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## At-A-Glance

Colour indicates activity level.

Time	Friday, September 22	Saturday, September 23	Sunday, September 24
6:00 am - 8:00 am		23A The Fall Rut	24A The Fall Rut
8:30 am - 11:30 am			24C Ride the Redrock Parkway 24D Wildlife Writing: Fact and fiction in the Southern Rockies
9:00 am - 12:00 am		23C Wildlife Writing: Fact and fiction in the Southern Rockies	
9:00 am - 3:00 pm		23D Heritage Equestrian Ride	
9:15 am - 12:15 pm		23E Getting started in Wildlife Photography	24E Advance Techniques for Wildlife Photography
9:30 am - 12:00 pm		23F Bears of Waterton	24F Salamander 'Byway' Volunteer Event
9:30 am - 12:30 pm			
9:45 am - 12:45 pm			24G A Walk with Charlie
11:00 am - 1:00 pm		23H Sex and the single squirrel	24H Habitat sharing between cattle and native ungulates in a working landscape (1 hour)
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm		23L Striking Balance: Exploring Canada's Biosphere Reserves	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm 24J Alberta's Wild Bees
2:15 pm - 4:30 pm		23M A Walk with Charlie	
2:30 pm - 4:45 pm			24K Tea at the Hawk's Nest
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm			24N Photo Analysis
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm		23N Sharing the Range: Carnivores and Communities in Southwestern Alberta	
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm	22N Grizzly and Brown Bears of the Earth	23P Riding into Wildlife Country	
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	5:30 pm - 9:00 pm 22P Barbeque and The Wardens Performance	23Q Striking Balance: Exploring Canada's Biosphere Reserves	
7:00 pm	22R Canada 150: Bert Riggall's Greater Waterton - A conservation Legacy		
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	22T Opening Up the Prairies for Pronghorn	23T Star Gazing and Night Sky Presentation	
8:30 pm to 11:30 pm	22V Night Sky Photography		

Only this year:

Headquarter at **Lions Hall** (same building where the new Post Office is located)  
 209 Fountain Avenue, Waterton Park, AB  
 (See map on page 9)

**Please come to the meeting place 20 minutes before start time.**

If no meeting place mentioned, come to the venue (i.e. Falls Theatre, Opera House).

For locations see map on page 9)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	<h2>22N Grizzly and Brown Bears of the Earth</h2>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Opera House</b>	Presenter: <b>Reno Sommerhalder</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	With both video clips and photos Reno will illustrate how brown and grizzly bears are being managed and perceived world wide, including Canada. What can we do, to help correct the often sensationalistic image of this important indicator of healthy eco-systems.
\$15.00 Adult \$ 9.00 Student (ID req.)	<a href="#" style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px;"><b>Reserve now</b></a>
5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	<h2>22P Barbeque and The Wardens Performance</h2>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Waterton Community Centre</b>	Presenter: <b>Waterton - Glacier International Peace Park Association</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	Come and enjoy a Barbecue with those attending the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly. Cocktails start at 5:30 pm, the Barbecue will be from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, and The Wardens will start at 8:00 pm. Come and enjoy! Get your tickets until September 15th.
\$30.00	<a href="#" style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px;"><b>Reserve now</b></a>
7:00 pm	<h2>22R Canada 150: Bert Riggall's Greater Waterton - A conservation Legacy</h2>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter:
Activity level: <b>easy</b>	Bert Riggall was a legendary Waterton guide and outfitter who shared his deep love and knowledge of this area with his guests and neighbours. His observations and advocacy set in motion many of the ongoing conservation initiatives at play in the Greater Waterton region today. An outstanding photographer, Riggall is the topic of a
Free	new book being launched this Fall. <span style="float: right;"><a href="#" style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px;"><b>Reserve now</b></a></span>

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>22T Opening Up the Prairies for Pronghorn</b>	
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Falls Theatre</b>	Presenter: <b>Paul Jones</b>	
Activity level: <b>all</b>	Although this very unique animal may be called the North American antelope, the pronghorn is the last living descendant of the family Antilocapridae, and is not related to those found in Africa. The pronghorn is only found within the grasslands of North America and prefers flat to rolling terrain. The second fastest land mammal and smaller than a deer, the pronghorn is head and feet above the rest. Cold winters and fences all affect this animal's survival. For the past ten years, Paul Jones has been studying this animal through the prairies of Alberta. Come and learn about why the pronghorn is a unique species and how the Alberta Conservation Association and its partners are working to	
<b>By Donation</b>	open up the prairies for pronghorn.	<b>No Reservation</b>
8:30 pm - 11:30 pm	<b>22V Night Sky Photography</b>	
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter: <b>Alan Dyer</b>	
Activity level: <b>all</b>	Join astrophotographer Alan Dyer on an evening shoot of the autumn night sky and Milky Way above a scenic Waterton landscape to learn the basics of nightscape photography. Participants should have a DSLR or mirrorless camera, with a wide-angle lens, preferably f/2.8 or faster, and a good tripod.	
<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>	

