

Now in its fifth year of operation, The Wabakimi Project is a not-for-profit volunteer effort to locate, rehabilitate and document the canoe routes of Wabakimi Provincial Park. Since its inception in 2004, the scope of this ambitious venture has been expanded to include the Crown land canoe routes adjacent to Wabakimi that provide vital access to the park as well as strategic links to nearby protected areas such as Albany River, St. Raphael Lake, Brightsand River, Kopka River and Whitesand Provincial Parks. The ultimate goal of this undertaking will be the publication of a full-colour Wabakimi Canoe Routes Planning Map this Spring as well as four volumes of detailed canoe route maps over the next few years.

To date, 105 volunteers from across North America have spent a total of 273 days exploring and mapping the canoe routes of this vast wilderness area. Together, they've travelled over 1,600km, located and in many cases, cleaned over 250 campsites and cleared some 200 portages whose total measured lengths exceeded 80,000m.

In 2008, The Wabakimi Project will operate for 121 consecutive days and will involve 45 participants. Total travel distance will be an estimated 1,150km and will involve rehabilitation and documentation of some 265 portages--all this in preparation for the release of Wabakimi Canoe Routes--Volume One next Fall.