

WATERTON WILDLIFE WEEKEND

September 13 - 16, 2018

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Wildlife – Walks – Talks
Photography – Natural History
Arts – First Nations

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Saturday & Sunday
10:00 to 16:00

Waterton Artisan Fair
Nature-inspired & local

Waterton Community Centre

At-A-Glance

Artisan Fair: 10 to 16 h

Start h:mm	End h:mm	Duration h:mm	2018-09-13 Thursday	2018-09-14 Friday	2018-09-15 Saturday	2018-09-16 Sunday
09:00	12:00	3:00	Red Frames = Free or by donation Blue = Opera House Brown = Falls Theatre Yellow = Kids Other colours = Activity Levels			16D In Remembrance
09:00	15:00	6:00		14D Sketch and Draw	15D Acrylic Plein Air Workshop	
09:15	12:15	3:00		14E Wolves and Family	15E Getting started in Wildlife Photography	16E Advanced Techniques for Wildlife Photography
09:30	12:30	3:00	Unless otherwise stated, check in for your event 20 mins prior to start time.	14G A Buffet for Birds	15G Pollinators in Peril	16G Salamander 'Byway' Volunteer Event (until 12:00)
09:45	12:45	3:00		14H The Geology of Waterton - What Makes Waterton Unique		16H Bison, the fat of the land
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19:30	21:00	1:30	13T Critter Connections	14T Alberta's Wild Bees	15T The Birds of Waterton	
20:00	22:00	02:00	13X Dark Skies & Nocturnal Creatures	14X Reconnecting with the Cosmos	15X Dark Skies & Nocturnal Creatures	

Activity Levels, Map

ALL

Activity may occur indoors; minimal walking is involved; some venues are wheelchair accessible.

EASY

Participants must be able to walk the equivalent of 5 city blocks on uneven ground, stand for up to an hour, and get in and out of a motor vehicle easily.

MODERATE

Participants must be sure footed, able to ascend a path the equivalent of a few flights of stairs and walk on uneven surfaces up to 3 km (2 miles) at a 3 km/h pace (2 mph).

CHALLENGING

Participants must be in good health, be mobile, and able to participate in 3 – 5 hours of physical activity per day, the equivalent of walking up to 8 km (5 miles) at a 4 km/h (2.5 mph) pace over uneven ground.



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FALLS THEATRE

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Headquarter and Artisan Fair:

Waterton Community Centre
 201 Cameron Falls Drive
 Waterton Park, AB T0K 2M0, Canada

13:00 to 16:00

Duration: 03:00 h

13K Pollinators in Peril

Presenter: **Lyndon Penner**

Venue: **Field**
Meeting Place: **Waterton Community Centre (WCC)**

Activity Level:
Moderate

Shuttle: **no**
\$45.00

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Duration: 03:00 h

13P Wildfire and Wildlife

Presenter: **Parks Canada**

Venue: **Field**
Meeting Place: **Waterton Community Centre (WCC)**

Activity Level:
Moderate

Shuttle: **No**
Free

Join Barb Johnston on a walk and talk to learn about the affects of the fire on the Park's wildlife.

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14:30 to 17:30

Duration: 03:00 h

13Q Bison, the fat of the land

Presenter: **Brenda Holder**

Venue: **Field**
Meeting Place: **Waterton Community Centre (WCC)**

Activity Level:
Moderate

Shuttle: **No**
\$45.00

Learn about the importance of Bison/Buffalo to Indigenous cultures and their importance to our existence. How they helped us to live on the land, and how the gifts of provisions to allow for daily living, taught us about relationships and respect. Brenda will also relay some of the gifts of the Moose and their importance where Buffalo were sparse or not found.

