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Date	2017-06-15	2017-06-16	2017-06-17	2017-06-18	2017-06-19	2017-06-20			
Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday			
6:30 am to 9:00 am	15A Early Bird Chorus - Birds of the Montane	16A Early Bird Chorus - Birds of the Waterways	4:45 am to 7:45 am 17A Wildflowers at Sunrise						
7:00 am to 10:00 am	15B Photographing Wildflowers along the Bellevue Trail	16B Controlling Light for Wildflower Photography		18B The Art of Photographing Wildflowers	19B Capturing Wildflowers and Stunning Vistas - Photo Workshop	20B Photographing Wildflowers along the Bellevue Trail			
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7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	15V First Nations Story Telling	16V Flowers of Waterton & the Butterflies Who Love Them	17V Night Sky Presentation		18V Annora Brown: Interpreter of the Foothills		19V Waterton Wild Presentation		Please come to Falls Theatre
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Registration in the Waterton Community Centre
201 Cameron Falls Drive
Waterton Park, AB
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Schedule with easy reservation. Buy tickets on-line just click on the event's **Reserve now** button.

June 15

Thursday

6:30 am to 9:00 am	15A Early Bird Chorus - Birds of the Montane
Category: Fauna, Birding	Presenter: Kim Pearson Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Rise and shine and enjoy the most beautiful and melodic time of the day. Join Kim at this bright hour to decipher the chorus of bird songs. Bring binoculars, warm clothing and caffeine.
\$45.00	
7:00 am to 10:00 am	15B Photographing Wildflowers along the Bellevue Trail
Category: Photography	Presenter: Ian Wilson Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Join Ian Wilson, author and photographer of Wildflowers of Waterton Park, for this hands-on workshop. Learn to capture the fine details of wildflowers along the Bellevue Trail. Camera settings, use of depth of field to highlight your subject, the benefits of a tripod, use of lighting and composition and other close-up techniques will be discussed while photographing wildflowers. Discover how best to use the settings on your camera for the perfect image, and benefit from Ian's years of photographic experience. Bring a tripod.
\$45.00	
7:30 am to 10:30 am	15C ABC's of Wildflower Identification
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jacinthe Lavoie Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	One flower, two flowers, red flowers, blue flowers. Do you want to know more? If so, join Jacinthe Lavoie, author of Wildflowers of Waterton Park to learn the art of wildflower identification during this hands-on flower walk. Build on your knowledge and review the basics of flower identification using blossom, stem, and leaf features. You will also learn the characteristics of different plant families, from Asters to Lilies, and discover which plants grow in different habitats. Bring a notebook, pencil & camera.
\$45.00	

8:00 am to 11:00 am	15D Extraordinary Flowers in Easy Places	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Valorie Webber Reserve now	
Activity level: Easy	Get to know Waterton's beautiful wildflowers by venturing only a few steps from your car. View many wonderful species in various areas and see what lies just off the roadside.	
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8:30 am to 11:30 am	15G Bears and Blossoms - a Walk with Charlie	
Category: Fauna, Flora	Presenter: Charlie Russell Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	Discover the role bears play in the health of wildflower populations and hear stories and experiences of world renowned bear expert Charlie Russell as he shares his knowledge and viewpoint on bears and humans.	
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\$90.00		
9:30 am to 12:30 am	15L First Nations Traditional Dancing	
Category: First Nations	Presenter: Piikani First Nations	
Activity level: All	Members of the Piikani First Nation will take you into their world of color and sound with demonstrations of their traditional dancing.	
Free		
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	15P Wild Edibles	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Valorie Webber Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	Come seek out the things you COULD eat if you had to under Valorie's knowledgeable guidance and those you should NOT!	
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\$45.00	You'll be amazed at all the leafy green things growing in the woods that could easily kill you...
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Category: First Nations, Fauna	Presenter: Ryan Heavy Head Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Ksisskstaki is the Blackfoot word for beaver. Be sure to check out this talk with Ryan on the importance of the beaver to Waterton culturally and as an ecosystem manager.
\$45.00	
4:00pm to 6:00pm	15U Movie - The Artist's Garden (90min)
Category: Documentary	Presenter: Buy Tickets at Opera House
Activity level: All	Following the smash hit <i>Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse</i> from Season 3 comes a new film based on the hugely popular exhibition "The Artist's Garden: American Impressionism and the Garden Movement, 1887-1920" from the Florence Griswold Museum in Connecticut, widely considered a home of American Impressionism. Taking its lead from French artists like Renoir and Cezanne, the American impressionist movement followed its own path which over a thirty-year period reveals as much about America as a nation as it does about its art as a creative power-house. It's a story closely tied to a love of gardens and a desire to preserve nature in a rapidly urbanizing nation. Travelling to studios, gardens and famous locations throughout the United States, UK and France, this mesmerizing film is a feast for the eyes.
\$10.00 Adult \$7.00 Children	
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	15V First Nations Story Telling
Category: First Nations	Presenter: Piikani First Nations Reserve now
Activity level: All	Listen to traditional stories told by members of the Piikani First Nations in a traditional tepee. Learn how important Waterton and the surround area is for the First Nations people. Please register as capacity is limited.
Free	

