



WILD ABOUT ALGONQUIN!

A Kids' Guide to Exploring & Protecting Wildlife

Algonquin Region • Northern Ontario Adventure



Animals to Look Out For in the Algonquin Region



Moose

- Canada's largest deer!
- Moose love wetlands, ponds, and forest edges.
- Best time to spot them: early morning or evening.

How to Help:

- ✔ Stay quiet and give moose lots of space.
 - ✔ Never feed moose.
 - ✔ Watch from a safe distance.
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Wolves

- Algonquin is famous for its eastern wolves!
- Wolves help keep nature balanced.
- You may hear them howl at night.

How to Help:

- ✔ Keep forests clean.
 - ✔ Respect wildlife habitats.
 - ✔ Never leave food behind.
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Beavers

- Canada's national animal!
- Beavers build lodges and dams that create homes for many other animals.

How to Help:

- ✔ Observe beaver lodges from far away.
 - ✔ Don't damage sticks, dams, or lodges.
 - ✔ Keep waterways clean.
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Owls

- Owls are nighttime hunters.
- Great horned owls and barred owls live in the Algonquin area.

How to Help:

- ✔ Use flashlights carefully at night.
 - ✔ Stay quiet when listening for owls.
 - ✔ Protect trees where owls nest.
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Turtles

- Algonquin has snapping turtles and painted turtles.
- Turtles often cross roads in spring and summer.

How to Help:

- ✔ Tell an adult if you see a turtle near a road.
 - ✔ Never pick up snapping turtles.
 - ✔ Help keep lakes and ponds litter-free.
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Monarch Butterflies

- Monarchs travel thousands of kilometres!
- They need wildflowers and milkweed plants.

How to Help:

- ✔ Plant native flowers.
 - ✔ Protect pollinator gardens.
 - ✔ Don't catch butterflies.
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Frogs & Salamanders

- Frogs and salamanders need clean water.
- They are very sensitive to pollution.

How to Help:

- ✔ Never throw garbage into ponds or streams.
 - ✔ Walk carefully near wetlands.
 - ✔ Observe gently without touching.
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Loons

- Loons are famous for their beautiful calls.
- They nest near lakes across Algonquin.

How to Help:

✔ Stay far away from loon nests. ✔ Keep beaches and lakes clean. ✔ Watch quietly from shore.

Nature Rules

Be a Wildlife Hero!

★ Look — don't touch. ★ Leave nests, feathers, plants, and animal homes where they are. ★ Stay on trails when possible. ★ Pick up litter. ★ Respect all living things. ★ Use quiet voices in nature. ★ Never feed wild animals.

Outdoor Safety Tips

Stay Safe While Exploring

💧 Wear sunscreen and bug spray. 💧 Bring lots of water. 👟 Wear proper shoes for hiking. 🧢 Wear a hat on sunny days. 🦟 Watch for mosquitoes and ticks. 👤 Stay with an adult or group. ⚡ Go indoors during thunderstorms. 🔥 Never play near campfires without an adult.

Fun Wildlife Challenges

Can you... Hear a loon call? Spot animal tracks? Find a feather on the ground? See a butterfly on a flower? Hear frogs singing at night? Spot a beaver lodge? Find a wildflower? Pick up 3 pieces of litter? Hear an owl at night? Spot a turtle basking on a log?

Remember!

Every small action helps protect wildlife and keep Algonquin beautiful for animals and people.

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