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<p>16:00 to 17:00 Duration: 01:00 h</p>	<h2>13R International Wildlife Film Festival Presentations</h2>
<p>Venue: Opera House Meeting Place: Opera House</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Opera House</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>Becoming Water (15 Mins) Art and nature intersect as students from the University of Saskatchewan travel north to participate in a course at the Saskatchewan River Delta, one of the largest unbroken wetlands left on Earth. The students create art pieces inspired by the area, searching for links between humans, water, and the natural environment.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$10 General \$7 (Ages 3-12)</p>	<p>Camera Trap (26 Mins) In this half hour documentary, aspiring wildlife photographer Peter Mather puts everything on the line in his quest to capture one photo that will tell the story of the Porcupine Caribou's herd migration, one of the greatest land migrations on Earth.</p> <p>Last Call (12 Mins) Few places are more tightly bound to their rivers than Paradise Valley, Montana, where the Yellowstone River Flows out of America's most iconic National Park and begins its journey across the country. Join a fourth generation Paradise Valley rancher, BBQ and Bakery owners freshly transplanted from Georgia, a lodge owner, a naturalist, a fly fishing guide, a sitting U.S. Senator, and an iconic musician as they come together to protect the Yellowstone River ecosystem from a proposed goldmine. With original score and narration by Bill Payne of Little Feat, Last Call brings you into the heart of a community as they work together to protect the river that connects them all.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>

<p>17:15 to 17:40 Duration: 0:25 h</p>	<h2>13S The Kenow Wildfire Story</h2>
<p>Venue: Opera House Meeting Place: Opera House</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Opera House</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>Free screenings of the story of the Kenow Fire in September 2017 as it grew from a lightning strike in the backcountry to the frightening wildfire that consumed a huge part of Waterton's forest and grasslands.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No Free</p>	


<p>19:30 to 21:00 Duration: 01:30 h</p>	<h2>13T Critter Connections</h2>
<p>Venue: Falls Theatre Meeting Place: Falls Theatre</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Parks Canada</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>How do human-caused changes influence the survival of species and ecosystems? Discover critical connections between species from the soil to the sky, and explore how you shape the future of the foothills parkland.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No By Donation</p>	

<p>20:00 to 22:00 Duration: 02:00 h</p>	<h2>13X Dark Skies & Nocturnal Creatures</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Dark Sky Guides</p>
<p>Activity Level: Easy</p>	<p>Join local Waterton residents and tour guides, the Dark Sky Guides, as they go out to discover the night sky. This low-intensity, introductory stargazing tour focuses on exploring the night sky through telescopes and stargazing binoculars, while also shedding light on some of the different wildlife that thrive under the Dark Skies of Waterton Park. Remember to dress warmly. There will be a shuttle provided for this session.</p>
<p>Shuttle: Yes \$50.00</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>

<p>09:00 to 15:00 Duration: 06:00 h</p>	<h2>14D Sketch and Draw</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Julie Strong</p> <p>Enjoy the morning outside gathering information by sketching, sketch painting and photographing the beautiful fall scenery. Come enjoy a blend of outdoor and indoor art that celebrates the wonders of Waterton. A supply list will be sent to all participants. Lunch is not included.</p>
<p>Activity Level: Easy</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No \$99.00</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>
<p>09:15 to 12:15 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>14E Wolves and Family</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Brenda Holder</p> <p>Wolves are an important part of family teachings, how they taught us to hunt cooperatively, the importance of leadership, the importance of family and to take only what is needed. Hear stories of wolves on a walk with Brenda and learn some interesting relationships between many of her family members and the wolf!</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>
<p>09:30 to 12:30 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>14G A Buffet for Birds</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Lyndon Penner</p> <p>Waterton is strategically located right in the Rockies where Alberta, British Columbia and Montana all collide. This results in an astounding diversity of bird life, best seen on the spring and fall migrations. Bird watchers from all over the continent (and indeed the world) descend upon Waterton in late summer and early fall hoping for a glimpse of birds they've not seen or heard before. Due to its great botanical diversity, Waterton attracts a great many different kinds of birds. Some birds like to eat seeds, others like berries or small fruits, and some of them like to eat other birds! (We have some amazing raptors in the park!) Join Lyndon for a wonderful hike examining what kind of plants are attracting what kind of birds.</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	<p>You may even see some birds you've not previously seen!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>
<p>09:45 to 12:45 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>14H The Geology of Waterton - What Makes Waterton Unique</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: James Goulet</p> <p>Waterton is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in part due to its unique landscape, climate and watershed. James will explain some of the events over the past 2 billion years that have formed the Waterton of today.</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>