10:00 PM	15X Night Sky Photography
Category: Photography	Presenter: Alan Dyer Reserve now
Activity level: Easy	Learn to shoot Waterton by night; capture unique images of moonlit landscape with stars in the sky above. Alberta astrophotographer Alan Dyer leads you on a photo trek to shoot in the twilight, under the moon and stars. Warning - this session may go to midnight; dress warmly. Participants should bring a DSLR or high quality mirrorless camera with a fast f/2.8 wide angle lens, a sturdy tripod and remote cable release for triggering the shutter. Also, bring a red flashlight for use at night.
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8:00 am to 11:00 am	16D Invigorate Your senses	
Category: Spiritual	Presenter: Lyndon Penner	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	It is often remarked that Waterton is a visual feast, but have you ever thought about indulging your other senses here? Join Lyndon for a session that will cater to all the wondrous and varied sensations that the park has to offer. You'll certainly see a lot of flowers, but you will also be invited to listen closely to the wind in the trees, smell the blossoms, and touch and taste them. For those who are interested in a more tactile and intimate connection with the earth, this will be a terrific experience.	
\$45.00		
8:15 am to 5:15 pm	16F Nature's Medicine Cabinet - From Plants to Salves	
Category: First Nations, Flora, Spiritual	Presenter: Brenda Holder	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	This workshop will take place both in the field and in the classroom and will focus on the Traditional Use of Plant Medicines and how they fit in our world today. You will learn plant identification and plant use, including edibles (teas, syrups) and medicines (salves, poultices, liniments); you will also learn the methods of creating these products and have the opportunity of making some to take home. We will discuss the ethics of harvesting and plant respect. All plant material will be gathered before the festival and provided for the participants. Lunch is not provided.	
\$99.00		
8:30 am to 11:30 am	16G Wildflowers along the Prince of Wales Trail	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Discover the amazing variety of wildflowers that inhabit the different habitats surrounding this landmark; hear of the history and delight in the views.	
\$45.00		
9:00 am to 4:00 pm	16H Botanical Art - Three Day Advanced Workshop	
Category: Art	Presenter: Margaret Best	Reserve now
Activity level: All	Join renowned artist Margaret Best for a three day in-depth workshop on drawing and painting using graphite and watercolours or coloured pencils.	
\$299.00		
9:00 am to 11:30 am	16J First Nations Story Telling	
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Activity level: All	Listen to traditional stories told by members of the Piikani First Nations in a traditional tepee. Learn how important Waterton and the surround area is for the First Nations people. Please register as capacity is limited.	
Free		

12:45pm to 3:45pm	16M First Nations Cooking Class for Adults
Category: First Nations	Presenter: Piikani First Nations Reserve now
Activity level: All	Do you ever wonder what the First Nations ate? Learn from the Piikani First Nation to make Bannok and hear stories of traditional foods that are part of the First Nations diet. Learn the recipe and make the this wonderful treat at home.
\$45.00	

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	16P A Walk with the Authors
Category: Flora	Presenter: Ian Wilson & Jacinthe Lavoie Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Take a walk with authors and photographer of “Wildflowers of Waterton Park” and catch their contagious passion for the beauty of Waterton Park and their feelings about wild places in general. Participants will have an opportunity to glean more knowledge about flowers from Jacinthe and pick up tips about photographing the flowering gems they see along the way.
\$55.00	

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm	16R 100 Species Walk
Category: Flora	Presenter: Valorie Webber Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Waterton is wonderfully rich with a diversity of wildflower species. On this walk, come search for and identify 100 species from A-Z with Valorie.
\$45.00	

4:00pm to 6:00pm	16U Bear Man of Kamchatka
Category: Documentary	Presenter: Charlie Russell Reserve now
Activity level: All	Join Charlie Russell in ‘Watching the Bear Man of Kamchatka’. A 2006 BBC documentary about Charlie’s incredible work with Grizzly bears. See how he introduced wild grizzly bear cubs back into the wilderness. After this film you will look at bears differently. Following the movie you can ask Charlie Russell all of your desired questions.
\$20.00; Up to 18: \$10	

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	16V Flowers of Waterton & the Butterflies Who Love Them
Category: Presentation	Presenter: Lyndon Penner
Activity level: All	This is a story of love and survival in the Alberta Rockies, full of colourful characters, unlikely alliances, and heart-stopping drama in the high alpine meadows! Obviously we are talking about the wildflowers and the butterflies who care for them! Although often dismissed as being merely pretty things to look at, butterflies are much more than they seem. They provide a crucial link in the food chain with their caterpillars feeding many birds and other insects, and they themselves fulfilling an incredibly crucial role as pollinators. Many mountain plants are dependent upon them for survival, and they engage in interesting, complex, and sometimes puzzling behavior. Join Lyndon for an introduction to these small but critical citizens of the park and be amazed!
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\$45.00	

