



*Get out and enjoy the Winter Wonderland at your doorstep!*

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### Metis Nation of Ontario Hosts Winter Wanderings in LW

The Metis Nation of Ontario invites everyone to join their snow shoe excursions in Laurier Woods. The first outing took place on Jan.15<sup>th</sup> when a dozen interested citizens came out to participate. With a goal to promote nature connection, sharing knowledge of Metis traditions and engaging families with outdoor physical activity, they offered equipment (on loan) and a safe group atmosphere while learning new outdoor skills and enjoying the beauty of Laurier Woods. They will offer this opportunity again on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>. Why not join them?

### **REMEMBER IT IS IMPORTANT TO "POOP AND SCOOP"**

*With the mild winter we are noticing increasing winter-use of the trails and understandably, many people are bringing their dogs along for outdoor exercise. We have been receiving complaints about the large amount of dog feces along the trails. Not only does this look bad against the snowy backdrop, but it poses an increased danger and threat to the local wildlife. To avoid the need for a massive clean-up in the spring, we are reminding all dog owners to Poop and Scoop. Bags and disposal area are available in the parking lot.*

## 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Laurier Woods will host Brian Tayler, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority as Guest Speaker at its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 6:00-9:00p.m at The Rorab Shrine Club, 1260 Brookes Street, North Bay. Brian will be sharing news of the NBMCA's new and continuing initiatives.

The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm. The Friends of Laurier Woods business meeting will run from 7:30-8:00pm, followed by the Guest Speaker. During the business meeting the Board of Directors, consisting of 21 volunteer members, is elected for the year. New members, those interested in the protection of this provincially significant wetland, are always welcome. Board members serve for a minimum one-year term and may also participate on any of the committees established to oversee the planning and development of this 240-acre site.

Tickets for the Annual General Meeting dinner are \$25/person and must be purchased in advance at the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, 15 Janey Ave., North Bay or Mayne Travel, 173 Main St., W., North Bay or by contacting Terri Haist 705-492-9734 Susan Christian, 705-752-2837.

**REMEMBER IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - \$20/individual; \$30/family**

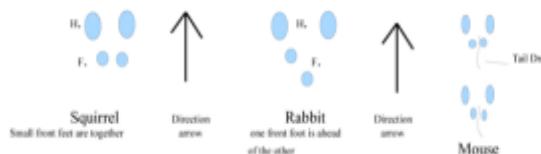
### What is Happening in Laurier Woods?

- The trails are in good condition, mostly hard packed for walking, snow -shoeing and running.
- Plans are underway to install picnic tables, one in the parking lot and the others along the trails across from the Haist Platform. This should occur in the spring.

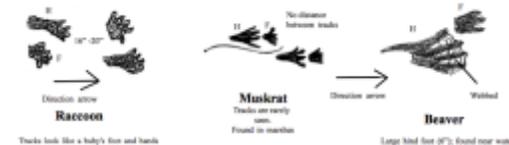


### Who is Making Tracks in the Snow?

The comings and goings of our wildlife neighbours are easier to follow in the winter, especially after a light snowfall covering. Winter is the best times to identify animal tracks. There are three basic groups of track patterns to learn. **Hoppers** make a clump of four tracks in the snow, a space, then another clump of tracks. The large tracks are the hind feet (H) and the small tracks are the front feet (F)



**Walkers** have a large hind foot & a small front foot. The important things to look for are the size of the track and the position of the front foot and the hind foot.



**Straight-line walkers** step with the hind foot falling exactly in the track of the front foot. Thus, the pattern in the snow appears that the animals are two-legged.

