



FRIENDS OF KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK

Friendly Intentions

2011 NEWSLETTER



The Friends of Kootenay invite you to come out to Kootenay National Park this year and help them celebrate Parks Canada's 100th birthday as the first Park Agency in the world!

On May 19, 1911, the Government of Canada created the Dominion Parks Branch, known today as Parks Canada, the very first national parks service in the world. Now Parks Canada protects 167 national historic sites, 42 national parks and four national marine conservation areas, across Canada, which together is one of the most extensive networks of protected national heritage places in the world.

With lots to see and experience in Kootenay National Park we are sure you can find over 100 fun things to do: **hike, climb, ski, fish, picnic, draw, photograph, study plants, canoe, watch wildlife, scenic drive, stroll, ice climb, bike, drive, find geo-caches, meditate....**

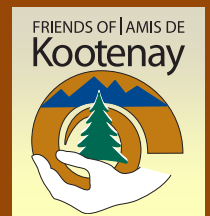
Our Nature Gifts and Bookstore located in the Radium Info Centre has all the reference books and maps you'll need for your National Park adventures!



100¹⁹¹¹⁻²⁰¹¹ YEARS
parksCanada.gc.ca

Friends of Kootenay National Park

Annual General Meeting
Ancient Pictographs by Brad Himour
Saturday April 9th 2011, 7:30 pm
Prestige Inn, Radium Hot Springs



Wild Voices Speakers Series

The Wild Voices Speakers Series is held every winter and features local and guest speakers:

Flying High xAlps Adventure

Max Fandrel and Penny Powers

Tuesday February 22, 7:30 pm

**David Thompson Secondary School Theatre,
Invermere Cost: \$7:00**

Join Max and Penny as they share their fantastic paragliding adventure race stories in the Alps and the Columbia Valley



Ancient Pictographs

Brad Himour, Parks Canada Archeologist

**Saturday April 9th 7:30 pm Admission by donation
Prestige Inn, Radium Hot Springs**

Brad will show us the local ancient aboriginal pictographs that tell a story of past aboriginal history and the new technology that is making it possible to see these amazing pictures. Friends AGM to proceed presentation.



World Heritage Site in your Backyard! Celebrating Parks Canada 100!

Jim Thorsell

Wednesday April 20th 7:30 pm

**David Thompson Secondary School Theatre,
Invermere Cost: \$7.00**

Join Jim Thorsell to celebrate Parks Canada 100th birthday and learn about the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site located right in our backyard.

Sponsors:

Friends of Kootenay National Park, Parks Canada

Sheep in the Village!



The Bighorns of Radium Hot Springs

Good Little Book about Bighorn!

Last year's launch of the Friends of Kootenay "Sheep in the Village!" book was a great success!

The "Sheep in the Village" books are on the shelves in the Friends' Nature Gifts and Bookstore in the Radium Information Centre.

Phone: 250 347 6525 Email: info@friendsofkootenay.ca

Science Research Website

Plans are in the works to launch a website which will connect members and the public to current and past research in Kootenay National Park as well as the Columbia Valley. The website will be up and running by fall once all funding is in place.



MEMBERS!

Visit our website: www.friendsofkootenay.ca for additional information about upcoming events.
Contact us at friendsofkootenay@gmail.com

Head Banger Trail Challenge 2010



HEAD BANGER TRAIL CHALLENGE
SEPTEMBER 25,
RadiumHotSprings.com See Tour



98 runners participated in the third Head Banger Trail Challenge last fall. This excellent challenging 10 km run started from the town of Radium and looped up into Kootenay National Park! Folks had lots of fun on a sunny fall day!

Funds raised go to the Friends of Kootenay National Park projects and Bighorn research.



Junior Naturalists



Living with Bears, Cougars, Wolves, Deer and Bighorn Sheep!

The Friends of Kootenay will be working with the Village of Radium and the Radium Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce to help educate residents and visitors on how they can live in harmony with our wildlife populations. The Wildlife Smart Communities project hopes to be up and running this summer.

Watch for more information on our website:
www.friendsofkootenay.ca

Sign up your children for **fun activities**, hikes, crafts, special guest park presenters at this summer's Junior Naturalist program.

Friends' Nature Gifts and Book store
Radium Information Centre: 250 347 6525
Village of Radium Hot Springs





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“Have a fun time exploring in and around Kootenay National Park!”

Andree Galbraith, President

Become a Member!

Help to support education and the ecology of Kootenay National Park and the surrounding area.

Fill out the form and send with payment to:

Friends of Kootenay National Park

Box 512, Radium Hot Springs, BC V0A1M0

Your membership entitles you to:

- 10% discount in the Nature Gifts and Bookstore and other Mountain Park Friends stores
- annual newsletter
- an opportunity to get involved

Friends of Kootenay Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal code _____

Province: _____ Country _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Memberships:

Donation of: \$20 individuals () \$25 family ()

\$50 corporate () TOTAL: \$ _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiry date _____

Signature _____

Membership fees are subject to change



The Friends of Kootenay National Park Association is dedicated to

the protection, appreciation, education and understanding of the cultural and natural history of Kootenay National Park and its surrounding ecosystem, the Columbia River Valley.