10:30 to 12:00 Duration: 01:30 h	14J Track and Games
Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)	Presenter: Waterton Community Centre
Activity Level: Kids	Kids - drop in and enjoy doing your own track casting, while you wait for it to dry enjoy detective games, memory, colouring and more. Then take your track home with you as a souvenir.
Shuttle: No By Donation	

13:00 to 16:00 Duration: 03:00 h	14K Backroads and Bluebirds
Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)	Presenter: NCC
Activity Level: Moderate	Fly with us as we venture down the Nature Conservancy of Canada's (NCC) adopted Bluebird Trail for our annual fall monitoring and clean out. Get a firsthand glimpse into the feathered friends who make use of the nesting habitats installed alongside several NCC properties in the Waterton Park Front and record valuable data on the usage of these boxes. We will be joined by special guest Steven Shumborski from the Mountain Bluebird Trails Conservation Society, who will share his knowledge and expert tips with the group. Light refreshments will be provided to start the day.
Shuttle: No Free	



NATURE CONSERVANCY CANADA

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13:30 to 14:30 Duration: 01:00 h	14O Wildlife of the Oldman River Valley
Venue: Opera House Meeting Place: Opera House	Presenter: Rick Andrews
Activity Level: All	Enjoy this wildlife documentary that was shot in the Oldman River valley of Southern Alberta by Rick Andrews. The documentary captures the area's wildlife in each of the four seasons. Species such as Mule and White-tailed Deer, Beavers, Coyotes, American White Pelicans, Great Blue Herons, nesting Great Horned Owls and reptiles such as Prairie Rattlesnakes and Bull Snakes are all included, along with underwater sequences featuring Wandering Garter Snakes and Western Painted Turtles. The film also includes night footage that together with the night scenes provide unique sights that even frequent visitors to this river valley may not have seen before. Followed by a Q&A with Rick Andrews.
Shuttle: No \$10 (General) \$7 (Kids)	

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<p>14:00 to 15:00 Duration: 01:00 h</p>	<h2>14L Swift Fox Reintroduction in North America</h2>
<p>Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Cochrane Ecological Institute</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>Come and enjoy this one hour presentation with Clio. The Swift Fox vanished from Canada and the northern central States of the USA by 1939's. In 1972 the Smeeton Family (Clio and her parents) decided to start a reintroduction program in Canada. This program extended from 1983 - 1997. The second Swift Fox reintroduction program in North America was on the Blackfeet Reserve in Montana (1998 - 2003). The final reintroduction was on the Blood Reserve in Alberta (2003 - 2004). Clio will outline the intricacies, challenges and successes of these three successful programs. (1 Hour)</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$10.00</p>	<p>Reserve now</p>

<p>15:00 to 18:00 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>14Q Introduction to Wildlife Photography with Kyla Black - 2 day workshop</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Kyla Black</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Join Kyla in the field for a two-day introductory course on the basics of wildlife photography including gear, camera settings and tips and tricks for spotting and approaching wildlife. The course will include hands-on learning in the field with a focus on techniques and composition as well as wildlife safety. All skill levels are welcomed. Participants are required to bring a DSLR or mirrorless camera with telephoto lens and are encouraged to bring images for critique.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$99.00</p>	<p>(Session will continue on Saturday from 15:00 - 18:00)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>

