

A Short History of The Friends

Important Dates

- 1988 - FWKP incorporated
- 1989 - Operation of Kokanee Creek Park Campsites and Visitor Centre privatized
- 1990 - Kokanee Glacier Master Plan
- 1991 - Operation of winter program at Slocan Chief Cabin privatized
Friends join WADF Folio Committee on private logging in Kokanee Creek
- 1993 - Organize resistance to closing of District Office
Rescue Pilot Bay Lighthouse
Become a Canadian Charitable Society
- 1994 - Silver Spray Cabin project
- 1995 - Pilot Bay Lighthouse, painting, biffy
- 1996 - Feb 26, John Carter (FWKP President) dies in avalanche in Kokanee
Glacier Park
Slocan Chief Cabin, new roof
100th Birthday, Slocan Chief Cabin
- 1997 - "History of Pilot Bay Lighthouse" published
- 1998 - Jan 2, Silver Spray Cabin Avalanche
Kokanee Glacier Cabin, interest-group design roundtable
Nov 13, M Trudeau dies in avalanche
- 2000 - Kokanee Creek Spawning Channel Bridge replacement
- 1999 to 2001 - Kokanee Glacier Alpine Campaign
- 2001 - Restoration Work, Pilot Bay Lighthouse
- 1988 to 2001, - Support Visitor Centre by hiring summer student, operate Sales Desk in Visitor Centre**
- 2002 - Construction of Kokanee Glacier Cabin
Management of Visitor Centre starts
- 2003- Visitor Centre management and interpretation
Pilot Bay Lighthouse, reinstall windows on south side

(See Over)

- 2004 - Visitor Centre management and interpretation
Slocan Chief Cabin Restoration
Slocan Chief Cabin interpretation, planning
Pilot Bay Lighthouse, new cupola deck railing
- 2005 - Visitor Centre management and interpretation
Gibson Lake, Interpretation signage
Slocan Chief Cabin, installation of interpretation
Pilot Bay Lighthouse, 100th Birthday, planning for reshingling in 2006
- 2006 - Pilot Bay Lighthouse, Restoration
Oppose "Lodge" strategy in BC Parks
- 2007-2010 - No project activity. Monitor developments in parks system and comment to BC Parks
- 2011 - Work with BC Parks to plan for and organize events and volunteers for the BC Parks 100 celebration at Kokanee Glacier Park
Work with BC Parks and the Alpine Club of Canada to supply volunteers to paint the exterior of the Silver Spray Cabin
- 2012 - Obtain grants to hire 2 students to work at the Visitor Centre in support of the West Kootenay EcoSociety
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Clean and paint exterior Pilot Bay Lighthouse
Start brushing on Woodbury Creek and Silver Spray Trails in Kokanee Glacier Park
- 2014 - Obtain grants to hire 1 student and another person (to act as Assistant Manager) for the Visitor Centre in support of the West Kootenay EcoSociety
Work with the Nelson & District Arts Council to raise funds for the Visitor Centre through the sale of local art.
Participated in the celebration of the 50th Birthday of Pilot Bay Park at Pilot Bay Lighthouse.
Designed and installed new information signs along the Kokanee Creek Spawning Channel (great work Ursula) – obtained grant from Nelson & District Credit Union for half of the cost.
Awarded BC Parks "Volunteer Group of the Year" - attended award lunch at Kokanee Creek Park hosted by BC Parks staff.
Continued with Trevor Campbell on the design of a topo map for Kokanee Glacier Park.
Organized 2 work parties to brush Lemon Creek Trail in Kokanee Glacier Park

- 2015 - Obtain grants to hire 1 student and another person (to act as Assistant Manager) for the Visitor Centre in support of the West Kootenay EcoSociety. Purchased and installed signage directing tourists to the Pilot Bay Lighthouse. Designed and printed brochure/map about the Pilot Bay Lighthouse. Participated in organizational meetings and a hike on the lower Earl Grey Trail regarding a project to rehabilitate the trail for Canada 150 celebrations. The Friends will raise funds for interpretation signage at the compressor site and a sign celebrating First Nations use of the trail.
- 2016 - Obtain grants to hire 1 student and another person (to act as Assistant Manager) for the Visitor Centre in support of the EcoSociety. Trail clearing on Evans Creek Trail in Valhalla Park and the Grasslands Trail in Kokanee Creek Park. Produced wooden Kokanee for signs to direct the public to the spawning channel (also for sale) Started research on the compressor site sign for the Earl Grey Trail; prefabbed the sign kiosk and dug the post holes. Alerted BC Parks to plans to log in Goal 2 Area attached to Cody Caves Park
- 2017 - Obtained grant for 1 person to work at the Visitor Centre. Participated in the trail construction of the new interpretive trail in Cody Caves Park. Beach cleanup at Sandspit in Kokanee Creek Park. Worked with forestry licensee, BC Parks and FLNRO to reorient boundaries of Goal 2 Area at Cody Caves Park. Trail clearing at Kokanee Creek Park – Canyon, Pine and Woodland Trails. Produced and installed interpretive sign at Earl Grey Trail Compressor site. Two trips to site, 1 trip to install kiosk and 1 trip to take in and install sign.