

THE OUTDOOR TEXTBOOK

At Cathedral Lakes Lodge!

Experience the outdoor textbook with Dick Cannings and the amazing environment of Cathedral Lakes.

Topics covered: natural history, geography, geology, biodiversity, species identification, biology, habitat issues, conservation, personal fitness, outdoor education, and more!!

The package includes 3 guided interpretive hikes with Dick Cannings, 2 nights accommodation, 7 excellent meals, transportation from the base up to the lodge, and opportunities for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, photography, landscape painting, and evening discussions with peers. Tuesday, August 30th – Thursday, Sept. 1st .

Spaces are limited and the first to get \$150.00 down payment to Barry Loewen at SLMS will be put on the list. Total cost: \$530

About Me: Richard (Dick) Cannings

I was born and raised in the Okanagan Valley, in a family keenly interested in natural history. This early involvement in birds, bugs and plants led me to a university education in zoology, including a BSc degree from the University of British Columbia and a MSc from Memorial University of Newfoundland. Six summers as a Park Naturalist in my university student years gave me a broad knowledge of the ecology of British Columbia. This knowledge was deepened through my 15 years as Curator of the Cowan Vertebrate Museum at the University of British Columbia. That position not only gave me a tremendous opportunity to learn more about my favourite subject--birds--but also gave me experience in teaching ecological field methods and natural history to university students. I still teach a field ecology course for UBC every year, held in such diverse places as Costa Rica, Ecuador, Arizona and the Yukon. My main research interest is the breeding biology of birds, particularly small owls. I continue to do consulting work, primarily on impacts to species at risk in the Okanagan Valley.

After having lived away from the valley for almost 25 years, in 1995 I returned to what has always been home, and now work as a consulting biologist in Naramata, BC. I work half-time for Bird Studies Canada, coordinating Canadian Christmas Bird Counts, the eBird program and the British Columbia Owl Survey.

I have served on various boards and committees, including 8 years as co-chair for birds on the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, 11 years on the British Columbia Environmental Appeal Board and 5 years on the British Columbia Forest Appeals Commission. I was a founding director of the Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Alliance and a present member of the British Columbia board of the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

I am a biologist, birder and author living in the Okanagan Valley of southern British Columbia. I have the good fortune to live in the house I was born and raised in, lulled to sleep by the hoots of Great Horned Owls and woken by meadowlark song. I grew up in a family keenly interested in nature, and it's nice to see the cycle repeating itself. The yard is a wonderful one-acre sanctuary for all sorts of wildlife--and for my family as well--full of old memories and filling again with new ones. See more at : <http://dickcannings.shawwebpace.ca/>

Accommodation at Cathedral Lakes Lodge. See www.cathedrallakes.ca for more information. An amazing place!