6:00 am - 8:00 am	<b>23A The Fall Rut</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter: <b>Dale Paton</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	As many as 800 elk converge on Waterton each year for the fall rut. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear these magnificent animals under the guidance of elk researcher, Dale Paton.
<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>23C Wildlife Writing: Fact and fiction in the Southern Rockies</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter: <b>Jeff Doherty</b>
Activity level: <b>moderate</b>	As long as humans have been observing wildlife, they have also been writing about the diet, mating rituals and habits of wildlife. As with all writing, the goal is to inform, persuade and invoke a sense of wonder. Join local freelance writer Jeff Doherty for a moderate half-day hike as we steep ourselves in notable passages - both fact and fiction - from well-known western Canadian authors including Sid Marty, Howard O'Hagan, Sharon Butala and Andy Russell.
<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	<b>23D Heritage Equestrian Ride</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter:
Activity level: <b>Experienced Riders, Riders will be interviewed</b>	Bert Riggall was a legendary Waterton guide and outfitter who shared his deep love and knowledge of this area with his guests and neighbors. His observations and advocacy set in motion many of the ongoing conservation initiatives at play in the Greater Waterton region today. An outstanding photographer, Riggall is the topic of a new book being launched this Fall.
<b>Free</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>
9:15 am - 12:15pm	<b>23E Getting started in Wildlife Photography</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter: <b>Joe Desjardins</b>
Activity level: <b>easy</b>	Joe will get you started with the basics of wildlife photography. An introduction to gear, camera settings and hands on techniques in the field!
<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>

9:30 am - 12:30 noon	<b>23F Bears of Waterton</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter: <b>Charlie Russell</b>
Activity level: <b>moderate</b>	Learn to recognize the signs of bear activity in Waterton. Learn about their habits and ways of life as bear expert Charlie Russell shares knowledge, stories and points of view garnered from his life living in environments where these wonderful animals abound.
<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	<b>23H Sex and the single squirrel</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Opera House</b>	Presenter: <b>Dr. Gail R. Michener</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	Get an insider's view of the extraordinary effort male Richardson's ground squirrels make to win the paternity sweepstakes, and learn what females do to get the best guy(s) as dads for their babies. This slide show will provide insights into the upstairs-downstairs life of squirrels that do not climb trees but instead shuttle between the surface and underground world.
<b>\$15.00 Adult</b> <b>\$ 9.00 Student (ID req.)</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>23L Striking Balance: Exploring Canada's Biosphere Reserves</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Opera House</b>	Presenter: <b>Opera House</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	Narrated by Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy, "Striking Balance: Waterton Biosphere Reserve" is a 50 min documentary in cinematic 4K - combining aerial, on capture time-lapse, and nature photography to create a stunning picture of this Biosphere Reserve. Join us on this epic journey and it might change the way you think about the natural world, and our place in it.
<b>\$5.00 (tickets at Box Office)</b>	<b>Tickets at Box Office</b>
2:15 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>23M A Walk with Charlie</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter: <b>Charlie Russell</b>
Activity level: <b>moderate</b>	An opportunity to spend time with renowned naturalist Charlie Russell; at home - bear country, in his element nature. Listen to his thoughts about man and nature - in the past, the present and future.
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4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>23N Sharing the Range: Carnivores and Communities in Southwestern Alberta</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Falls Theatre</b>	Presenter: <b>Dr. Andrea Morehouse</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	Dr. Andrea Morehouse, Waterton Biosphere Reserve's Science and Stewardship Coordinator, will share information on large carnivores in southwestern Alberta. Learn about the grizzly bear population and some of the challenges that arise when people and large carnivores share the landscape. Dr. Morehouse will speak about the Waterton Biosphere Reserve's Carnivores and Communities Program and some of the local conflict mitigation efforts that are underway in the region.
<b>By Donation</b>	<b>No Reservation</b>

