



## **The Wabakimi Project**

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"Uncle" Phil, as he is affectionately known, is the founder of *The Wabakimi Project*--a unique not-for-profit effort dedicated to the protection and preservation of canoe routes that lie in Ontario's Wabakimi Provincial Park and on the Crown lands adjacent to the park. For the past five years, he has organized and led 3-person 'teams' of volunteers to locate, rehabilitate and document these routes. Since 2004, a total of 96 different volunteers from across North America have participated on 43 trips over 402 days during which they have collectively mapped more than 2,400km of canoe routes, identified and cleaned more than 400 campsites and located and cleared some 450 portages measuring in excess of 120,000m.

The mission of *The Wabakimi Project* is to promote the Wabakimi area as a world-class wilderness canoeing destination; the goal is to make self-propelled travel on area canoe routes more inviting and user-friendly. The anticipated outcome will be publication of a large-scale *Wabakimi Canoe Route Planning Map* as well as several volumes of more detailed *Wabakimi Canoe Route Maps*. Copies of the latest versions of each will be on display during the show