



SABLE ISLAND CONFERENCE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PRESENTERS

October 20-21, 2023
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Overview:

Sable Island National Park Reserve (NPR) is officially protected under Canada's *National Parks Act*. In partnership with Parks Canada, the Friends of Sable Island Society will hold a conference dedicated to the island including the marine environment that surrounds and maintains it. This is the fifth of a series of conferences related to the appreciation and management of this unique feature of the Canadian landscape.

Themes:

The conference is open to all topics related to Sable Island NPR, Sable Island Bank, and Sable Gully. Topics should address a broad spectrum of public interest and concern. **The main themes will be: natural history/science, cultural history, visitor experience, and park management.** Of particular interest will be presentations by youth and presentations/activities for youth. Artists and others are also encouraged to book a table at which to exhibit their work.

Conference Format:

Opening Reception (Friday Oct 20, 7-9pm): casual event including special guests and presentations, posters, interactive activity stations and exhibit space

Conference Sessions (Saturday Oct 21, 9am-5pm): paid-entry (up to \$60 per person) with formal presentations of up to 15 minutes each plus time for questions and answers, grouped by theme; poster presentations; interactive activity stations and exhibit space

NOTE: As per past practice, presenters will be responsible for their own expenses related to their attendance at the conference including registration, transportation, accommodations, and food. If this is a significant deterrent to your participation, please let us know.

To Submit an Abstract:

Abstracts will be used to select presentations and will be printed in the program and shared on-line to introduce the presenter(s) and topic. The following information must be included with the abstract:

- title
- presenter(s) name(s) (including any relevant designations like BSc, PhD)
- main contact information (e-mail and phone)
- names of others associated with the work (if applicable)
- organization (name of university, company, non-profit, etc... if applicable),
- theme (natural history/science, cultural history, visitor experience, park management, other)
- format (oral presentation, poster presentation, interactive activity, exhibit, other)
- maximum 250-word description of the topic that will be addressed

The initial *Call for Abstracts* closed on Monday, June 12, 2023 and we thank everyone who submitted. There are still a few openings for interested presenters – send a completed abstract to:

E-mail: conference@sableislandfriends.ca (please state “Abstract” in the subject line)

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