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	<b>23P Riding into Wildlife Country</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Alpine Stables</b>	Presenter: <b>Alpine Stables</b>
Activity level: <b>moderate</b>	Ride through prairie grasslands and aspen forests; enjoy the fall colours and see wild animals in their natural habitat.
<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>23Q Striking Balance: Exploring Canada's Biosphere Reserves</b>
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Activity level: <b>all</b>	Astronomy author and astrophotographer Alan Dyer takes us on a tour of the wonders of the night sky, first in a talk indoors illustrated with his images and time-lapse movies of the sky, then followed by a stargazing session under Waterton's dark skies using the Park's powerful reflector telescope, weather permitting.
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8:30 am - 11:30 am	<b>24C Ride the Redrock Parkway</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Red Rock Canyon</b>	Presenter: <b>Parks Canada</b>
Activity level: <b>easy to moderate</b>	Celebrate Canada 150 with Ride the Red Rock. Bring your bicycle, bring a friend and ride the newly paved Red Rock Parkway with minimal vehical traffic. Bring your own potable water and snacks. Staff will be at the start of the ride and at Crandell Campground. Distance to Red Rock Canyon is 14 kilometres, 28 kilometres return. Rides are weather dependent, and will be run at Parks Canada's discretion based on the weather
<b>Free</b>	forecast on the Friday before the ride. <b>No Reservation</b>
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Activity level: <b>moderate</b>	Joe Desjardins will share some advance techniques in the field to capture those amazing moments in the field, along with some advanced camera techniques. Joe will discuss composition and safety. Participants should have a good knowledge of their camera.
<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>
9:30 am - 12:00 noon	<b>24F Salamander 'Byway' Volunteer Event</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Field/Visitor Centre</b>	Presenter: <b>William Greene</b>
Activity level: <b>moderate</b>	Be part of the salamander team! The salamander catch fences are in need of a little repair. Come spend a few hours and help maintain the thoroughfare to their habitat across the road. No cost, just come and join the brigade; learn a bit about the salamanders and give a hand in helping ensure their continued survival.
<b>Free</b>	<b>Reserve now</b>

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Venue/Meeting place: <b>Opera House</b>	Presenter: <b>Don Thompson</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	Protected areas like Waterton Park provide excellent core habit for native ungulates such as elk, deer, bighorn sheep and bison. Private and crown land surrounding protected area can also provide excellent habitat for native ungulates and grazing by cattle can precondition vegetation so as to enhance its nutritional value for ungulates, especially elk.
\$15.00 Adult \$ 9.00 Student (ID req.)	<b>Reserve now</b>
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>24J Alberta's Wild Bees</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Opera House</b>	Alberta has over 300 wild bee species but most research and attention is focused on a handful of managed species. These wild bees face many of the same threats as managed bees, in addition to competition for food caused by the increasing presence of non-native, managed bees. More awareness of the diversity and conservation issues surrounding our native bees is needed. Land managers (and the general public) should be aware that non-native, managed bees can have a negative impact on our native pollinators.
Activity level: <b>all</b>	
Free Sponsored by Waterton Laks Opera House	<b>No Reservation</b>
2:30 pm - 4:45 pm	<b>24K Tea at the Hawk's Nest</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Hawk's Nest/Lions Hall</b>	Presenter: <b>Charlie Russell</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	Partake in tea and pie while feeling like you have gone back in time as you sit in the historic Hawk's Nest Outfitter Cabin. Listen to your host, Charlie Russell, while he shows pictures and tells stories of his life. Charlie has spent his life in Waterton and is the grandson of Bert Riggall, the original Waterton outfitter.
\$55.00	<b>Reserve now</b>
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>24N Photo Analysis</b>
Venue/Meeting place: <b>Lions Hall</b>	Presenter: <b>Joe Desjardins</b>
Activity level: <b>all</b>	"Friendly Photo Critique" - Joe encourages you to submit photo's for some photo discussions. Any and all participants are encouraged to voice some constructive criticism to help advance your vision.
\$25.00	Prior to the session you will receive a link to upload your photos (3 max). <b>Reserve now</b>

# Activity Level Descriptions and Waterton Map

ALL	EASY	MODERATE	CHALLENGING
<p>Activity may occur indoors; minimal walking is involved; some venues are wheelchair accessible.</p>	<p>Participants must be able walk the equivalent of 5 city blocks on uneven ground, stand for up to an hour, and get in and out of a motor vehicle easily.</p>	<p>Participants must be sure footed, able to ascend a path the equivalent of a few flights of stairs and walk on uneven surfaces up to 3 km (2 miles) at a 3 kmph pace (2 mph).</p>	<p>Participants must be in good health, be mobile, and able to participate in 3 – 5 hours of physical activity per day, the equivalent of walking up to 8 km (5 miles) at a 4 kmph (2.5 mph) pace over uneven ground.</p>



**Registration:**

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