on the north.</p>
Geography	<p>This is Canadian Shield Country, softened into a rolling landscape over the millennia and filled with forests and over 600 pristine lakes</p>
Name	<p>From the name of The Canadian Land and Emigration Company Chairman in the 1860's: the Honourable Thomas Chandler Haliburton, former Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. This historian and author who hailed from Nova Scotia, never once visited the provisional county with</p>

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	his namesake and eventually moved to London England where he became a member of Parliament and a Supreme court Judge.
Population	The population of Haliburton County is just over 15,000
Government	Effective January 1, 2001, ten municipalities in Haliburton County were reduced to four in an attempt to reduce duplication and align services more efficiently. The current composition sees Council comprised of eight members, the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of the four municipalities. The Warden is elected or appointed by his peers. The four municipalities are now: Highlands East; Algonquin Highlands; Dysart et al; and Minden Hills

CLIMATE	
General climate	Similar to Southern Ontario, but a few degrees cooler on average
Today's weather	22 degrees Centigrade and sunny (22 August, 2009)
Best time to visit	Haliburton is genuinely a four season destination: delightful in the spring when the trillium carpet the forests, gorgeous in summer as Cottagers know well, brilliant in the fall colours, and full of cold weather adventures in the winter

GETTING THERE	
Drive time	Just two hours from Toronto via Highways 404, 48 and 35 to Minden A little under 6 hours from Montreal via Ottawa
Municipalities	Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipality of Dysart et al (Dysart, Bruton, Clyde, Dudley, Eyre, Guilford, Harburn, Harcourt and Havelock) Municipality (township) of Highlands East Township of Minden Hills
Distances	Toronto to Haliburton is 200 km; Montreal to Haliburton is 480 km

ACCOMMODATION TYPES	Enjoy local accommodation from cozy B&Bs to luxurious Inns Here are some lodges and resorts that provide an ideal base for activities in Haliburton and are located in pristine settings: Algonquin Inn Bonnie View Inn (see below) Buttermilk Falls Resort Chalet By-The-Lake Bed and Breakfast Delta Pinestone Resort Domain of Killien Edgewater Beach Halimar Lodge Heather Lodge Lochhaven Inn Loralea Country Inn Resort
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	<p>Ogopogo Resort Sandy Lane Resort Sir Sam's Inn (see below) Stouffer Mill Bed & Breakfast Swiss Acres B&B Wigamog Inn Whispering Pine Bed & Breakfast Retreat Sir Sam's Inn and Bonnie View Inn are our featured accommodations on the show and more details can be found on these resorts at the end of these notes</p>
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TARGET GROUPS	
Kids	The Razzmatazz Kids Shows provide live entertainment. There are four shows per year, performed by Canadian artists at local venues. Call directly for show dates and locations. Call Julie at 705-457-3414 for tickets or for information on how your child can participate in the performance
Teens	Teens will love the many outdoor soft adventure activities available in the region, especially the Walk in the Clouds canopy walk in Haliburton Forest and the Wolf Centre
Romance	There are many inns and resorts in Haliburton that focus on romantic stays and several offer packages tailored to this need.
Honeymoons & Weddings	Both Sir Sam's Inn and the Bonnie View Inn are well suited to weddings and honeymoons – and both host events many times each year.
Genealogy	The Haliburton County Genealogy and History Site can be found at: http://www.ontariogenealogy.com/Haliburton/index.html This site represents an ongoing effort to collect information related to the genealogy and history of Haliburton County
Seniors	Haliburton County has the highest ratio of Seniors 65+ of any Ontario County and so there are many facilities for Seniors that make this region especially suitable.

UNIQUES	
Surprising	The Haliburton region is globally renowned for the variety and beauty of the minerals to be found all over the County. Rockhounds come from all over the world to collect specimens of crystals and rocks that were formed a billion years ago...One way of experiencing this for yourself is with Yours Outdoors , an experiential tour company one of whose tours is Haliburton Rocks! This tour offers a chance to be guided by professionals to some of the best mineral sites of the county. Find out more at www.YoursOutdoors.ca
History	The region which we now call Haliburton County has a long and rich history filled with fascinating tales of life long ago. Natives and settlers carved a way of life in the rock and the trees of the area and created a

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community that exists even today.

