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2009 WATERTON WILDLIFE WEEKEND AGENDA

Date & Time	Activity & Presenter	Cost
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25		
5:00–6:30PM	1A Wildlife from Horseback – Alpine Stables ~ Dee Barrus, backcountry outfitter and mountain guide	\$60.00
4:00–6:00PM	1B Wildlife Stories and Possibilities for Conservation ~ Kevin Van Tighem, author, biologist & Banff Park Superintendent at the Weston Family Conservation Centre at the Waterton Park Front	Free
7:00PM	1C Bears – Slide Show & Talk at the Falls Theatre ~ Steve Harrington, professional photographer	Free
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26		
8:00–10:00AM	2A Wildlife Photography ~ Steve Harrington, professional photographer	\$25.00
8:30–10:00AM	2B Wildlife from Horseback – Elk Viewing – Alpine Stables ~ Dee Barrus, backcountry outfitter and mountain guide	\$60.00
10:30–12:00 noon	2D Tracks, Scat & Antlers ~ Mike Taylor, National Park Warden	\$25.00
9:45AM–12:00 noon	2E Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat – Shoreline Boat Cruise ~ Special Interpretive Tour	\$34.00
10:00AM–12:00 noon	2F Bison and the Prehistory of Waterton ~ Dr. Brian Reeves, archaeologist	\$25.00
1:00–3:30PM	2F Waterton Bears & Bear Habitat ~ John Russell, wildlife biologist	\$35.00
4:00–6:00PM	2K Tea Time with the Author – Wildlife Readings ~ Kevin Van Tighem, author, biologist & Banff Park Superintendent, at the famous Hawk's Nest, Andy Russell's home	\$35.00
4:30–6:00PM	2J All About Elk: – Guided Elk Viewing ~ Cristina Eisenberg, conservation biologist, Boone and Crockett Fellow – transportation provided; bring binoculars or spotting scope	\$35.00
7:00PM	2L Waterton Wolves – Slide Show & Talk at the Falls Theatre ~ Andrea Morehouse, University of Alberta	Free
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27		
7:00–8:30AM	3A All About Elk: Guided Elk Viewing ~ Cristina Eisenberg, conservation biologist, Boone and Crockett Fellow – transportation provided; bring binoculars or spotting scope	\$35.00
8:00–11:00AM	3B Photography: Wildlife & Landscape ~ Frans Brouwers, professional photographer, Associate, International Federation of Photographic Art	\$30.00
8:30–10:00AM	3C Wildlife from Horseback – Alpine Stables ~ Dee Barrus, backcountry outfitter and mountain guide	\$60.00
9:00–11:30AM	3D The Wildlife of Waterton – Grasslands & Montane ~ Kim Pearson, conservation biologist	\$25.00
1:00–3:00PM	3E Tea Time with the Author – Wildlife Readings ~ Sid Marty, award-winning author & columnist at the famous Hawk's Nest, Andy Russell's home	\$35.00
1:00–3:30PM	3G The Wildlife of Waterton – Subalpine & Alpine ~ Kim Pearson, conservation biologist	\$25.00

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

All About Elk – Guided Elk Viewing ~ Hear about the fascinating research being conducted on elk and their relationship to the forest and Waterton wolves from an elk specialist who will assist in viewing their autumn rituals through spotting scopes. Transportation included; bring binoculars or spotting scope.

Bison and the Prehistory of Waterton ~ Waterton wildlife was significant in traditional Piikani (Peigan) culture. See and learn about bison hunting and sacred places in Waterton.

Photography: Wildlife and Landscape ~ Composition and light are key elements in this field course. Digital & film; tripod recommended; some walking.

Tea Time with the Author – Wildlife Readings at the famous Hawk's Nest, Andy Russell's home ~ Sid Marty will read from one of his many books and poems at the legendary Hawk's Nest, the historic hunting lodge and writing studio of noted conservationist Andy Russell. A light tea will be served.

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Tracks, Scat and Antlers ~ Delve into the unique and cyclical process of antler growth and development. During an easy walk, we'll also examine scat and tracks of various Waterton mammals.

Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat – Shoreline Boat Cruise ~ Sail onboard the scenic Waterton Shoreline Cruise and hear about the animals and their environments in the Upper Waterton Valley.

Wildlife from Horseback ~ Ride through prairie grasslands and aspen forests to see and observe wild animals in their natural habitat.

Wildlife Photography ~ Waterton Lakes National Park is a dream location for the wildlife photographer. The area is abundant with large mammals

and birds and there are several locations where animals congregate in the fall, leading to exciting photographic opportunities. The workshop will focus on non-intrusive photography with emphasis on large-lens techniques for full-frame images and wide-angle lens for “animal in the scene” images. The mandate is not to disturb the wildlife but, rather, let the animals become accustomed to our presence so that we can view and photograph them in their natural state. The prime viewing areas are close to roads though some walking will be required. All cameras are suitable for the workshop though full-body SLR, both digital and film, lend themselves better to this type of photography. Tripods are highly recommended and binoculars are a great aid.

Wildlife Stories, and the Possibilities for Conservation ~ at the Weston Family Conservation Centre at the Waterton Park Front (located at Waterton Springs Campground, immediately north of the park boundary on Highway 6).

Kevin Van Tighem will explore the idea of how the stories we put out into the world can work for, or against, wildlife. From man-killer grizzlies, to Bambi, to coffee shop reminiscences about fishing trips—and perhaps no less importantly from the stories that have yet to be told—the landscape of possibilities for wildlife conservation is as big, or as small, as our stories make it.