4:45 am to 7:45 am	17A Wildflowers at Sunrise
Category: Flora	Presenter: Lyndon Penner Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Have you ever experienced sunrise in Waterton? A sunrise hike with Lyndon might be just what you've been waiting for: Waterton's abundance of wildflowers are quite different at dawn than they are during the day. Many blossoms close for the night and open with the first rays of the sun. The dew is still on the grasses, the first songbirds are beginning to sing, it is a particularly peaceful and wonderful time of the day.
\$45.00	

7:30 am to 10:30 am	17C The Wild Lilies of Waterton
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jacinthe Lavoie Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	From small to large and plain to showy, Waterton has a wonderful variety of lilies. Learn about the family Lilaceae, its identifying features, its change in family membership and other interesting facts. Inspect the many plants that are now, or have previously been, considered lilies. This includes the spectacular western red lily, false hellebore, the Queen's cup, smooth camas, and many more... Moderate walking.
\$45.00	

8:00 am to 11:00 am	17D Capturing Wildflowers and Stunning Vistas - Photo Workshop
Category: Photography	Presenter: Ian Wilson Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Learn to improve your landscape photography and discover use of natural light, composition, leading lines and other techniques to create stunning photographs. Creative use of depth of field, filters and slow shutter speeds will also be discussed while taking landscape photographs. Bring a tripod if you have one. A tripod is useful.
\$45.00	

8:00 am to 3:00 pm	17E Along the Oil Basin Trail with Valorie	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Valorie Webber	Reserve now
Activity level: Challenging	Come along up, way up the Oil Basin Trail, it is steep in places but the view is fantastic! See prairie, woodland and mountain meadow species. Bring lunch & extra water.	
\$85.00		
8:30 am to 11:30 am	17G Bears and Blossoms - a Walk with Charlie	
Category: Fauna	Presenter: Charlie Russell	Reserve now
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Category: First Nations, Flora, Spiritual	Presenter: Ryan Heavy Head	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Ethnobotany is the study of a region’s plants and their practical uses through the traditional knowledge of a local culture and people.’ On this walk, join Ryan and gain insight into what local First Nations knew about the native plants of this area and how they made use of them.	
\$45.00		
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1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	17P Bee or Butterfly House Building for Kids
Category: Kids	Presenter: Roger Riis Reserve now
Activity level: Age range 8-14	Kids, join Roger and build a butterfly or bee house - you get to choose which. While building your house you will learn how to help these natural pollinators do their job. Remember - bee, butterfly and birds houses are not allowed to be used in the park. Adult supervision not necessary. Please register as capacity is limited.
Free	
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm	17R The Many Wildflowers of the Rose Family
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	A large and important family, you will enjoy identifying the various species that contribute to Waterton's wide diversity of plants. As we look for the different blooms, we'll talk about the identifying characteristics, the historic uses, the great importance as food crops and other interesting facts.
\$45.00	
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	17T First Nations Cooking Class for Kids
Category: First Nations	Presenter: Piikani First Nations Reserve now
Activity level: Age range 7-14	For kids 7 -14; let the kids get their hands dirty and help make traditional Bannok, as they hear stories of traditional First Nations foods. They will also get a sweet treat!
\$25.00	
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	17U The Beautiful Chemicals in Beautiful Flowers (90min)
Category: Presentation	Presenter: Roy Golsteyn Reserve now
Activity level: All	Join Roy Golsteyn, a cancer research scientist, who is investigating chemicals from native plants. Roy will share some of his experiences and experiments about chemicals that are present in native plants, including those that flourish in Waterton National Park. He will give you a healthy look at some the nasty chemicals found in beautiful wild flowers.
\$20.00; Up to 18: \$10	
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	17V Night Sky Presentation
Category: Presentation	Presenter: Alan Dyer
Activity level: All	Come enjoy a slide show and presentation by Alberta astrophotographer, Alan Dyer (www.amazing-sky.net) - prepare to be amazed!
By Donation	

7:00 am to 10:00 am	18B The Art of Photographing Wildflowers
Category: Photography	Presenter: Ian Wilson Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	How does one photograph a wildflower? Learn about depth of field settings, composition, coping with variable light and that pesky breeze. Ian is interested in helping those new to capturing wildflower images, as well as those wishing to perfect their techniques. A tripod is useful.
\$45.00	

7:30 am to 10:30 am	18C Wildflowers 101
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jacinthe Lavoie Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	From Agoseris to Yarrow this workshop will help you learn how to identify flowers using blossom, stem and leaf features. You will also learn about flower families and how to use guidebooks to identify flowers. Discover the diversity of plants you never noticed before.
\$45.00	

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\$45.00	

9:00 am to 11:30 am	18J Wildflowers from Horseback
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	What could be more fun than riding a horse and flower watching at the same time? This program will start with some flower basics on the ground followed by a leisurely ride that will take you into different habitats to view dozens of different flower types. No riding experience is necessary. Please register at Alpine Stables.
\$90.00	

