Course: **Wilderness Day Hike Leader** When: Saturday, November 18, 2023

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location: The course site is located 6 km west of Delaware, ON

Course Cost: \$85.00 Instructor: Tammy Gunn

The 'Wilderness Day Hike Leader' certified training course introduces participants to the standards of a trained wilderness hike leader, risk management for Wilderness Day Hikes where the hike is more than 2 hours from road access. The course equips leaders to be particularly attuned to effective risk management planning and practices and emergency response for day-long expeditions in remote locations.

Much of the emphasis is instructional but, as a certification program, a significant portion of the agenda is assessment and skills evaluation. The certification issued to the successful candidate is a sanctioned standard and will assist the candidates in leading Wilderness hikes for clubs and youth groups, and finding work in the hiking and adventure travel industry.

Course participants will have the rare opportunity to spend the day learning on a stunning private property featuring an off grid log cabin beside a pond system with access to several km of private trails.

There is a minimum of six (6) participants required to run this course with a maximum capacity of twelve (12). Eligible participants must be a Certified Hike Leader in good standing, 18 years of age, or older and have lead a minimum of five (5) day hikes.

A letter of reference and/or recommendation from a recognized authority (ie: Certified Hike Leader, teacher, hiking club, etc) a letter of reference and/or recommendation from a recognized authority (ie: Certified Hike Leader, teacher, hiking club, etc) and verification of current Standard First Aid with CPR (Wilderness First Aid with CPR C is recommended) are required with payment to secure your space in this course.

*This instructor may consider a one-time courtesy extension to individuals who's Standard/Wilderness First Aid with CPR certification has lapsed within the last 2 years, provided participants recertify by January 31, 2024. Successful Wilderness Day Hike Leader course participants will be awarded their Wilderness Day Hike Leader certificate when their Standard/Wilderness First Aid with CPR certificate has been verified.

Each trainee receives a 50+ page Student Manual, which is jam-packed full of useful information. In addition, the '**Wilderness Day Hike Leader**' course also provides successful participants with a Wallet Card and an embroidered badge.

A pre-course assignment will be provided for completion prior to the course utilizing the content in the required text: <u>The Backpacker's Field Manual: A Comprehensive Guide to Mastering Backcountry Skills</u>, by Rick Curtis

Please contact tammy.hikeon@gmail.com for additional information, request a Wilderness Day Hike Leader course application form and to arrange course payment.