Waterton Bears & Bear Habitat ~ Look and learn about bears with a noted Russell family member as you travel through prime bear country.

The Wildlife of Waterton – Grasslands & Montane ~ Discover the diversity of Waterton's landscape as we venture from the foothills fescue grasslands to the montane subregion, exploring the unique wildlife that inhabit the Red Rock Valley.

The Wildlife of Waterton – Subalpine and Alpine ~ Waterton's high country is host to many a special species adapted to short seasons and often difficult conditions. We'll visit the Cameron Valley, wandering through the subalpine and taking a trip into the more difficult terrain of the alpine via spotting scope.

PROGRAM PRESENTERS



Dee Barrus



Frans Brouwers



Cristina Eisenberg



Stephen Harrington



Sid Marty



Andrea Morehouse

Dee Barrus is a long-time Waterton backcountry outfitter and trail guide. His knowledge of nature and gentle mountain manner makes a ride in wild-life country a very special experience.

Frans Brouwers was born and educated in Veenendaal, Holland, emigrating to Canada in 1956. His photographs are widely exhibited and found in numerous collections. Frans currently specializes in photographing wildlife and landscapes. He is an Associate of the Canadian Association of Photographic Art, the International Federation of Photographic Art and a recipient of the Commendation Service Award from the Photographic Society of America.

Cristina Eisenberg is Boone and Crockett Club Fellow and a conservation biologist teaching and working on her PhD in Forestry and Wildlife at Oregon State University. She is a researcher on the Southwest Alberta Montane Elk Study, investigating how wolf predation affects elk behavior and herd fitness. Cristina is writing a book for Island Press entitled *Landscapes of Hope: Trophic Cascades and Biodiversity*.

Stephen Harrington is a Canadian born photographer dedicated to the appreciation and preservation of Canada's wildlife and wilderness areas. His main body of work focuses on the natural beauty of Southern Alberta, in particular Waterton Lakes National Park and the surrounding foothills/prairies.

Sid Marty's work has appeared in *Equinox*, *Canadian Geographic*, *National Geographic Traveler* and in many Canadian anthologies and literary magazines. He is the author of five non-fiction books (*Men for the Mountains*, *Switchbacks*, *A Grand and Fabulous Notion*, *Leaning on the Wind*, and most recently *The Black Grizzly of Whiskey Creek*) and three collections of poetry. Sid Marty is the 2008 inaugural winner of the Grant MacEwan Literary Arts Award. He is a columnist for *Legacy Magazine* and he lives in the foothills of southwestern Alberta. His website can be found at sidmarty.com.

Andrea Morehouse is a graduate student at the University of Alberta. Andrea received her B.Sc. from Tufts University in 2004 with a double major in Biology and Environmental Studies. Upon completion of her degree, Andrea spent several years working on various wildlife projects across the United States and South America. She has worked with a wide variety of species including seabirds, ungulates, small mammals, amphibians, monkeys, and fishers.



Kimberly Pearson



Dr. Barney Reeves



John Russell



Mike Taylor

Kimberly Pearson worked on Waterton Lakes National Park's bird and amphibian monitoring programs for three summers and studied long-toed salamanders and fish for her M.Sc. research through the University of Lethbridge. She is a year-round resident of Waterton and Conservation Coordinator of the Nature Conservancy of Canada's Waterton Park Front Project.

Dr. Brian Reeves is an acclaimed expert on archeology and ethnology of the Northern Rockies and Plains. He is a prominent professor emeritus in Archeology at the University of Calgary and a Nature Conservancy of Canada board member.

John Russell All his life John Russell has explored the landscapes of Waterton. His studies of wildflowers and wildlife were the basis of his degree in Zoology. A botanist and wildlife biologist, John's work as a scientific consultant includes The Nature Conservancy of Canada's Waterton Park Front project.

Mike Taylor is a fifth generation southwestern Albertan, and a second generation Park Warden in Waterton Lakes National Park. He has a B.Sc. in Environmental Science from the University of Lethbridge. One of his biggest passions is the wildlife of the Rocky Mountain Front.

Kevin Van Tighem has family roots in Alberta that go back to the 1870s. He has spent most of his life working for the conservation of Alberta's wildlife and wild places as a biologist, writer and land manager. He has published nine books on wildlife and conservation topics, as well as numerous articles. From 1993–2000 he was Waterton Lakes National Park's conservation biologist and he currently is Superintendent of Banff National Park. Kevin and his wife Gail have three grown children and a home place on the Oldman River, between the Livingstone Range and the Porcupine Hills.



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REGISTRATION / INFORMATION

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Cancellation Policy: 48 hours notice

All programs will run rain or shine

Car Pool Events: The Waterton Wildlife Weekend is a car pool event. You may ride with someone else or drive your own vehicle.

Wear: walking shoes, rain & sun gear, windbreaker

Bring: water, snack, sunscreen, bug spray, camera

Photography courses: digital & film; tripod recommended; some walking

Register at: Tamarack Outdoor Outfitters 209 Mount View Road, on the main entrance road to the Waterton Park townsite.

Please note: There are no washrooms available at the registration site.

Meet: Please meet 20 minutes prior to event start time at **Tamarack Outdoor Outfitters**.

Please check our website for new classes and updates.

Where to Stay and Dine: www.myWaterton.ca