



WILLMORE WILDERNESS FOUNDATION

Mission Statement:

The foundation preserves the history of the area; focuses on the advancement of education of the park; restores historical pack trails and sites; and enhances the use of the Willmore Wilderness Park.

The Willmore Wilderness Preservation and Historical Foundation is a non-profit charitable foundation that was registered under the Alberta Societies Act in 2002. In 2003, the Willmore Wilderness Foundation became a Registered Charitable Organization.

Willmore Wilderness Foundations is committed to the following goals and objectives:

- To find and restore traditional pack trails in the park that were used by aboriginal people, trappers, guides and outfitters.
- To create mapping of the traditional pack trails in Willmore Wilderness Park.
- To find, preserve, GPS and record the location of historical buildings, traditional sites such as grave sites, campsites and other historical sites.
- To preserve historical information: stories, pictures, photographs and other relevant information.
- To create a written history of the area through the publication of books and pamphlets.
- To provide workshops and seminars about Willmore Wilderness Park to increase public awareness.
- To provide workshops and seminars on traditional activities in the Willmore Wilderness Park such as humane trapping, improving horsemanship skills, edible and medicinal plants etc.
- The Foundation has a strong focus to keep the traditional skills alive, which were used to survive in the mountains. Education programs have a special focus on teaching youth and the young at heart, old knowledge and the mountain way of life.
- The Foundation benefits the community through bringing to life the trails, the stories, pictures and the creation of a forum for the advancement of education regarding Willmore Wilderness Park.
- The Foundation is committed to ensuring that the Willmore Wilderness Act remain intact...as it was originally legislated.

Willmore Wilderness Park is a pristine mountainous area with rugged forest and alpine expanses. The park is a 4600 square kilometer area which lies directly north of the Jasper National Park. Visitors to the park can view a variety of wildflowers and wildlife. Willmore Park has four major staging areas, which include Sulphur Gates, Cowlick Creek, Berland River and Rock Lake.

The Foundation has a mandate to educate the public about long-established skills that were used to survive in the mountains. The focus is primarily on the younger generation to educate them about traditional activities that were practiced in the Park in the years past. Some of the education courses offered are Trappers Education, Cowboy School, and also a yearly Mountain Solstice workshop. This workshop is a 5 day course where participants stay in tents or tipis, experience working with horses, learn about edible and medicinal plants, participant in yoga workshops and experience in talking circles.

Memberships:

1 year membership: \$25.00

Corporate Memberships: \$100.00

Lifetime Membership: \$500.00

Youth Membership Fees are half price.

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