

The Wabakimi Project

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Now in its seventh year of operation, The Wabakimi Project is a not-for-profit effort dedicated to the exploration and mapping of the historic canoe routes in Northern Ontario that lie within Wabakimi Provincial Park. Since its inception in 2004, the scope of this ambitious venture has been expanded to include the canoe routes that lie on the Crown lands adjacent to the park. They provide vital access to Wabakimi as well as strategic links to other nearby protected places such as St. Raphael, Brightsand River, Kopka River and Albany River Provincial Parks as well as the Attwood Conservation Reserve.

To date, 110 different volunteers from across North America have collectively spent a total of 510 days on 56 trips exploring and mapping the canoe routes of this vast, pristine wilderness area. Together, they have travelled over 3,000km (1,875 miles), located and cleaned more than 500 campsites, and rehabilitated and measured 548 portages whose total lengths have exceeded 137,000m (150,700 yards or 27,400 rods).

In 2010, The Wabakimi Project will operate continuously from late May to late September and will involve a maximum of 54 volunteers. Eligible paddlers interested in participating are invited to visit The Wabakimi Project exhibit and attend a presentation in order to learn more about this worthwhile conservancy effort.

From the outset, the main objective of The Wabakimi Project has been to produce a set of maps designed to promote the Wabakimi area as a world-class wilderness canoeing destination and to encourage self-propelled travellers to get involved in the conservation and stewardship of its canoe routes. A full-color, large-scale planning map and the first two of five planned booklets of the more detailed canoe route maps will be on display and available for purchase at The Wabakimi Project exhibit.