9:15 am to 12:15 am	18K Wildflowers of the Redrock Parkway
Category: Flora	Presenter: Brenda Holder Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Waterton Lakes National Park is rich in plant species because the prairie runs right up against the mountains. Explore this landform phenomena, the diversity of wildflowers, their different habitats and the rock formations of the scenic Red Rock Parkway.
\$45.00	
9:30 am to 12:30 am	18L Bee or Butterfly House Building for Kids
Category: Kids	Presenter: Roger Riis Reserve now
Activity level: Age range 8-14	Kids, join Roger and build a butterfly or bee house - you get to choose which. While building your house you will learn how to help these natural pollinators do their job. Remember - bee, butterfly and birds houses are not allowed to be used in the park. Adult supervision not necessary. Please register as capacity is limited.
Free	
9:30 am to 2:00 pm	18H Buffalo Runner Society Walk
Category: Geology	Presenter: Ken Williams and Wendy Ryan Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	The Buffalo Runner Society Walk will provide a National Park experience to inspire environmental stewardship and create a deep insight and appreciation of our Canadian Heritage. The walk will start along the Red Rock Canyon road and travel on the grassland in front of Belveue Mountain along the Eskers and ending at the Buffalo Paddock and Indian Springs. Join Ken Williams and Wendy Ryan to learn more about the Buffalo Runners Society of the Blackfoot Nation along the route which will provide both a nature and cultural based experience.
Free	
12:45 pm to 3:45 pm	18M Where the Prairie Meets the Mountains
Category: Geology	Presenter: Ron McNeil Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Join Ron and explore nature's biological and physical diversity near Bellevue Hill. Learn about the wide array of habitats, the vegetation types and soil parent materials that exist in this relatively small but unique area - where the prairie abruptly meets the mountains.
\$45.00	
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	18N Solar Stargazing
Category: Astronomy	Presenter: Alan Dyer
Activity level: All	See our star up close through the Park's powerful telescope, equipped with a special solar filter for safe views of the Sun and sunspots. Hosted by astronomer Alan Dyer Please register as capacity is limited.
By Donation	

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	18P Wild Edibles
Category: Flora	Presenter: Valorie Webber Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Come seek out the things you COULD eat if you had to under Valorie's knowledgeable guidance and those you should NOT!
\$45.00	
1:15 pm to 4:15 pm	18Q Connecting with the Natural World
Category: Spiritual	Presenter: Bill Hanlon Reserve now
Activity level: Easy	The program will explore the physical, emotional and spiritual benefits of connecting with nature, including the health benefits of movement within the natural world, and will highlight the significance of Aboriginal history on Waterton's magical landscape.
\$45.00	
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm	18R Hawk's Nest
Category: Presentation	Presenter: Charlie Russell Reserve now
Activity level: Easy	Partake in tea and pie while feeling like you have gone back in time as you sit in the historic Hawk's Nest Outfitter cabin. Listen to your host, Charlie Russell, while he shows pictures and tells stories of his life of finding and photographing wildflowers. Charlie has spent his life in Waterton and is the grandson of Bert Riggall, the original Waterton outfitter.
\$55.00	
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm	18S The Beautiful Chemicals in beautiful Flowers (90min)
Category: Flora	Presenter: Roy Golsteyn Reserve now
Activity level: All	Join Roy Golsteyn, a cancer research scientist, who is investigating chemicals from native plants. Roy will share some of his experiences and experiments about chemicals that are present in native plants, including those that flourish in Waterton National Park. He will give you a healthy look at some of the nasty chemicals found in beautiful wild flowers.
\$20.00	
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	18T Learn to Drum
Category: First Nations	Presenter: Piikani First Nations Reserve now
Activity level: All	Listen, can you hear it! The sound is beginning to build. Learn the beauty and wisdom of First Nations stories when combined with the music and the rhythm. Learn from the Piikani First Nations on what the drum symbolises and how you can learn to drum too. Please register as capacity is limited.
\$15.00	

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	18U Charles Waterton - The man who inspired Charles Darwin! (60min)	
Category: Presentation	Presenter: Carol Patterson	Reserve now
Activity level: All	Few people know about Charles Waterton for whom Waterton Lakes National Park is named, but he was one of the earliest conservationists. He created the first nature preserve, invented the artificial bird nest box, and wrote a book that contributed to Charles Darwin's decision to switch from medicine to natural history. Considered eccentric by his peers he protected predators, a controversial decision for the era. Come to this session and learn more about Waterton, his conservation efforts, and whether his philosophies are still valid 150 years after his death.	
\$20.00; Up to 18: \$10		

7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	18V Annora Brown: Interpreter of the Foothills	
Category: Presentation	Presenter: Joyce Sasse	
Activity level: All	Come and enjoy a 40 min radio play on Annora Brown. Learn and gain insight on her and some of her colored images and 10 of her paintings.	
By Donation	Sponsored by Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC).	

