



THE FRIENDS OF HIBOU CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



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YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

We begin with gratitude for your help and support over the past few years.

Every year volunteers have given time and energy to help with beach cleanup and trail clipping so visitors to Hibou can enjoy swimming at the beach and hiking the trails.



The support of our funders have made it possible to purchase the supplies and bring in the gravel and wood to build the trails.

Volunteers have spent hours making the boardwalks. Our Friends of Hibou Committee have met to plan and organize what was to be done.

Photo by Don Sankey

Thanks for all that you have done!

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020?

There are two major things I want to bring to your attention. First, you have likely noticed that the water of Georgian Bay has risen significantly. This has affected the beach shoreline, and the natural shoreline to the south of the park area. It is now not possible to walk along the shore south of the park without getting very wet feet.

The beach itself is now much shorter but still very useable. The rocks that we have been able to walk to on dry land a few years ago are now under water. What does this mean? Well we just have to take that into account in our planning and in some cases do things a little differently.

Second, we are very excited to be planning a big event in June. **Hibou Free Family Fun Day** will be held on **Saturday June 20**. We want to see families there to take part in the variety of activities we are planning. We will have passports with several activity options. Fun, educational, experiential activities. Wait till you see.

The kids will love to see and maybe touch the reptiles brought over for the occasion. We hope to have Big Bay Ice Cream for sale there too. Some activities will take in a part of the Interpretive Trail. Others will take place closer to the beach area learning about shoreline changes, rocks, bugs and more. What a wonderful kick off for the season. And no you will not have to pay for parking.

WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED

You can start to spread the word and help us get a big turnout. Yes we will also let the volunteers know what kind of help we will be needing from you if you have the time available. So **please keep Saturday afternoon of June 20 open.**

We look forward to an exciting year in 2020. Hope you all have a wonderful holiday with family and friends.
See you in the New Year!

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