<p>16:00 to 17:00 Duration: 01:00 h</p>	<h2>14R International Wildlife Film Festival Presentations</h2>
<p>Venue: Opera House Meeting Place: Opera House</p>	<p>Presenter: Opera House</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>Operation Wolf Patrol (12 Mins) Poacher's Kingdom follows Rod Coronado, Wolf Patrol's leader, as her endeavours to raise awareness of wolf poaching in northern Wisconsin and tackles the issue of Wisconsin's new "Hunter Harassment Law"- making it illegal to take photos of hunters on public lands.</p> <p>The Journey of Water (7 Mins) Streams cascade down mountainsides and flow through valleys, calming in slow pools, filling marshes and wetlands. Along this path, water is a vital source of life, sustaining a wide variety of insects and animals that rely upon this natural force for their survival.</p> <p>Beaver Believers (50 Mins) The whimsical yet inspiring film captures the vision energy and dedication of a half dozen activists who share a passion for restoring the North American Beaver to much of its former habitat and range. The Beaver Believers shows us how this humble creature can help us restore streams and watersheds damaged by neglect.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$10 General \$7 (Ages 3-12)</p>	<p>Reserve now</p>

<p>17:15 to 17:40 Duration: 0:25 h</p>	<h2>14S The Kenow Wildfire Story</h2>
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<p>Activity Level: All</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No Free</p>	

<p>19:30 to 21:00 Duration: 01:30 h</p>	<h2>14T Alberta's Wild Bees</h2>
<p>Venue: Falls Theatre Meeting Place: Falls Theatre</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Megan Evans</p> <p>Alberta has over 300 wild bee species but most research and attention is focused on a handful of managed species. These wild bees face many of the same threats as managed bees, in addition to competition for food caused by the increasing presence of non-native, managed bees. More awareness of the diversity and conservation issues surrounding our native bees is needed. Land managers (and the general public) should be aware that non-native, managed bees can have a negative impact on our native pollinators.</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No By Donation</p>	

<p>20:00 to 22:00 Duration: 02:00 h</p>	<h2>14X Reconnecting with the Cosmos</h2>
<p>Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: James Van Leeuwen</p> <p>We have marvelled for millennia at the wonders of the night sky, pondering their nature and meaning. Urbanization and streetlights have disconnected us from the night sky, and from our deepest origins. Join night sky interpreter and guide James Van Leeuwen in this opportunity to reconnect with the cosmos, out on the field through telescopes. Educated in astrophysics, James lives near Waterton and works as a technology consultant and entrepreneur.</p>
<p>Activity Level: Easy</p>	
<p>Shuttle: \$45.00</p>	<p>Reserve now</p>

<p>09:00 to 15:00 Duration: 06:00 h</p>	<h2>15D Acrylic Plein Air Workshop</h2>
<p>Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Jordan Brame</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>Come to unlock the artistic abilities that you never knew you had. This all-day class will explore the artistic expression of what we see, what we should be seeing and various techniques to portray what we are seeing. We will examine the effects of light and shadow, contrast and colour, value and blending. After a morning of discovering your artistic potential, we will explore the beauty of Waterton and gather images of the abundant wildlife and scenery in the park, after which we will create a finished work of art. Whether you are a beginner looking to learn or a dabbler looking to improve, this is an experience you don't want to miss.</p> <p>All supplies included. Lunch not included.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$99.00</p>	
<p>Reserve now</p>	

<p>09:15 to 12:15 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>15E Getting started in Wildlife Photography</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Joe Desjardins</p>
<p>Activity Level: Easy</p>	<p>Joe will get you started with the basics of wildlife photography. An introduction to gear, camera settings and hands on techniques in the field!</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	
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<p>09:30 to 12:30 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>15G Pollinators in Peril</h2>
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<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>When people visit Waterton, they are often astounded by the diversity and abundance of wild animals that live in the park! Bears, moose, cougars, elk, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goats all call Waterton home, to say nothing of the astonishing bird life we have here! How often though, do we think about the tiniest creatures in the park - those who do some of the most important work? The pollinators that live in Waterton are responsible for ensuring that plants produce seeds and are able to continue on. No plants, no park! No pollinators, no plants! Many of our native bee species were badly affected by the recent fire, as were a great many butterflies, moths, and other small insects. Join Lyndon for an informative session about the recovery and status of Waterton's smallest creatures.</p>
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<p>10:30 to 12:00 Duration: 01:30 h</p>	<h2>15J Track and Games</h2>
<p>Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Waterton Community Centre</p>
<p>Activity Level: Kids</p>	<p>Kids - drop in and enjoy doing your own track casting, while you wait for it to dry enjoy detective games, memory, colouring and more. Then take your track home with you as a souvenir.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No By Donation</p>	