The history of Haliburton County begins long before permanent settlers inhabited the area. Native Canadians left their mark on the land with artifacts and rock etchings. As early as 1590, Jesuit priests travelling to Huronia, told of Iroquois war parties searching for Huron Indians along the Trent water system in what are now Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton Counties. The Mississauga and Ojibwa hunted extensively in and around Algonquin Park in the amalgamated Townships of Sherborne et al. Native artifacts have been discovered around Grass, Boshkung and Kashagawigamog lakes, and burial grounds have been unearthed in the Ingoldsby and Maple Lake areas. Copper objects were discovered in 1951 in Harcourt at Farquar Lake that are estimated to be at least two thousand years old.

In 1615, Samuel de Champlain amassed information on the area on a return journey from Iroquois country. In 1653 a map was created from the information given by Champlain that marks the Haliburton area as an excellent area for hunting stag.

Over the course of time, various treks were made up the Gull River in search of a trade route from Georgian Bay to Ottawa. Several expeditions were made in search of an easily travelled highway in 1819, 1825 and 1827. It was determined that this route would be of use only after great expense and effort. Despite the lack of the simple route, other visionary settlers realized the logging, trapping and settlement potential of the area. The Peter Robinson settlement of the Peterborough area did reach as far as what is now Haliburton County. Eventually surveyors were commissioned to begin mapping the land for settlement.

The first to arrive was John Huston. In 1826, Huston studied the areas north of Harvey and Verulam townships in search of useable land, but a number of events led Huston to report that the area was unsuitable for sustainable settlement. In 1836, David Thompson, one of the greatest British surveyors travelled the areas of Sherborne and McClintock where his party caught many speckled trout and admired the stands of hardwood.

By the 1840's the need for land had become great. Scottish and Irish immigrants were arriving in Upper Canada in larger numbers. Also interested in settlement were Canadians who were the children of immigrants who had settled around the great lakes. In the 1850's land was being divided and sold for settlement and timber. In 1854, Michael Deane created the guide line that eventually became the Bobcaygeon Road, opened up the townships of Lutterworth, Snowdon, Anson, Hindon, Minden and Stanhope. This line opened the path for settlers to find their fortune in Haliburton. In 1854 the Canadian Land and Emigration Company purchased nine townships in Haliburton. The

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name Haliburton came from Thomas Chandler Haliburton, the first chairman of the Land and Emigration company from 1861 to 1865. The historian and author who hailed from Nova Scotia, never once visited the provisional county with his namesake and eventually moved to London England where he became a member of Parliament and a Supreme court Judge. By 1859 there were 25 families settled along the Stanhope and Minden township border and other groups were beginning to spread out around the area. The townships of Lutterworth, Anson and Hindon were annexed to Victoria in 1858, while Snowdon, Minden, Stanhope, Guilford, Dysart, Glamorgan, Monmouth, Dudley, Harburn, Bruton, Harcourt and Cardiff became townships of Peterborough County. This was the first of many separations and amalgamations between townships in Haliburton, Peterborough and Victoria Counties.

Through many hardships times of strife, the small settlements in the Haliburton area began to grow and evolve into communities, with a post office, stores and established government. Minutes from the Provisional County of Haliburton date back to 1874, as do many of the County's townships.

As the years passed, new settlers travelled to the area and more land was opened up for colonization. The Village of Haliburton and the Township of Dysart et al grew quickly and established various merchants, a blacksmith and hotels. In 1866, the municipality had 276 residents. By 1869 that number had risen to over three hundred.

The Village of Minden, despite fire, flood and pestilence of near biblical proportion survived and blossomed over the course of time. Fires razed large portions of the village in 1879, 1890 and 1942, but time and again, the community was renewed. In 1888 diphtheria fell on Haliburton County. Many children succumbed to the plague during that winter.

The rivalry between Haliburton and Minden, which for some still exists, began during the struggle to decide which village would hold the county seat. Three townships from Victoria county and twenty from northern Peterborough county joined together to form the Provisional County of Haliburton. Although both Haliburton and Minden fought and solicited to become the county town, the Ontario provincial government awarded the honour on Minden in 1874. On June 18 of that year, the county council met for the first time, with reeves representing Dysart et al, Minden, Lutterworth, Anson and Hindon, Glamorgan, Monmouth and Cardiff, Snowdon, and Stanhope and Sherborne. The first warden of the county was Alexander Niven of Dysart et al, and the first by-law passed by the new council was a tax increase to raise \$55,000 to aid with the construction of the Victoria railway line.