7:00 am to 10:00 am	19B Capturing Wildflowers and Stunning Vistas - Photo Workshop	
Category: Photography	Presenter: Ian Wilson Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	Learn to improve your landscape photography and discover use of natural light, composition, leading lines and other techniques to create stunning photographs. Creative use of depth of field, filters and slow shutter speeds will also be discussed while taking landscape photographs. Bring a tripod if you have one. A tripod is useful.	
\$45.00		
7:30 am to 10:30 am	19C Where the Prairie Meets the Mountains	
Category: Geology	Presenter: Ron McNeil Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	Join Ron and explore nature's biological and physical diversity near Bellevue Hill. Learn about the wide array of habitats, the vegetation types and soil parent materials that exist in this relatively small but unique area - where the prairie abruptly meets the mountains.	
\$45.00		
8:00 am to 11:00 am	19D Extraordinary Flowers in Easy Places	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Valorie Webber Reserve now	
Activity level: Easy	Get to know Waterton's beautiful wildflowers by venturing only a few steps from your car. View many wonderful species in various areas and see what lies just off the roadside.	
\$45.00		
8:00 am to 3:00 pm	19E In Search of Wildflowers - A Hike Up Sofa Mountain	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds Reserve now	
Activity level: Challenging	Waterton Park contains several different ecozones, each with its own characteristic vegetation. On this hike, we will travel through the grassland and aspen parkland and into the montane zone. We will see an amazing variety of wildflowers! Bring lunch and extra water. Lunch not included.	
\$85.00		
8:15 am to 5:15 pm	19F Nature's Medicine Cabinet - From Plants to Salves	
Category: First Nations, Flora, Spiritual	Presenter: Brenda Holder Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	This workshop will take place both in the field and in the classroom and will focus on the Traditional Use of Plant Medicines and how they fit in our world today. You will learn plant identification and plant use, including edibles (teas, syrups) and medicines (salves, poultices, liniments); you will also learn the methods of creating these products and have the opportunity of making some to take home. We will discuss the ethics of harvesting and plant respect. All plant material will be gathered before the festival and provided for the participants. Lunch not included.	
\$99.00		

8:30 am to 11:30 am	19G Bears and Blossoms - a Walk with Charlie	
Category: Fauna	Presenter: Charlie Russell	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Discover the role bears play in the health of wildflower populations and hear stories and experiences of world renowned bear expert Charlie Russell as he shares his knowledge and viewpoint on bears and humans.	
\$59.00		
9:00 am to 4:00 pm	19H “Getting Wild With Acrylics” Two Day Workshop	
Category: Art	Presenter: Brent Laycock	Reserve now
Activity level: All	In this workshop, participants will explore concepts of colour and design through the process of painting the colourful world of Waterton’s renowned wildflowers. Brent Laycock will explain and demonstrate the basic technical properties of acrylic paint, including the use of the various mediums and gels. Concepts such as transparency, opacity and viscosity will be clarified. Day One will focus on close-up images of wildflowers, and Day Two will be devoted to depicting wildflowers in the landscape. Painters at all levels of experience are welcome.	
\$199.00		
9:15 am to 12:15 am	19K The Geology of Waterton - What Makes Waterton Unique	
Category: Geology	Presenter: James Goulet	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	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.	
\$45.00		
9:30 am to 12:30 am	19L Invigorate Your Senses	
Category: Spiritual	Presenter: Lyndon Penner	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	It is often remarked that Waterton is a visual feast, but have you ever thought about indulging your other senses here? Join Lyndon for a session that will cater to all the wondrous and varied sensations that the park has to offer. You’ll certainly see a lot of flowers, but you will also be invited to listen closely to the wind in the trees, smell the blossoms, and touch and taste them. For those who are interested in a more tactile and intimate connection with the earth, this will be a terrific experience.	
\$45.00		

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	19N “Photo Finesse” a 2 day workshop	
Category: Photography	Presenter: Kyle Marquardt Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	<p>Learn to take photographs with a little extra technical finesse. Let’s capture a waterfall and turn it into a misty vaporous stream of clouds. Let us find landscapes, wildlife and flowers in the town site and areas beyond to capture them in the most creative and unique ways we can imagine. This workshop will include an indoor presentation portion to help mentally prepare you for the more advanced techniques and compositions before we go out and practice them. This group workshop also puts us in a position to inspire each other as we all go to the same places, but come up with perspectives that others haven’t thought of. With that said, I encourage you to share your ideas and photos with each other. After two days of shooting we will gather up a few of your photos that you struggled with, returning to the classroom for a critique for further analysis and to find ways of improving them. This crucial feedback is in a constructive and supportive environment and is very important for the continued growth of a budding photographer. Bring a tripod and SLR. Optionally bring a laptop to help you go through your photos at the end of the day.</p>	
\$99.00		
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	19P A Walk with the Authors	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Ian Wilson & Jacinthe Lavoie Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	<p>Take a walk with authors and photographer of “Wildflowers of Waterton Park” and catch their contagious passion for the beauty of Waterton Park and their feelings about wild places in general. Participants will have an opportunity to glean more knowledge about flowers from Jacinthe and pick up tips about photographing the flowering gems they see along the way.</p>	
\$55.00		
1:15 pm to 4:15 pm	19Q Vistas and Landscape Stories of the Bertha Trail	
Category: Geology	Presenter: Ron McNeil Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	<p>Join soil scientist Ron McNeil as he travels the Bertha Trail. Discover how the landscape, the soil and the flowers are all connected in a deep way.</p>	
\$45.00		
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm	19R 100 Species Walk	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Valorie Webber Reserve now	
Activity level: Moderate	<p>Waterton is wonderfully rich with a diversity of wildflower species. On this walk, come search for and identify 100 species from A-Z with Valorie.</p>	
\$45.00		