<p>13:30 to 14:30 Duration: 01:00 h</p>	<h2>150 Bear and Human's Coexistence - Panel Discussion</h2>
<p>Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Waterton Festivals</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>Charlie Russell is often referred to as 'A bear's best friend'. He advocated that bears are not unpredictable and that a peaceful coexistence between wild bears and humans is possible, if the right measures are implemented. He studied bears for most of his life and guided many walks about bears during past Wildlife Weekends and Wildflower Festivals. After his sudden passing this May we would like to keep his legacy alive. For this reason we have invited Parks Canada, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), the Cochrane Ecological Institute, the Waterton Biosphere Reserve and Melodey Wood (partner of Charlie Russell) to join a panel discussion. We will talk about the policies and experiences of the different agencies and the challenges they face in their work with bears as well as how Charlie Russell's views of bears and his experiences can help or be implemented; how they might have influenced the persons on the panel and their agencies already or what difficulties they might see. Followed by a question and answer period.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No Free</p>	

<p>13:00 to 16:00 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>15K The Teachings of the Bear</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Brenda Holder</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Learn how bears taught us to survive on the landscape in all seasons, how to live in harsh climates, what food was good for us, how we learned their medicines and how to gather medicine.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	

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<p>14:00 to 15:00 Duration: 01:00 h</p>	<h2>15L International Wildlife Film Festival Presentations</h2>
<p>Venue: Opera House Meeting Place: Opera House</p>	<p>Presenter: Opera House</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>Drive Them Buffalo (18 Min) An intimate look at the only indigenous tribal-led buffalo drive in North America, Drive Them Buffalo follows members of the Blackfeet Nation as they experience the power of the American bison while driving their herd through rough terrain and hostile weather to their winter pasture a rare ritual of stewardship that brings hope for a cultural rebirth. Following the documentation, Ervine Carlson (director of the Blackfeet Bison Program in Browning, Montana) will speak about this project and answer questions.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$10 General \$7 (Ages 3-12)</p>	

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<p>14:30 to 17:30 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>15M The Geology of Waterton - What Makes Waterton Unique</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: James Goulet</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Waterton is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in part due to its unique landscape, climate and watershed. James will explain some of the events over the past 2 billion years that have formed the Waterton of today.</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	

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<p>15:00 to 16:00 Duration: 01:00 h</p>	<h2>15N Birdhouse Building for Kids</h2>	<p>Presenter: Roger Riis</p>
<p>Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Kids, join Roger and build your own Birdhouse in this one hour session. Remember - bee, butterfly and birds houses help to give a home to bees, butterflies and birds in urban areas where natural space is scarce, but they are not allowed to be used in the park.</p>	
<p>Activity Level: Kids</p>		
<p>Shuttle: No \$10.00</p>	<p>Reserve now</p>	

<p>16:30 to 19:00 Duration: 01:00 h</p>	<h2>15P Riding into Elk Habitat</h2>	<p>Presenter: Alpine Stables</p>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Experience an intimate ride on horseback into elk habitat guided by Alpine Stables. Seeing elk beds, trails and rubbings from elk antlers will give you an insight into the life and habitat of these proud animals. A potential close up with the elk and their behaviour in the stunning landscape of Waterton Lakes National Park is not assured but very possible.</p>	
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Do not got to Alpine Stables as the horses might be provided at a different location, depending where the Elk are at that time!</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No \$89.00</p>	<p>Reserve Now</p>	