Haliburton remained a provisional county for many years, due to its relatively small population. On December 16, 1982, the Haliburton

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	<p>County Act passed provincial legislation to instate Haliburton as a full fledged county. On January 19, 1983 the Haliburton County Council held its inaugural meeting.</p> <p>Today, the county remains small in population but large in community spirit. From Minden to Haliburton, Ox Narrows to Wilberforce the residents of Haliburton County have carved their own identity into the land and the rock as the natives of the area did centuries before.</p>
Books	<p>“In the Fullness of Time – The Story of Eagle Lake” by Ruth Still is a well written account of the evolution and history of a small Haliburton community on the shores of Eagle Lake</p>
Canopy Tour	<p>A Walk in the Clouds is more than a guided tour, it is an experience that you will not soon forget. From the moment you arrive at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, your professional guides will lead you through a unique and very dynamic tour. From river basin to tree top, the tour takes in all the splendour that nature has to offer. The four hour round trip, departing the Base Camp twice a day, three times a day in July and August, consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a guided van tour through the private lands of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Ltd., passing through forests and along lakes and streams. - a 1/2 kilometer walk along the scenic Pelaw River. - a short, guided, voyageur-canoe ride across a wilderness lake to the final destination. - the Canopy boardwalk... from here the tour continues into the forest canopy. <p>The canopy boardwalk is the ultimate highlight of this outing. Over half a kilometer long - and as such the longest of its kind in the world - the canopy boardwalk winds through the treetops some 10-20 meters above the forest floor. A platform suspended from the treetops above, becomes the gathering place where you can enjoy a leisurely snack while your guide elaborates on the forest environment surrounding you. A spectacular view across the lakes and forests becomes a fitting closure to your tree top tour.</p> <p>Your safety during the tour is a priority and will not be compromised. The canopy boardwalk has been designed to meet, or exceed, all industry standards. Before any person leaves the comfort of the forest floor your guide will introduce you to all the safety procedures and equipment. The latter, especially harnesses, have been chosen to offer the ultimate in safety while providing a comfortable fit to persons of all ages and sizes.</p> <p>Your Haliburton Forest guides are trained interpreters who will ensure a safe and exciting tour. All guides have an intimate knowledge of Haliburton Forest and its diverse natural surrounding. They are fully trained with all equipment and procedures involved with the boardwalk</p>

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	<p>excursion. The \$95 per adult fee also includes a visit to the Wolf Centre. Pre-registration is required and can be made by phoning 705 754 2198. The minimum age to participate in the tour is 10. I can personally recommend this tour and found it to be not only a fascinating way to see the forest in a whole new way, but also much more professionally managed than other canopy tours I have experienced overseas. www.haliburtonforest.com</p>
Must Sees	<p>Climb the Dorset Lookout Tower for an unforgettable, panoramic view of the highlands and an especially spectacular look at fall's fiery foliage.</p>

SPORTS ACTIVITIES	
Golf	<p>Breathtaking beauty is par for the course with every hole when playing a round of golf in the Haliburton Highlands. Crimson maples contrast with emerald firs of the dense forests lining the fairways of every course. Whether a scratch golfer, serious amateur, or an avid duffer, you will find the links in Haliburton to be challenging and most enjoyable to play. Courses include the Delta Pinestone Resort and Blairhampton Golf Club.</p> <p>THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS GC 705 457 2233 South Kashagawigamog Lake Road 9-18 HOLES The 2,425-yard, 9-hole golf course, overlooking lake Kashagawigamog, provides a rugged test of your golfing skills. There is a fully stocked pro shop, with an extensive line of accessories and clothing, on site. Lessons can be arranged with private instructors. Kids are welcome. Power cart rentals. www.haliburtongolf.com</p> <p>PINESTONE 705 457 1800 HWY 121 West of Haliburton Village 18 HOLES A soft spike course, Delta Pinestone offers a fully stocked pro shop, power cart rentals and golf lessons. Carved from the mineral rich glacial till of the Haliburton Highlands, it offers unparalleled splendor in both its scenic views and challenging golf holes. Stately pines strategically placed Precambrian Boulders are signature, from beginning to end. At 6,204 yards, it's not notably long, but the low handicapper is kept honest by narrow fairways, natural stone outcrops, and an array of bunkers and ponds.</p> <p>BEAVERBROOK</p>

