



EXPEDITION FOR THE EARTH: ICELAND 2016 ON THE UPWARD CLIMB

Five intrepid explorers have signed up so far for an adventure of a lifetime with the Nova Scotia Nature Trust's **Expedition for the Earth**. The expedition will take an enthusiastic group of adventurers on an exciting guided journey to one of the earth's most spectacular and geologically active wilderness areas, while raising funds and awareness to protect nature here in Nova Scotia.

The Nature Trust is inviting outdoor enthusiasts to join **internationally renowned adventurer and mountaineer Wally Berg** (4 ascents of Everest, 9 expeditions to Antarctica, numerous ascents of all the "7 summits") for an expedition to Iceland in September 2016. Participants will explore wonders of the Fjallabak Nature Reserve, known for its breathtaking scenery, unique and colourful rhyolite volcanoes, moss-covered lava fields and steam-filled valleys.

This "bucket-list" trip is accessible to a wide range of people and previous trekking or international travel experience is not necessary. Berg Adventures International led the Nature Trust's highly successful inaugural Expedition for the Earth in 2013 to Patagonia, Chile. This first expedition raised over \$70,000 for conservation in Nova Scotia and all participants were delighted with their experience. In fact three have already signed up to go again!

Laura Hussey-Bondt, a member of the inaugural expedition to Patagonia is excited to be part of the team once again. "An adventure like this reawakens your soul, and reminds us all of the wonder and significance of wild, natural places," says Hussey-Bondt. Hussey-Bondt is joined by two other Patagonia alumni, Henry Fuller and Deborah Stover.



New to the team are Eugene Peters and Andrew Taillon. "I've always admired the work that the Nature Trust has done, and also always wanted to hike in Iceland," said Taillon. "This is an amazing opportunity to help the Nature Trust and meet a personal goal too."

The expedition offers a refreshingly different way for people to support charity, beyond the typical fundraising dinner, run or golf tournament, and unlike many fundraising

marathons and climbing trips where a significant portion of funds raised goes toward participant travel and expenses, every dollar raised for the Expedition for the Earth goes directly to the cause. Participants pay their own way, and commit to raising at least \$2500, all of which goes directly towards protecting important natural areas in Nova Scotia.

The trip will once again be expertly guided by Berg Adventures International and Wally Berg, whose track record in adventure includes summiting and guiding all of the world's highest peaks including Mount Everest, and countless international treks. Berg truly loves adventure and bringing the power and magic of adventure to his clients.

"I am thrilled to work with the Nature Trust once again! Iceland is the ultimate adventure landscape for lovers of the natural world. Geysers, glaciers, wildlife, coasts and mountains abound. Human history on the island is rich and fascinating, but is always set against the power and beauty of nature," says Berg.

The Nature Trust hopes to send a team of 16 to Iceland and encourages anyone interested in learning more to contact expedition@nsnt.ca or visit www.expeditionfortheearth.ca.

The deadline for registration is March 8, 2016!