<p>16:00 to 17:00 Duration: 01:00 h</p>	<h2>15R International Wildlife Film Festival Presentations</h2>	<p>Presenter: Opera House</p>
<p>Venue: Opera House Meeting Place: Opera House</p>	<p>Forest, Fins and Footprints (23 Mins) In Alberta, public lands in the foothills are being clear cut at a rate faster than they can recover, with little opportunity for public input. Forests, Fins, and Footprints is a community funded documentation of the clear cutting in Ghost Valley - a watershed located just upstream of Calgary on the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains.</p>	
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	<p>Nesting with the Devil (11 Mins) Nesting with the Devil tells the story of the great blue herons, bald eagles, and their mysterious nesting relationship on the coast of British Columbia.</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No \$10 General \$7 (Ages 3-12)</p>	<p>Canis Lupus (18 Mins) Ghosts are stirring in Colorado's high country. They haunt the trees, the water, the animals the very fabric of the land itself. Gray wolves shaped this place for eons only to disappear nearly overnight. Canis Lupus Colorado is the story of the past, present and future of Colorado's now extinct native wolf population.</p>	
	<p>Reserve now</p>	

<p>17:15 to 17:40 Duration: 0:25 h</p>	<h2>15S The Kenow Wildfire Story</h2>
<p>Venue: Opera House Meeting Place: Opera House</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Opera House</p> <p>Free screenings of the story of the Kenow Fire in September 2017 as it grew from a lighting strike in the backcountry to the frightening wildfire that consumed a huge part of Waterton's forest and grasslands.</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No Free</p>	
<p>19:30 to 21:00 Duration: 01:30 h</p>	<h2>15T The Birds of Waterton</h2>
<p>Venue: Falls Theatre Meeting Place: Falls Theatre</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Lyndon Penner</p> <p>Did you know that there are over 250 species of birds that can be found in Waterton Lakes National Park? Less than 40 of them are permanent, year-round residents (Waterton is pretty fierce in the winter) but during the summer months, you can find everything from wading birds to predatory birds, to literally dozens of different songbirds. Our birds are as colourful as anything you might find in the rain-forests of South America and just as interesting! Join Lyndon for an informative presentation introducing you to over a dozen birds that call Waterton home everything from the feisty little rufous hummingbirds to the primitive sounding and enigmatic sandhill cranes that dance here!</p>
<p>Activity Level: All</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No By Donation</p>	
<p>20:00 to 22:00 Duration: 02:00 h</p>	<h2>15X Dark Skies & Nocturnal Creatures</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Presenter: Dark Sky Guides</p> <p>Join local Waterton residents and tour guides, the Dark Sky Guides, as they go out to discover the night sky. This low-intensity, introductory stargazing tour focuses on exploring the night sky through telescopes and stargazing binoculars, while also shedding light on some of the different wildlife that thrive under the Dark Skies of Waterton Park. Remember to dress warmly. There will be a shuttle provided for this session.</p>
<p>Activity Level: Easy</p>	
<p>Shuttle: Yes \$50.00</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>

<p>09:00 to 12:00 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>16D In Remembrance</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Lyndon Penner</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Have you ever gone to the mountains to grieve? Many of us have. We have all lost someone we love, someone we cared about deeply. Many of us have taken our sorrow to the mountains, recognizing that there is a kind of grace and special healing power in wild places. A hike on a beautiful trail can do wonders for a hurting heart. For this particular session, we invite you to join us in celebrating all those who have gone on before us. The staff here at the festival have been especially thinking about John and Charlie Russell, who introduced so many of us to the marvellous part of the world that is Waterton. This will be a wonderful autumn hike that we do in memoriam of those we are missing, and whose presence we still feel when we are out on the trail. Our hope is that you will find this session both meditative and restorative.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	
<p>09:15 to 12:15 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>16E Advanced Techniques for Wildlife Photography</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Joe Desjardins</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Joe Desjardins will share some advanced techniques in the field to capture those amazing moments in the field, along with some advanced camera techniques. Joe will discuss composition and safety. Participants should have a good knowledge of their camera.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	
<p>09:30 to 12:00 Duration: 02:30 h</p>	<h2>16G Salamander 'Byway' Volunteer Event</h2>
<p>Venue: Meeting Place: Parking lot across from turn-off to Prince of Wales Hotel</p>	<p>Presenter: Parks Canada</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Be part of the salamander team! The salamander catch fences are in need of a little repair. Come spend a few hours and help maintain the thoroughfare to their habitat across the road. No cost, just come and join the brigade; learn a bit about the salamanders and give a hand in helping ensure their continued survival.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>
<p>Shuttle: No Free</p>	
<p>09:45 to 12:45 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>16H Bison, the fat of the land</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Brenda Holder</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Learn about the importance of Bison/Buffalo to Indigenous cultures and their importance to our existence. How they helped us to live on the land, and how the gifts of provisions to allow for daily living, taught us about relationships and respect. Brenda will also relay some of the gifts of the Moose and their importance where Buffalo were sparse or not found.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Reserve now</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	