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	<p>705 286 1378 (Minden-just off HWY 35) 8 OR 19 HOLES A challenging 2900-yard golf course with rolling fairways. Because of its location, nestled between the Gull River and Beaver Creek, water comes into play on four of its nine holes. Beaverbrook opened in 1939 and the property has been in the Stevens family since 1916. Power carts, pro shop and listened lounge.</p> <p>THE BLAIRHAMPTON 705 286 1315 (Minden-off of HWY 121) 18 HOLES A picturesque golf course, which has recently undergone major upgrades and expansion to 18 holes. It provides plenty of challenge along with abundant scenic beauty. The club also has a driving range with a natural grass tee. A licensed club house and golf pro shop.</p> <p>LAKESIDE 705 754 2110 9 HOLES This lovely 2,802 yard, Par 35, 9-hole golf course overlooks Grass Lake. Recent improvements include two new ponds, expanded gardens and a new putting green. Junior golfers welcome.</p> <p>CEDAR MEADOW GOLF 705 448 3999 Elephant Lake Road, Harcourt. A nine-hole course on Elephant Lake. It offers affordable family golfing. Rates last summer for 9 holes were \$12.50.</p>
Fishing	<p>If you like to fish in Ontario, you'll simply love fishing in Haliburton! The flick of your wrist. The whirl of the reel. That tug on the line. Set the hook and hang on for the ride...a Northern Pike, or better yet, a Muskie has taken your bait...and the game is on!</p> <p>The tranquility of the mist rising off the lake at dawn as you slowly troll the thermoclimb in the granite ravines 50 to 75 feet below the surface where Lake Trout, Whitefish, and Splake reside.</p> <p>For licensing information and regulations, refer to Ministry of Natural Resources www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/pubs/pubmenu.html#fish</p>
ATVing	<p>It's one thing to embrace the magic of autumn from the highway in your car, but if you really want to immerse yourself in the fall colors, come ATVing in the Haliburton Highlands. The splashes of color of the magnificent hardwood forests dramatically clash with the gigantic granite outcroppings of the Canadian Shield. This is Nature at its roughest and most beautiful splendor.</p> <p>Come enjoy hundreds of miles of off road trails through hundreds of</p>

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	acres of Crown land only accessible by ATV. For trail info and ATV activities visit www.haliburtonatv.com .
Hiking	As an avid hiker, you'll love the variety of hiking trails that are available to you in Haliburton. The Head Lake Trail is a comfortable walk or jog and is wheelchair accessible from end to end. For the more adventurous hiker, there are nature trails, bird watching tours, and even self-guided wetland eco-system tours. For the ultimate thrill in hiking, check out the Haliburton Forest " Walk in the Clouds ". Tour the white pine canopy up close and personal as you traverse the half kilometer long boardwalk suspended 20 meters in the air. In autumn, with the forests ablaze in color, the view is spectacular, and the hiking experience is unforgettable. Another personal recommendation is the 15 km hike around Silent Lake Provincial Park in the southeast of the county.
Cycling	A kaleidoscope of color splashes before you as you careen down the trail through the hardwood forests of Haliburton. Mountain biking and cycling take on whole new dimensions in the fall as the leaves change colour and the morning air becomes a little nipier. The conditions are perfect to enjoy going for a ride on and off the trails that run throughout Haliburton County. From relatively flat rail beds to hills that put "mountain" into biking, the Haliburton Highlands are every cyclist's ideal habitat for riding.
Canoeing	More than four centuries unfold as you paddle the streams and lakes of Haliburton County. Each dip and stroke of the paddle takes you back to the time when the Algonquin and the Huron Nations aided Samuel de Champlain to explore the region. The waterways of Haliburton County have been integral to the development and enjoyment of the area for centuries. Explore the Highlands from the vantage point of the earliest explorers and natives. There are hundreds of kilometers of interlinked rivers and lakes accessible from the Frost Center, Drag River, or the Irondale River to make your canoeing vacation most memorable.

