



Did you know? Cross Country Skiing

The pristine forests of Burleigh and Anstruther Townships have attracted organized winter sportspersons since the mid-1970s. The Kawartha Nordic Ski Club was formed in 1976 by a group of enthusiastic Nordic skiers. Permission to cross the snowy land was obtained from private landowners and the Peterborough Crown Game Preserve with the agreement that the trail system, which the Nordic Ski Club created, would be reserved for winter use only.



The Club's Kawartha Ski Tour competition took place each year from 1975 on trails from Apsley to Haultain. The Club purchased 44 acres of private land just north of Haultain on the east side of the Burleigh Road. From 1976 onward over these years their members have volunteered time and energy to create groomed ski trails including 30 km of classic trails and 10 km of wilderness trails. The public is encouraged to enjoy the trails on a day-pass basis or by membership in the Kawartha Nordic Ski Club.

Excerpt from "The Loon Calls" by Jean Murray Cole. If you would more information, please contact Bob Burns of the Burleigh Road Historical Society via his e-mail: bobburns12642@yahoo.com.

Editor's Notes: For more information, checkout: the Ski Club's website at: www.kawarthanordic.ca. Apsley Voice co-founder, *Bill Johnston*, was an early member of this club and for several years, he owned and operated the now defunct Ski and Wollens Shop in Apsley.

25th Annual Kawartha Woodlot Conference



Call for participants: With only a week to go before the 25th Annual Kawartha Woodlot Conference being held in Lindsay, now is a great time to register for this event.

Being held at Fleming College's Frost Campus on Saturday, **February 10th**, this annual Woodlot Conference brings together experts, innovators, woodlot owners and managers and more for this one-day event.

This year's theme 'Change, Challenge & Opportunity' will cover topics ranging from climate change, the Environmental Bill of Rights, and the health of Ontario's forests with a focus on the forests in the region.

"There will be special learning sessions about opportunities for woodlot owners in the carbon markets, seed collecting and forest genetics, tips and tricks for planting butternuts, and more," said Colin Cassin, the co-Chair of the planning committee.

"Once again a great line-up of speakers and timely learning sessions geared to the interests and needs of woodlot owners makes the 25th annual conference a must-attend event," Mr. Cassin added.

The Kawartha Woodlot Conference is the largest regional conference of its kind and provides a unique opportunity for members of the forestry community to interact with industry experts and learn about emerging tools, trends and best practices.

Attendees can also look forward to the popular tradeshow, where companies and organizations will have the opportunity to showcase products and service with conference participants.

The Conference kicks off at 8:30 a.m. and a hot lunch is included with registration. There are a variety of packages and rates available for Conference participants and tradeshow delegates. To learn more and to register for the 2018 Kawartha Woodlot Conference please visit their website at: KawarthaConservation.com.

Eleanor Reed, President of the Kawartha Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association said she looks forward to this event because it is a chance to bring the membership together to learn from experts and share experiences. "Private woodlot owners play an important role in forest conservation," Eleanor explains. "This conference is one of our efforts to support the work that they are doing."