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Saddle Up! It's time for another season of horseback riding around beautiful Oxtongue Lake.

Algonquin Highlands Trail Riding primed for an eco-friendly summer on the trails.

July 09, 2009 (Oxtongue Lake, Ontario) Algonquin Highlands Trail Riding is geared up for another season of horseback trail riding around the scenic Oxtongue Lake area. After last year's overwhelming response, owner Tracie Gower Parrott has been hard at work preparing for the 2009 season.

Being a nominee for "New Business of the Year" at the 2009 Huntsville Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce Business Awards was a terrific way to cap off last year's introduction of trail riding to the area. "It was such a great surprise to be nominated and a real boost," remarks Parrott. "Certainly made me feel like I was on the right track."



Parrott has upgraded her facilities for the 2009 season. "This year we decided to offer pony rides, so our younger visitors to the area can enjoy our facilities. We also added a horsemanship-mentoring program. As a result, we built a new riding ring and purchased some great new horses." Parrott is also excited that her daughter, Charisse Parrott, has joined as a full time member of the team. "It really is a family affair."

Off the grid and naturally rustic, Algonquin Highlands Trail Riding has access to 100s of kilometers of picturesque crown land. Nestled on the doorstep of Algonquin Provincial Park's western entrance, trail riding offers everyone the chance to enjoy Oxtongue's flora and fauna, and inspiring surroundings few have the opportunity to explore.



"Once in the saddle, our guests are amazed by how peaceful and quiet travelling in the bush really is," says Parrott. Algonquin Highlands Trail Riding is geared to preserve the natural heritage of trail riding. "Horseback riding is a green and healthy way to travel and it has a low environmental impact. To me, the best way to spend a summer's day is on horseback – enjoying the sunshine, countryside and wildlife," comments Parrott. "The views and colours are simply amazing."

About Algonquin Highlands Trail Riding

Algonquin Highlands Trail Riding offers guided horseback riding from early July to autumn (weather permitting). The centre is located on 1099 Blue Spruce Road, just off Highway 60. Algonquin Park, Dwight, Huntsville and Dorset are all within a 10-30 minute drive.

Trail riding occurs Monday to Saturday with 3 rides daily. Call 24 hours in advance to book a ride.

Rides cost \$45 per person for 1.5 hour trail rides and are open to novice and experienced trail riders, age 11 and up. Once a week, a 4-hour special trail ride is held complete with a picnic lunch from Henrietta's Bakery. Rates are \$150 for the 4-hour trail ride (this includes the picnic lunch).

Being off the grid means they cannot accept credit cards or Interac, so riders are asked to please bring cash only.

All rides start with a mandatory mini-lesson that includes a brief overview of horse riding basics and trail riding etiquette. Helmets are recommended and are mandatory for anyone age 17 and younger. Heeled footwear is also recommended. Sandals are not permitted. No prior riding experience is necessary.

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