



Algoma Headwaters Signature Site

Release of Preliminary Strategy & Notice of Information Centres:

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources / Ontario Parks is preparing a Management Strategy for the Algoma Headwaters Signature Site. The purpose of the strategy is to guide the protection and management of resources, visitor use, and future development of the signature site.

The first stage of consultation provided opportunities for Aboriginal people and the public to review the Terms of Reference for the planning process during the summer of 2002. The second stage was the release of the Background Information document with information centres held in January 2003, followed by the release of the Management Options document with information centres held during the summer of 2003. The release of this Preliminary Strategy is the fourth stage in the planning process. The final stage will be the development of the Management Strategy for the signature site.

The Preliminary Strategy is available for viewing at the Ministry of Natural Resources offices listed below between **February 28** and **April 20, 2005** (during regular business hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.):

- **Sault Ste. Marie:** 64 Church Street Tel: 705-949-1231
- **Chapleau:** 190 Cherry Street Tel: 705-864-1710
- **Sudbury:** Ont. Government Building, 199 Larch Street, #404, Tel: 705-564-3165
- **Peterborough:** Robinson Place (lobby), 300 Water Street Tel: 705-755-2000
- **Toronto:** MNR Information Centre, Room M1-173, 900 Bay St. Tel: 416-314-2000

The Preliminary Strategy is also available on-line after February 28, and can be downloaded in PDF format at the website:

www.ontarioparks.com/english/algom_planning.html.

Once consultation for the Preliminary Strategy is complete, the remaining review is the inspection of the approved Management Strategy. Information that is collected during this Preliminary Strategy stage will be used to help finalize planning decisions. Thus, this is your last opportunity to comment on the proposed Management Strategy for Algoma Headwaters Signature Site.

You are invited to attend one of the information centres to learn more about the Signature Site Preliminary Strategy and to contribute your input. The locations and dates of these information centers are as follows:

- **Searchmont**
Monday, February 28, 2005
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Searchmont Community Centre



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Natural
Resources

- **Sault Ste. Marie**
Tuesday, March 1, 2005
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Algoma's Water Tower Inn
360 Great Northern Road
- **Chapleau**
Thursday, March 3, 2005
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Ministry of Natural Resources
190 Cherry Street

Please take this opportunity to participate in this important planning process. Your input and knowledge are needed to ensure that we develop the best possible Management Strategy for Algoma Headwaters Signature Site. The deadline for input on this Preliminary Strategy stage of the planning process is **April 20, 2004**.

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you are still encouraged to submit your input on the Algoma Headwaters Signature Site Preliminary Strategy. For further information, or to provide your comments, or to have your name placed on the mailing list, please contact:

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Your input is valued... Get involved!

Note: Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987), personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. Comments and opinions obtained will be kept on file for use during this process and may be included in documentation which is made available for public review. This information may also be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resources management surveys and projects. For further information on this Act, please contact: Tom Mispel-Beyer, Information Management Supervisor, Sault Ste Marie District MNR at: 705-949-1231 ext 288.

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