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	19T The Sights from Bear’s Hump	
Category: Geology	Presenter: James Goulet	Reserve now
Activity level: Challenging \$45.00	Join James as he takes you up Bear’s Hump. Enjoy amazing views of the plains to the east and the Waterton valley to the south. James will explain the forces of nature that have brought about the rocks you are walking over and the landforms you see. Elevation gain: 225m/740 feet	
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	19U Bear Man of Kamchatka	
Category: Documentary	Presenter: Charlie Russell	Reserve now
Activity level: All \$20.00; Up to 18: \$10	Join Charlie Russell in Watching the Bear Man of Kamchatka. A 2006 BBC documentary about Charlie’s incredible work with Grizzly bears. See how he introduced wild grizzly bear cubs back into the wilderness. After this film you will look at bears differently. Following the movie you can ask Charlie Russell all of your desired questions.	
7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	19V Waterton Wild Presentation	
Category: Presentation	Presenter: Ian Wilson & Jacinthe Lavoie	
Activity level: All By Donation	Join Ian and Jacinthe for a multimedia presentation featuring their wonderful photographs of the wildflowers and wildlife found in Waterton’s landscape of sparkling lakes, impressive mountains, and wide-open vistas. Waterton Wild is an intimate portrait of the park, from the first crocus and colours of spring to the last pika and vibrant hues of late autumn.	

7:00 am to 10:00 am	20B Photographing Wildflowers along the Bellevue Trail	
Category: Photography	Presenter: Ian Wilson	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Join Ian Wilson, author and photographer of Wildflowers of Waterton Park during his hands-on workshop. Learn to capture the fine details of wildflowers along the Bellevue Trail. Camera settings, use of depth of field to highlight your subject, the benefits of a tripod, use of lighting and composition and other close-up techniques will be discussed while photographing wildflowers. Discover how best to use the settings on your camera for the perfect image, and benefit from Ian's years of photographic experience. Bring a tripod.	
\$45.00		
7:30 am to 10:30 am	20C The Geology of Waterton - What Makes Waterton Unique	
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\$45.00		
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Category: Flora	Presenter: Valorie Webber	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Waterton is wonderfully rich with a diversity of wildflower species. On this walk, come search for and identify 100 species from A-Z with Valorie.	
\$45.00		
8:00 am to 3:00 pm	20E Métis Beadwork and Design Workshop	
Category: First Nations	Presenter: Brenda Holder	Reserve now
Activity level: Easy	Learn about the history of the Flower Bead Work People, Métis Design and history and the significance of the 5 petals in this stunning artwork. You will have hands-on instructions on creating your own keepsake flower beadwork pouch; all supplies included. Lunch not included. Indoor.	
\$99.00		
8:30 am to 11:30 am	20G Wildflowers along the Prince of Wales Trail	
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jo-Anne Reynolds	Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Discover the amazing variety of wildflowers that inhabit the different habitats surrounding this landmark; hear of the history and delight in the views.	
\$45.00		

9:00 am to 11:30 am	20J Learn to Drum
Category: First Nations	Presenter: Piikani First Nations Reserve now
Activity level: All	Listen, can you hear it! The sound is beginning to build. Learn the beauty and wisdom of First Nations stories when combined with the music and the rhythm. Learn from the Piikani First Nations on what the drum symbolises and how you can learn to drum too. Please register as capacity is limited.
\$15.00	
9:15 am to 12:15 am	20K Wildflowers 101
Category: Flora	Presenter: Jacinthe Lavoie Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	From Agoseris to Yarrow this workshop will help you learn how to identify flowers using blossom, stem and leaf features. You will also learn about flower families and how to use guidebooks to identify flowers. Discover the diversity of plants you never noticed before.
\$45.00	
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm	20M Movie - The Artist's Garden (90min)
Category: Documentary	Presenter: Tickets sold at Opera House
Activity level: All	Following the smash hit <i>Painting the Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse</i> from Season 3 comes a new film based on the hugely popular exhibition "The Artist's Garden: American Impressionism and the Garden Movement, 1887-1920" from the Florence Griswold Museum in Connecticut, widely considered a home of American Impressionism. Taking its lead from French artists like Renoir and Cezanne, the American impressionist movement followed its own path which over a thirty-year period reveals as much about America as a nation as it does about its art as a creative power-house. It's a story closely tied to a love of gardens and a desire to preserve nature in a rapidly urbanizing nation.
\$10.00 Adults \$7.00 Children	Traveling to studios, gardens and famous locations throughout the United States, UK and France, this mesmerizing film is a feast for the eyes.
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	20T Hawk's Nest - A Memorial Walk for John Russell
Category: Special Event	Presenter: Charlie Russell Reserve now
Activity level: Moderate	Charlie will lead a walk from the Hawk's Nest up to the Butte west of the house. Charlie says: "It is a hike that John and the rest of us who live here have done many hundreds of times because the Butte looks out over the ranch that has been in the family for 111 years. It is land that John had a great love for. He looked after it for most of his life, seeing that it was not grazed too heavily and that the fences are in good repair. He loved to do this and I will love to tell people about it and try to explain what made my wonderful brother tick. (Only problem is that I will not be able to get the names of all the parsnips and Solomon seals that the bears like to eat refreshed by him this year.)"
By donation.	- All donations will go to the Castle Crown Wilderness Association in John's name.