<p>10:30 to 12:00 Duration: 01:30 h</p>	<h2>16J Track and Games</h2>
<p>Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Waterton Community Centre</p> <p>Kids - drop in and enjoy doing your own track casting, while you wait for it to dry enjoy detective games, memory, colouring and more. Then take your track home with you as a souvenir.</p>
<p>Activity Level: Kids</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No By Donation</p>	

<p>13:00 to 16:00 Duration: 03:00 h</p>	<h2>16K The Geology of Waterton - What Makes Waterton Unique</h2>
<p>Venue: Field Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: James Goulet</p> <p>Waterton is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in part due to its unique landscape, climate and watershed. James will explain some of the events over the past 2 billion years that have formed the Waterton of today.</p>
<p>Activity Level: Moderate</p>	<p>Reserve now</p>
<p>Shuttle: No \$45.00</p>	

<p>14:00 to 15:30 Duration: 01:30 h</p>	<h2>16P Track and Games</h2>
<p>Venue: WCC Meeting Place: Waterton Community Centre (WCC)</p>	<p>Presenter: Waterton Community Centre</p> <p>Kids - drop in and enjoy doing your own track casting, while you wait for it to dry enjoy detective games, memory, colouring and more. Then take your track home with you as a souvenir.</p>
<p>Activity Level: Kids</p>	
<p>Shuttle: No By Donation</p>	

15:00 to 17:00

Duration: 02:00 h

16Q Photo Analysis

Venue: **WCC**

Meeting Place: **Waterton
Community Centre (WCC)**

Presenter: **Joe Desjardins**

Activity Level:
All

“Friendly Photo Critique” - Joe encourages you to submit photo’s for some photo discussions. Any and all participants are encouraged to voice some constructive criticism to help advance your vision. Prior to the session you will receive a link to upload your photos (3 max).

Shuttle: **No**
\$25.00

Reserve now

16:00 to 17:00

Duration: 01:00 h

16R International Wildlife Film Festival Presentations

Venue: **Opera House**

Meeting Place: **Opera
House**

Presenter: **Opera House**

Activity Level:
All

Gathering of Eagles (8 Mins) In British Columbia, birds of prey flock to Canada’s “Eagle Capital” every winter, making a lasting impact on the people who live there.

Keepers (6 Mins) Bobby Jack Smith won’t tell you his age, but he will tell you how he met organic farmer Kelly Penn at a local beekeeper meeting in Bryson City, North Carolina and decided to help her in her efforts to start keeping her own hives. Years later, the two are inseparable. Although they don’t always see eye to eye, this unlikely pair is bound by their mutual admiration for bees and a concern for future populations.

Nature’s Wildest Weapons (60 Mins) The animal kingdom posses a fearsome arsenal: a variety of extreme weapons used in intense battles to gore, stab, crush, and batter. But are they more than just instruments of deadly force? Professor Doug Emlen’s life-long ambition has been to discover the secrets of nature’s arm races, what triggers them and what they can teach us about the most formidable weapons on earth: our own.

Shuttle: **No**
\$10 General
\$7 (Ages 3-12)

Reserve now

17:15 to 17:40

Duration: 0:25 h

16S The Kenow Wildfire Story

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Presenter: **Opera House**

Activity Level:
All

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Shuttle: **No**
Free