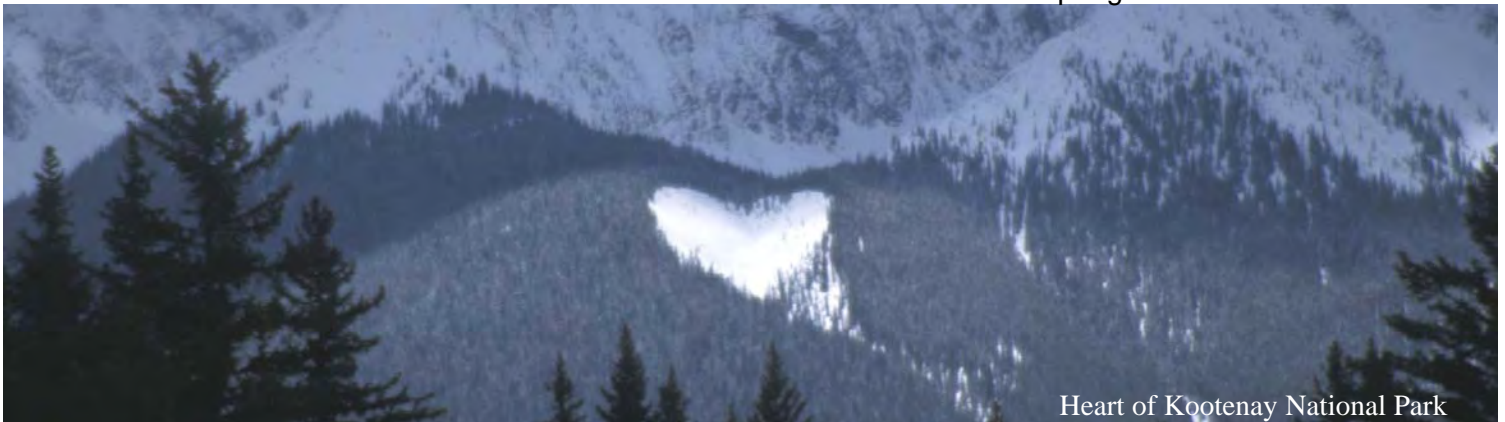




Friendly Intentions

Spring 2009 NEWSLETTER



Heart of Kootenay National Park

As a volunteer, charitable, non-profit organization, 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.

The Friends support events and activities throughout the year: Junior Naturalist Program, Wild Voices Speakers Series, Sponsor a Bighorn program, Knapweed Pull, Head Banger Trail Challenge Fund Raiser, Headbanger tour.

Nature's Gifts & Bookstore



Board member Natalie Wallace gave the gift store a make over!

Friends of Kootenay National Park
Annual General Meeting
April 20th 2009
7:30 pm
Visitor Information Centre
Radium Hot Springs

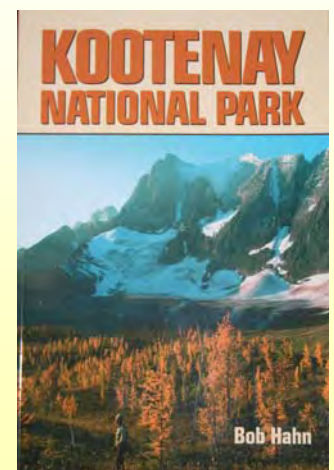
Gifts for Everyone!

The Friends operate the *Nature's Gifts & Bookstore*, year round with an excellent selection of gifts, books, and maps. Located in the Radium Information Centre the gift shop is open year round.



Gifts & Books
for the whole family!