CULTURE	
Arts	The Haliburton Sculpture Forest , in Glebe Park near the village of Haliburton, is a unique outdoor collection of sculptures by Canadian artists. The trails in the Sculpture Forest, for walking and bike riding in spring, summer and fall and skiing in the winter, provide changing perspectives of the forest and the sculptures in each of the seasons. There is no charge for admission in spring, summer or fall. Trail passes are required for Nordic skiing in the winter.
Museums	The Haliburton Highlands Museum offers visitors a year-round look into the past with their permanent displays as well as a blacksmith shop and the seasonally-operated Reid House, an authentic, furnished log

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	<p>home. Located on Bayshore Acres Rd. off Hwy 118 just west of Haliburton village. Open year round. Summer 10 am - 5 pm Tues through Sun, Spring and Fall 10am - 5 Tues through Sat, Winter 10 am - 5 pm Wed through Sat.</p> <p>Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum: The Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum is a community museum dedicated to the collection and preservation of the history of Stanhope Township. They're small on size but big on heritage, annually rotating 144 years of fabulous history. It's the headquarters of the Hawk Lake Log Chute Historic Park, the only log chute in Ontario and home to the World's Largest Lumberjack - come for a photo op. Enjoy the Heritage Gardens June through October. They are open year round online with photo galleries, newsletter, searchable databases and more. Don't miss Heritage Day in July.</p>
Festivals	<p>The Haliburton Studio Tour is Saturday & Sunday October 3-4, 2009 and Thanksgiving Weekend October 10-11, 2009 and is a great way to spend a weekend. Enjoy local accommodation from cozy B&Bs to luxurious Inns, soak up the Fall colours - plus the fabulous work of over 26 celebrated local artists. For more information check out www.haliburtonstudiotour.on.ca .</p> <p>The Hike Haliburton Festival is October 16, 17 & 18, 2009. Choose from themed hikes at every skill level, each led by an experienced, educational guide. There is a hike for you, whether you interested in Geology, Botany, Geocaching, Mushrooms, History, Fitness, The Arts and more! Visit www.trailsandtours.com/hike_haliburton.php for more details.</p>

ATTRACTIONS	
Beaches	There are a number of public beaches on Haliburton's many lakes which are perfect spots for some summer down time.
Wildlife	<p>The Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre</p> <p>In July of 1996 the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre opened its doors to the general public. The Wolf Centre at Haliburton Forest had humble beginnings as far back as 1977 in the backwoods of Upper Michigan ... Today the pack - Ebony and Citka, the Alpha pair, and their siblings and offspring, - roams freely in a 15 acre enclosure, one of the largest of its kind in the world. The Wolf Centre contains numerous exhibits, a small cinema/classroom, a retail area featuring a wide selection of wolf related books, tapes and graphics as well as a large indoor observatory overlooking the feeding area within the wolf compound. An annual themed exhibit is open to the public during the summer: In 1998 it was Wolves in Art, and in subsequent years the themes were: Wolves in the</p>

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	<p>Movies, Wolves in Advertising, Wolf Toys and Stories, A Wolf in the Mail, Little Red Riding Hood, Wolf Masks and Wolves in Fashion. While it is most probable that visitors will have an opportunity to observe the wolf pack or individual members of it, an actual viewing cannot be guaranteed within a short period of time due to the size of the compound and the unsocialised nature of the pack.</p> <p>The mandate of the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre is research and education. It is an important component within the overall framework of Haliburton Forest with its philosophy of integrated, sustainable resource management and land use.</p> <p>Unlike most other facilities of its kind, the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre is a private facility, supported entirely through user-fees.</p> <p>The Wolf Centre is open from Victoria Day in May until the end of the Thanksgiving weekend seven days a week from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. The rest of the year we are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.</p>
Parks	<p>In the far east of Haliburton, Silent Lake Provincial Park is located on Highway 28, about 25 km north of Apsley and 24 km south of Bancroft and offers a perfect setting for enjoying the natural beauty and tranquility of the lower Canadian Shield. The forest is a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees, with birch, maple, hemlock and white pine the most common species. With a total of 167 campsites scattered throughout the developed area of the park, Silent Lake offers a choice of different camping experiences. The park also offers year-round accommodations and features some Mongolian-style yurts, perfect that something different break! I have hiked the 15km trail right around the lake and only encountered one other person on the trail – Silent Lake is well named!</p>
Fall Colours	<p>The Highlands are ablaze in fiery reds, and rich golds as autumn approaches. Around every turn, over the top of every hill, the colors cascade down the hillsides spilling out to the edge of the road. No wonder thousands of people migrate to Haliburton Highlands every fall by bus, car, RV and camper to enjoy the splendour!</p> <p>One of the very best drives to see the colours is along Highway 118</p>
Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve	<p>This is a privately owned forest in Central Ontario's Haliburton Highlands. Comprising over 60,000 acres of rolling hardwood forests, pristine lakes, meandering rivers and extensive wetlands, make it a nature enthusiasts dream. Haliburton Forest is Canada's first "certified sustainable forest", meeting the stringent standards of the "Forest Stewardship Council", supported by such organizations as the WWF and the Sierra Club.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the exploration of its natural environment, Haliburton Forest offers unique outdoor experiences throughout the</p>