Meet the Presenters

Alan Dyer is an author of several books, and associate editor of SkyNews, Canada's magazine of stargazing, and a contributing editor to Sky & Telescope magazine. His photos and videos have appeared on Spaceweather.com, National Geographic, CBSNews and more. The main belt asteroid #78434 is named in his honor. amazingsky.com

Brenda Holder is a Professional Interpretive Guide, Interpretive Guide Group Management Instructor, First Aid instructor, and Keeper of her Medicine Lineage. She takes great pleasure in sharing the knowledge that she has researched and gained through talking to elders about the rich Métis traditions of her heritage. Brenda offers Native Medicine classes in Canmore, Alberta.

Brent Laycock was born in Lethbridge, Alberta in 1947, and received an MFA at Brigham Young University in Utah. The subject matter for much of his work comes from the variety of mountain, foothill, prairie and parkland landscapes that are accessible from his home in Calgary. Much of his landscape painting expresses his love of the panoramic expanse of earth and sky which he develops into lyrical compositions. His work is represented in many important corporate collections, in the university collections of Brigham Young University, the University of Alberta, and in public collections such as Calgary's Civic Collection, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, the Glenbow-Alberta Institute, and the Royal Collection at Windsor Castle. The book *Waterton: Brush & Pen* features over one hundred Laycock paintings of Waterton Lakes National Park accompanied by essays by renowned author, Fred Stenson. Other articles and reproductions of his work have appeared in many Canadian and international art magazines, books and on two Canada Post stamps. WhitePine Productions has produced two instructional DVDs featuring Laycock's acrylic and watercolour techniques.

Carol Patterson ran away from a career as an oil and gas accountant, she's been writing about wildlife and adventure for publications including BBC Travel, Fodor's Travel, Roads and Kingdoms, Alaska magazine, Avenue Magazine, Red Deer Advocate and Vacay.ca.

Charlie Russell - Local resident, Charlie Russell is changing our perception of the grizzly, the Great Bear. His books, films, and personal presentations are spectacular in scope and an inspiration to experience.

Dr. Bill Hanlon is a family physician, pharmacist, expedition medicine consultant, travel and tropical medicine consultant. He is founder and director of Basic Health International Foundation. Dr. Bill has summited the highest peak on all 7 continents including Everest in 2007. He has skied across Greenland and skied 1200 km from Hercules Inlet to the South Pole. His travel and adventure experience matches his love of the health, culture and spirituality of people living in remote, high altitude areas. www.basichealthinternational.org

Dr. Roy Golsteyn is an Associate Professor of Biology and the Director of the Cancer Cell and the Natural Product Laboratories at the University of Lethbridge in Canada. He undertook his PhD in biochemistry in Sir Tim Hunt's laboratory (Nobel Prize 2001) at the University of Cambridge. Roy completed his studies as a research fellow in Switzerland, and the Institute Curie in Paris. Prior to joining the University of Lethbridge, he was a senior research scientist in drug discovery with a pharmaceutical company in France. He has published more than 80 scientific papers and holds 5 patents. Roy was born and raised in Lethbridge and has always been fascinated by plants and animals of the great outdoors.

Ian Wilson has spent many years exploring and photographing northern Canada. His photographs have appeared in many books and magazine across the country. His most recent books are *Waterton Wild*, *Wildflowers of Waterton Park*, and *Wildflowers of Banff Park*. Ian has also written five bestselling outdoor adventure books. He is now pursuing his passion of photographing wildflowers and wildlife. When he's not wandering in the mountains, Ian lives in Canmore, Alberta.

Jacinthe Lavoie has been a flower-bug since her childhood days. With training as a researcher, she has observed and enjoyed nature through each season. Her most recent books are *Waterton Wild*, *Wildflowers of Waterton Park*, and *Wildflowers of Banff Park*. Jacinthe has also written twelve educational books. She is now fulfilling her dream of writing about wildflowers and painting their beauty in watercolour. During the seasons when flowers are dormant, Jacinthe lives in Canmore, Alberta.