Check our website for
ideas:
www.friendsofkootenay.ca





Exploring Our World

2009 Wild Voices Speakers Series

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

Wed JANUARY 28:

Paddling with the David Thompson Brigade

3300 km trip across Canada's waterways
by *Eloise and Ross MacDonald*

Wed FEBRUARY 25

Mystery of 'Animal Communication Trees

by *Cam McTavish*

Wed MARCH 11th

Power of Green in Tibet by *Gail Berg*

Wed APRIL 8th

Renewable Energy for a Greener Planet

by *Bill Swan*



Wed. APRIL 22th

Community Greenhouse by *Lin Steedman*

Sponsored by: Friends of Kootenay National Park, Parks Canada, Columbia Valley Botanical Gardens, & Centre for Sustainability, Greenman

Volunteer Checklist:

- () I will help with the Headbanger Trail Challenge - free lunch, t-shirt and fun (September)
- () I will help with the Bighorn Projects (year round)
- () I will help with the Junior Naturalist Program (summer)
- () I will help with the Wild Voices Speakers Series (winter) call Deb Griffith: 250 347 2213
- () I will help at the next Weed Warrior Pull (summer)
- () I will help at the Natures Gift and Book Store.
- () I would like to be on the Friends of Kootenay board.

TO GET INVOLVED! Contact us at:

www.friendsofkootenay@gmail.com or ph: 250 342 6525

For more info on programs see the website:

www.friendsofkootenay.ca

MEMBERS ALERT!

Visit our website: www.friendsofkootenay.ca for additional information about upcoming events.

If you would like to be removed from our membership list email us at: friendsofkootenay@gmail.com



Tourism Radium Hot Springs

Head Banger Tours

Radium Hot Springs Chamber, Parks Canada,
Friends of Kootenay National Park

Last falls Head Banger tours were packed full of action. Bighorn Rams strutting about in full mating mode; participants with cameras and binoculars on the ready for the ultimate experience of seeing the head-banging ritual. Experts were on hand to tell the unique story about the local band of bighorn sheep, which spends summers in Kootenay National Park and winters in the town of Radium Hot Springs.

Signup for next falls Oct/Nov tours by calling the Radium Chamber of Commerce at 250 347 9331 or online at:

www.radiumhotsprings.com



Headbanger Trail Challenge

80 runners participated in this year's first ever Headbanger Trail Challenge. This very rewarding 10 km run starts from the town of Radium and loops up into Kootenay National Park!

Everyone was thrilled by the quality of the course, food and fun.

This excellent run will be held next year on:

September 26, 2009

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

If you are interested in participating as a runner or a volunteer contact us at:

www.friendsofkootenay.ca
rdverboom@gmail.com



Sponsor a Bighorn

Bighorn sheep have lived in the Radium area for thousands of years. In the past 50 years there has been pressure on this "species of concern" from more people, development and highways.

Help with research efforts by donating to the Sponsor a Bighorn program. Donate at the lamb, Ewe, Ram or Full curl Ram levels and receive a beautiful bighorn certificate.

Write or email the Friends of Kootenay for a brochure or to send in your donation.

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Junior Naturalists



Kids had a lot of fun at the Junior Naturalist program last summer. Join us for fun activities, hikes, crafts, and special guest park presenters.

Sign your children up for the summer!
Held through July and August.



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Ron Verboom – Vice-Chair

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

Wendy Bennett, president
Friends of Kootenay National Park

BIGHORN PHOTOS Contest!

The Friends of Kootenay are excited about a new 2009 initiative to publishing a **Big Horn Sheep Photo Book** depicting how Sheep interact with the Village of Radium and surrounding areas.

DO YOU have any wild, funny, dramatic, crazy head banging, or cute Bighorn sheep photos!!

Phone or email us to get more information. We would love to include your photos in our book. Prizes to be announced!



Join us and become a Member!

Become a member of the Friends of Kootenay and know you are helping to support education and the ecology of Kootenay National Park and the surrounding area.

To become a member fill out the following form and post it with payment to:

Friends of Kootenay National Park
Box 512, Radium Hot Springs, BC V0A1M0

Or go to the website: www.friendsofkootenay.ca

Your membership entitles you to:

- 10% discount in the Nature's Gift 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