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	<p>year.</p> <p>The Base Camp serves as the main entrance point into Haliburton Forest and provides all services essential to an enjoyable stay. At the office visitors check in, pick up permits, maps and information material, as well as get updated on the latest conditions and events at Haliburton Forest.</p> <p>Haliburton Forest is open year round. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days per week. Weekend hours during July and August as well as from January to March, are extended. The entrance point into Haliburton Forest is the Base Camp, the site of a former saw mill, which left its name and some old equipment preserved as a tribute to the pioneer days in this part of Ontario.</p> <p>Rental Equipment: The type of rental equipment available is dependent on the season. The equipment available includes snowmobiles in the winter as well as canoes, kayaks, and mountain bikes during the summer and fall. Licensed Restaurant and Store</p> <p>A licensed restaurant and store on site provides visitors with essentials from toothbrushes to chicken fingers.</p> <p>Accommodation is available at Base Camp in 2 types:</p> <p>One consists of spacious 3- and 2- bedroom housekeeping units with 3 piece baths. These are fully equipped with TV to microwave, some with fireplaces, offering a fitting home base for excursions into the forest. Also available are two rustic, open loft log cabins with kitchen and washroom facilities. Heating is provided predominantly through wood stoves. These buildings lend themselves to accommodating smaller groups of visitors.</p> <p>Special events are organized throughout the year. The Base Camp is either the location or starting point for a wide variety of events and happenings through the four seasons.</p> <p>Also available in the forest are: semi-wilderness camping (with a reserved number of sites available for short term use), orienteering, wilderness skills, canoeing, dog sledding, snowshoeing, skiing, hiking and much more.</p> <p>Haliburton Forest can be reached via Highways 118, 35, and 121. At West Guilford cross the bridge, and take County Road 7 for approximately 20 kilometres to the Base Camp.</p> <p>www.haliburtonforest.com</p>
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OTHER ACTIVITIES	
Shopping	There is excellent craft and antique shopping available in many of Haliburton's communities, especially Haliburton itself, Minden and Dorset.
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CUISINE	
Food	<p>Local produce can be found both in the region's restaurants and for sale in the village shops. The locally produced maple syrup is unbelievably good!</p>
Wine	<p>For something different and surprisingly good (I can personally vouch for that!), Moon Shadows Estate Winery at Maple Moon, 5km west of Haliburton Village, is Ontario's first maple winery. Drop by and sample some of this really different wine and say hello to the Thompson's whose passion this new development is.</p>
Restaurants	<p>There are some great restaurants in this region! Starting with "That Place" in Carnarvon which offers inventive and tasty dishes in a beautiful lakeside setting (my personal favourite, as Sue and Ed Yallop are wonderful hosts – check it out at http://www.thatplaceincarnarvon.com); the Heritage House Café in Haliburton Village offers great wraps and coffee to travel for; and our dinner at the Bonnie View Inn by the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog was absolutely first class.</p> <p>The Old Country House Restaurant is also recommended at 172 Highland St., Haliburton, telephone: 705-457-2301</p>

MORE INFO	
Brochures	<p>Haliburton Highlands Tourism Info Centre: 12340 Hwy 35, PO Box 959, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 Toll free: 1 800 461 7677</p>
Websites	<p>www.haliburtonholidays.com for Haliburton Tourism www.haliburtonforest.com for the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve www.theforestfestival.com for the Haliburton Forest Festival</p>

