

Adventure Travelers Society's Canadian Wilderness Canoe Trip

"Secrets of the Quetico"

Aug 31 – Sep 9, 2007



Our 9th annual Boundary Waters canoe trip will be our best yet as we head into the Canadian wilderness. Quetico Provincial Park lies above the Ontario/Minnesota border and contains millions of acres of road-less backcountry protected from motorboats, lodges, and the encroachment of civilization.

This is a land scraped to ancient bedrock by glaciers, with the depressions becoming crystal clear lakes surrounded by boreal forest and bog. Quetico has over 1500 lakes with only the largest bearing names, and many going decades or more without human visitors!

This land that has always been a stronghold of the wolf, is not only rich in wildlife but in history as well. The Cree and Ojibwa Indians left their mark here, as did the French fur traders. Long before Lewis and Clark headed up the Missouri River the Voyageurs were paddling through what is Quetico as part of their canoeing highway to the Arctic. The wilderness still exists as they saw it.

On this trip we will take a tow boat from our Moose Lake outfitters to our remote wilderness starting point at Prairie Portage on the Canadian Border. From there we will begin our 8-day journey through some of Quetico Park's most remote lakes, streams, and rivers. Canoeing and camping we will cover nearly 80 miles as we loop our way back towards the U.S. border. We will visit little known sites and points of interest including, pictographs and relics left by ancient native people. We will catch a variety of fish from gin-clear waters and see wildlife that may include: Moose, bear, wolves, eagles, otter, and beaver. At night the skies will be ablaze with the Milky Way and possibly the Aurora Borealis to highlight our campfire tales.

We will cross portage trails used by Voyageurs over 250 years ago and travel land and lakes much as they did. City life and your jobs will seem centuries away as we see no roads, buildings, and T.V., and hear no motors, commercials, and car alarms. We will feel muscles wake up that we didn't know we had and the call of the loon will lull us to sleep like babies amongst pine boughs and lake breezes.

The trip leader will be Ed Deacy who has been guiding canoe trips for over 25 years and visiting Quetico Park for more than 30 consecutive years.

Included with the trip:

- Lakeside bunkhouse accommodations at Ely, MN, area outfitter on Friday, Aug 31st
- Continental breakfast morning of September 1st
- Tow boat to Prairie Portage in Ontario, Canada
- 8 days / 7 nights canoeing and camping
- All canoes, camping equipment, and food on the canoe trip
- Dinner after trip on September 8th at Ely Steakhouse
- Tow boat shuttle from Prairie Portage back to outfitters at canoeing conclusion
- Lodging at the popular Ely Inn on the night of Sept 8

\$1149.00 for members / Nonmembers price... \$1245.00

(Register* by June 15 and save \$50.00)

Registration Closes on June 30

Not Included:

- REQUIRED: Remote Area Border Crossing Permit...\$30.00 (Canadian currency)
- REQUIRED: International travel insurance (Contact kgralak@adventure-travelers.com for insurance forms and information), and completion and signature of the ATS Terms and Conditions upon registration
- Optional: Ontario Fishing License (approx \$30 Canadian, can be arranged by the trip leader)

Experience – There is no prior canoeing experience needed. However, you should be in fairly good physical condition as we may paddle 6 or more hours on some days and carry all our equipment over 30-40 portages throughout the trip.

Starting Point – You must transport yourself to Ely, Minnesota (approximately 10 hr drive from Chicago). Your trip leader will help arrange carpools at the pre-departure meeting.

*Registration for this limited-space trip requires a 50% deposit. \$100 of deposit is non-refundable. A maximum of 7 people will be allowed to participate on this trip.

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