

# Archaeology Days at Bonnechere Provincial Park

Highway 58, 4024 Round Lake Road, Killaloe, Ontario

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**July 11-12 and July 13-15, 2026**

**Activities take place at the Davenport Centre by the beach, or on-site July 13-15 unless otherwise noted**

Join the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society and staff and Friends of Bonnechere Provincial Park for a day, a weekend or a week. You are invited to visit and / or participate in a public archaeology programme to learn about the interesting and fun activities that archaeologists use to learn about the past around us. There's something for everyone and every age group. Meet with archaeologists and "dig in" with hands-on activities and demonstrations in the morning, an evening meet up and a Sunday morning low key fun activity with a take home souvenir.

Contact information below.

## **SATURDAY, July 11<sup>th</sup> - 10 am – 12:30 pm** **Public Archaeology Activities**

### ***Ottawa Chapter OAS – What is archaeology?***

Meet the volunteers who make it happen with brochures, posters, artifacts and more

***Every sherd tells a story*** – Mend broken ceramics; we all love a puzzle!

***Flintknapping*** – Archaeologist Brad Drouin demonstrates how stone tools were made.

***Friends of the Park*** – Learn everything about the history and natural diversity of Bonnechere Park.

***What's in the Bag?*** Artifacts arrive from the field dirty – help wash a few and see what we learn!

***Time Flies!*** Step way back in time as archaeologist Ken Swayze takes you across the human time line.

***Meet Courtney Cameron***, archaeologist, with artifacts from the Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre

***Meet local authors Anne Burchat and Roderick "Rory" MacKay*** –

Anne's youth book *Aprons and Moccasins* explores local Indigenous and Kashubian cultures.

Rory has authored several books about the histories of the Bonnechere River and Algonquin Park.



## **SATURDAY NITE "LIVE" – a lively slide show presentation with artifacts & popcorn!** **July 11<sup>th</sup> - 7 – 8 pm Davenport Centre**



### **What is archaeology all about? How do we do our research?**

A picture is worth everything and helps us to figure out the simple steps each archaeological project goes through before, during and after the field work happens. We will have artifacts from projects in and around the Park. All are welcome.

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## **SUNDAY July 12 - 10:00 am – 12:30 pm** **Postcards from the Field**

Did you know that before email and texting, archaeologists often wrote letters and sent postcards to their families and friends from places around the world?

Create a personalized postcard using ink stamps, stickers and pencil crayons. We even have a free postage stamp for you to add when your card is ready for mailing. Stay connected!



## **MONDAY, July 13th – WEDNESDAY, July 15<sup>th</sup> - 9 am –3 pm**

### **THE DICKERSON SITE – A Final Opportunity**

Join us for a final opportunity to investigate the multi-component Dickerson Site. Situated on the shores of the Bonnechere River north of the park proper, Ottawa Chapter members have participated here in 2024 and 2025 and uncovered evidence of human activity dating back several centuries. Our primary work will involve unit excavation in areas of the site previously identified as having good potential. More details will be available shortly.

If you are interested in participating, please let us know. Experienced and inexperienced participants are welcome. Come and learn or help others learn the techniques of field archaeology. Registration and some conditions apply. Please contact us at [ottawaoas@gmail.com](mailto:ottawaoas@gmail.com) to learn more and request a participation form.



### **Excavation and screening activities at the Dickerson Site in 2024 and 2025**

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