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HOTEL PRIZE PARTNER - CFRB	Sir Sam's Inn 1491 Sir Sam's Rd., Eagle Lake, Ontario K0M 1M0 Toll free 800.361.2188 Phone 705.754.2188 Fax 705.754.4262 Website: http://www.sirsamsinn.com
Location	Sir Sam's Inn is located on the scenic shore of Eagle Lake, which is a pristine jewel of a lake situated a few minute's drive north of Haliburton Village.
Facilities	The WaterSpa at Eagle Lake promotes natural healing and rejuvenation through a variety of treatments that use only the finest natural oils and ingredients to soothe, refresh and stimulate. The WaterSpa at Eagle Lake offers spa services that include a range of treatments to soothe, relax and refresh, essential elements of a true holiday.
Accommodation	Sir Sam's Inn is a couples resort (no children under 14) and country inn, offering a variety of accommodations, all with a magnificent view over Eagle Lake. Many rooms feature walkout decks and patios as well as whirlpool baths and wood burning fireplaces. All are intimate and cosy, with fresh duvets and complementing fine amenities.
Activities	Stroll through acres of pine and hardwood forest on a nature trail or cruise the crystalline lakes in our classic fantail launch, the Lady Hughes. Feeling energetic? From their beach you can water-ski, windsurf, sail, kayak, canoe and swim. The resort also has tennis and mountain biking ideally followed by their WaterSpa.
Restaurants	Nature's gifts are celebrated in the Twin Fires dining room and wine cellar. Our kitchen is consistently rated one of the best north of Toronto, always serving fresh choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Visit the cellar before dinner and select from the extensive collection of wines or join them for one of our regular tastings, in the Lounge by the fire. After dinner, enjoy a specialty coffee or digestive in front of the fire, along with a game of billiards, darts or shuffleboard in Gunner's Pub. In the warmer months relax on the verandah, enjoying your coffee and the sunset over Eagle Lake.

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HOTEL PRIZE PARTNER - CJAD	Bonnie View Inn Box 419, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 Toll Free: 1 800 461 0347 Phone: 705 457 2350 Fax: 705 457 9462 Website: http://www.bonnieviewinn.com
Location	Situated on fabulous grounds situated on renowned Lake Kashagawigamog, just five minutes outside the village of Haliburton in the beautiful Highlands region.
Facilities	If you're looking for a romantic couples getaway, honeymoon resort or perhaps a destination wedding resort, Bonnie View Inn has much to offer including Jacuzzi Suites with fireplaces, private lakefront cottage rentals, hiking trails, golf packages, sand beach, and gourmet dining in a beautiful lakeside dining room.
Accommodation	Spread throughout acres of idyllic countryside, Bonnie View Inn Resort offers various rooms and suites to suit a variety of styles and needs. Suites are located in the Coach House facing the lake providing all guests with an impressive view of the lake and resort landscape. Cottages and Chalets are spread amongst the property to provide you with your own unique surroundings.
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Canoes, Paddleboats and Kayak +Rowboat •Beach volleyball, Basketball, & Badminton •Mountain Bikes & Horseshoes •Hiking Trails •Swim off the sandy beach •Licensed patio bar with lunch available •Inside their licensed lounge ~Board games / Pool table /Fireside/72 inch TV with DVD player/movies. •Fitness room. •Kids program June 27-August 31st from 5:30 - 9:00 PM for ages 2-10 where they can eat dinner, do crafts and play games. In Winter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ice Skating: the rink is outside on property and is lit at night. •Ice Fishing: they supply the rods and auger, you just need the bait. •Tobogganing and snowshoeing; cross country and downhill skiing is also available nearby but outside the resort
Restaurants	From a full hearty breakfast, to a fine dining three-course meal complemented by fine wines, dining at the Bonnie View will be a highlight of your vacation. When you book at Bonnie View Inn you will select from the largest selection of appetizers and entrees in the area. Their meal plan includes breakfast and a 3-course dinner in the Bonnie View Inn Lakeside Dining Room. Lunch is also available to be purchased on the only licensed lakeside patio on lake Kashagawigamog. (The lunch patio is open seasonally.).

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCES	<p>August 13/14, 2007: Heather Lodge Dinner at That Place in Carnarvon Sir Sam's Inn and Waterspa Wolf Centre at Haliburton Forest Walk in the Clouds Tour Maple Moon Winery Lunch at Heritage House Café in Haliburton Tour of Fleming College and Sculpture Forest Tour of Green Mantle Mineral Farm Dinner at the Bonnie View Inn on Lake Kashagawigamog</p> <p>August 19, 2008: Delta Pinestone Resort Head Lake Park, Haliburton Lunch at That Place, Carnarvon Yours Outdoors Macdonald Lake, Haliburton Forest</p>
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