

Take A Ride On Earth Day



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On Sunday April 22nd, Saultites will have the opportunity to celebrate Earth Day with an eco-friendly excursion into Algoma's great outdoors – traveling via train from the Sault to Searchmont on the first leg of the Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains (CAPT) All-Aboard event!

CAPT encourages all outdoors enthusiasts, train aficionados and environmental advocates to come along for the ride and show their support for Earth Day. If you have children, feel free to bring them along for a unique and fun family event. Adult tickets are \$16 while seniors over sixty and youths receive discounted rates. For cycling fans interested in bringing their bikes out and riding back into town from either

the Searchmont or Hiawatha stops there is a \$9 baggage charge for bicycles. Full information on rates can be obtained by calling the ACR office at (705)946-7300 and on the web at [Agawacanyon](#)

Part of CAPT's mission is to bring attention to the environmental value of train travel. Renowned artist and environmentalist Robert Bateman shares in these goals. In a letter of support to CAPT Bateman writes, "As an environmentalist I support public investment in train-based tourism and train travel in general as it is a way to reduce pollution and climate change and their destructive effects on the planet. Enhancing the Northern Ontario wilderness trains as eco-tourism rail corridors is a way for Northern Ontario to diversify its economy in an environmentally respectful way."

North-eastern Ontario environmental group Northwatch also encourages local residents to explore the possibilities of traveling by train. "We fully support improving train service as a way to preserve wilderness areas while at the same time keep them accessible," says Northwatch spokesperson Brennain Lloyd, "and we encourage the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie to participate in the All-Aboard event this Earth Day by making the trip to Searchmont."

With the environment becoming a more pressing issue to Canadians all the time, Earth Day continues to grow in significance with each passing year. On April 22nd you can show your support for environmentally friendly transportation and experience a small slice of Algoma's wilderness by riding the rails with the All-Aboard delegation from Sault Ste. Marie to Searchmont.

The train will depart Sault Ste. Marie station at 9 a.m. and will arrive in Searchmont approximately one hour later, with a stop made in the Hiawatha Highlands in between. During the trip donuts and refreshments will be provided courtesy of Tim Horton's and there will be a

performance by the Cree Soul Singers. Return transportation from Searchmont is available upon request and arrangements can be made by phoning the CAPT office at (705)949-2301 ext. 4349 or by inquiring through e-mail at captrains