James Goulet has a B.Sc. Honors in Geology and lives in Saskatoon, but has travelled all over Western Canada, Nunavut and Australia with geological exploration work. He lives a very active lifestyle visible through his prominent involvement in officiating and coaching gymnastics.

Jo-Anne Reynolds lives on the prairie but loves to play in the mountains. She teaches at Medicine Hat College, in the Environmental Science and Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership programs. She enjoys interpreting nature, facilitating outdoor activities, and has a passion for 'botanizing' with people

Kim Pearson works as an Ecosystem Scientist for Parks Canada coordinating grassland restoration, wildlife movement and species at risk projects, among others. She collaborated for ten years on the Nature Conservancy of Canada's neighbouring Waterton Park Front Project and has consulted on various projects for organizations such as the Southern Alberta Land Trust Society, Alberta Fish and Wildlife and Canadian Wildlife Service. Kim has been identifying birds by ear for nearly twenty years; it is a practice she honed while conducting point counts for Parks Canada prior to the advent of digitized surveys. She and her family are proud to call the Waterton area home.

Kyle Marquardt has been hooked on photography ever since experimenting with his first digital camera in high school. After Attending Ryerson University in Toronto and learning more traditional darkroom processes, Kyle returned to the prairies and mountains he loves in Calgary, Alberta. Kyle's photography became a passport to new places when he took on the role of photography guide; escorting artists, enthusiasts and photographers alike to the Arctic and Antarctic where some of the most stunning landscapes and wildlife exist. Logging over 30 polar expeditions, Kyle isn't averse to teaching his techniques to others; there are no secrets and Kyle enjoys nurturing a photographers talent. Having a fervid taste for diversity and new challenges, Kyle can be seen from culinary to commercial photography, anything creative and new to keep his photographic eye fresh. His work is printed on a myriad of materials and media; from videos and slideshows to canvas gallery wraps.

Lyndon Penner grew up in rural Saskatchewan and has spent all of his time and energy on gardening since he was very young. He started working in the horticulture industry at the age of 16, and now writes, lectures, and teaches all over western Canada. When he is not pulling weeds in the garden or tromping all over the mountains in search of some obscure wildflower, Lyndon likes to spend time with his nephews or sitting quietly somewhere with a good book to read and a cup of coffee. His passion for Canada's native plants is what first brought him to Waterton and he is thrilled to be your guide to some of the country's most beautiful flowers.

Margaret Best lives in Alberta and loves Waterton. She is an accomplished and internationally recognized botanical artist and teacher, who has taught, and been recognized and exhibited in Canada, the USA and in the United Kingdom. www.bestbotanical.com

Piikani Group Piikani Traditional Knowledge Services is a department of the Piikani Nation whose mandate is preservation and enhancement of Piikani-Blackfoot heritage and culture. As such we provide educational outreach with a variety of programs and services available in cross-cultural awareness and understanding. PTKS operates out of the Buffalo Skull Lodge located on the Piikani First Nation in Southern Alberta, Canada.

Roger Riis since learning about Mason Bees a few years ago I have spent a lot of time researching the effects of pollination on our environment. I take great interest in teaching about pollination to all that show interest. I especially enjoy talking to younger people because they are the ones having to deal with mistakes made by my generation.

Ron McNeil is a soil and land resource scientist who specializes in natural resource inventories, ecological land classification, soil survey and interpretative products from inventories. Ron was instrumental in developing the link of soils and ecological range sites to native plant communities, which has been valuable for habitat management and species at risk. Ron also helped develop the 2010 reclamation criteria for native grasslands and cultivated lands in Alberta.

Ryan Heavy Head, Akáyo'kaki, is a well-known naturalist in Southern Alberta, equally recognized for his Blackfoot traditional-knowledge approach to ecological studies, and for his role as the lead conservator for prairie rattlesnakes in the city of Lethbridge. Heavy Head holds a Blackfoot Eminent Scholar Kainai Doctorate from Red Crow College and the Blood Tribe, a Masters degree in cultural anthropology from the University of Lethbridge, and principal transfer rights in the Niitsitapi discipline of Beaver Bundle Caretaking. He was formerly the Director of Kainai Studies at Red Crow Community College, and is currently envisioning the development of a private school without walls, The Aimmoniisiiksi Institute, which will offer learning opportunities for all ages, anchored in the Blackfoot knowledge paradigm.

Valorie Webber is a studied lover of everything floral with a repertoire of over 500 wildflower species. Valorie is also a gardener for hire and is involved with invasive species control.

Activity Level Descriptions

ALL	EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
<p>Activity may occur indoors; minimal walking is involved; some venues are wheelchair accessible.</p>	<p>Participants must be able 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.</p>	<p>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 kmph pace (2 mph).</p>	<p>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 kmph (2.5 mph) pace over uneven ground.</p>



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