

ONE FINE DAY

in South Algonquin

*A community Zine from the
Heart of the Villages of
Madawaska & Whitney*



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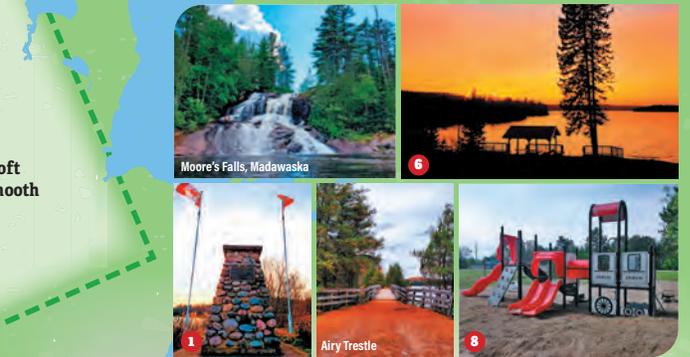
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 - Leaf Lake Ski Trail

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The Township of South Algonquin is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People.



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to Algonquin Park's East Gate and Huntsville

to Madawaska, Barry's Bay, Renfrew and Ottawa

- 1 Galeairy Lake Memorial Park, Memorial Trail, picnic area
- 2 Township of South Algonquin Library Lester B. Smith Community Centre, playground, ice rink and ball diamond
- 3 Galeairy Lake boat launch and access to Algonquin Park
- 4 Township of South Algonquin Municipal Office
- 5 Galeairy Lake Beach

WHITNEY
In Whitney, you'll find restaurants, groceries, accommodations, canoe trip outfitters and fuel.

to Algonquin Park, Shall Lake Access Point 17

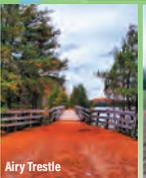
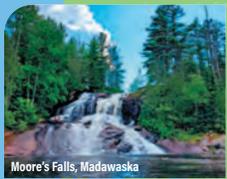
to Whitney, Algonquin Park's East Gate and Huntsville

to Barry's Bay, Renfrew and Ottawa

to Tom and Mick Murray Park

- 7 Madawaska Complex, library, ball diamond, boat launch, ice rink
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MADAWASKA
In Madawaska, you'll find groceries, rest stops, accommodations, canoe trip outfitters and fuel.



Welcome to *South Algonquin*

From the South Algonquin Politics Facebook Page

by Shelley Keefe



by Denise Beamish Penny



by Ambre Schlechter



by Theresa Parks

A place to grow

Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

Our community, like many communities all over the country recently, have felt the pandemic personally. Whether wrestling with fears for our health or finances, or how to navigate lockdowns, we take a moment now to reflect on how we have both stayed apart and come together in new ways to sustain ourselves and our community during this time. What is there to do in these wildly unpredictable moments, but prepare for the worst, hope for the best, and allow faith to carry us through the uncertainty?

This project is also one of those occasions.

We started with an idea: Let's build a book that will showcase the best parts of South Algonquin... the people, the communities, the businesses, the places we love and why we love them. In the true spirit of zines, it will be a book *by* the people, *for* the people. It will help us get to know ourselves, each other, and our shared past, present and future better. It will invite visitors to get to know us better too. It will be wildly imperfect, but it will also be wildly beautiful, and it will be *so much fun!*

We wondered if we had the time and expertise to pull it off? Would the community support the initiative? Can we afford to do this? In the end, we took a leap of faith and made the investment. The zine you are holding in your hands is not just a book, but rather the collective enthusiasm, thoughts, wishes and memories of so many people in our communities who wanted to see it happen. On behalf of the board of the South Algonquin Business Alliance, we sincerely hope you enjoy reading it.

Loretta Neil and Angela Pollak

Where's the Mare?

In a nod to our logging and blacksmithing past, we're running a contest for our readers. Spot the mare hidden carefully among these pages.



Then send the page number you found it on, your name, contact info and t-shirt size to

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before Oct 31/2021. We'll draw from the winning entries and give away a free South Algonquin Business Alliance t-shirt!



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When I think of Algonquin Park, the untouched natural beauty, and the essence of its vast interior comes to mind. A place, so inspiring and good for the soul. Where you can create an environment of peace of mind and calmness in your life, free of stress or emotion.

See the outstanding sunrises where you sip your morning coffee and feel the quiet and tranquility at the shore of a quiet lake, while being mindful to the sights and sounds of many species of birds.

To acknowledge the distinctive call of the loons on the lake. You may even spot the up and down diving of the rapid river otter, or a beaver making a big splash in the water. See a gull or a raven in flight, or a pair of mergansers on tour.

Hear the soft paddling water sounds of a lone canoe drifting by.

Notice the beautiful maple and birch trees (a source of food for the animals) and hear the water slapping against the rocky shore and feel that gentle breeze on your face.

Relax and free your mind, enjoy the peace and tranquility of Mother Nature. It will also give you a greater sense of our amazing country God has created for all of us to enjoy.

I leave you with this beautiful thought.

**THE BEST IS YET
TO COME !!!**

Elaine Davis
(photo credit: Jeremy Neil)

Impressions of Algonquin Gallery

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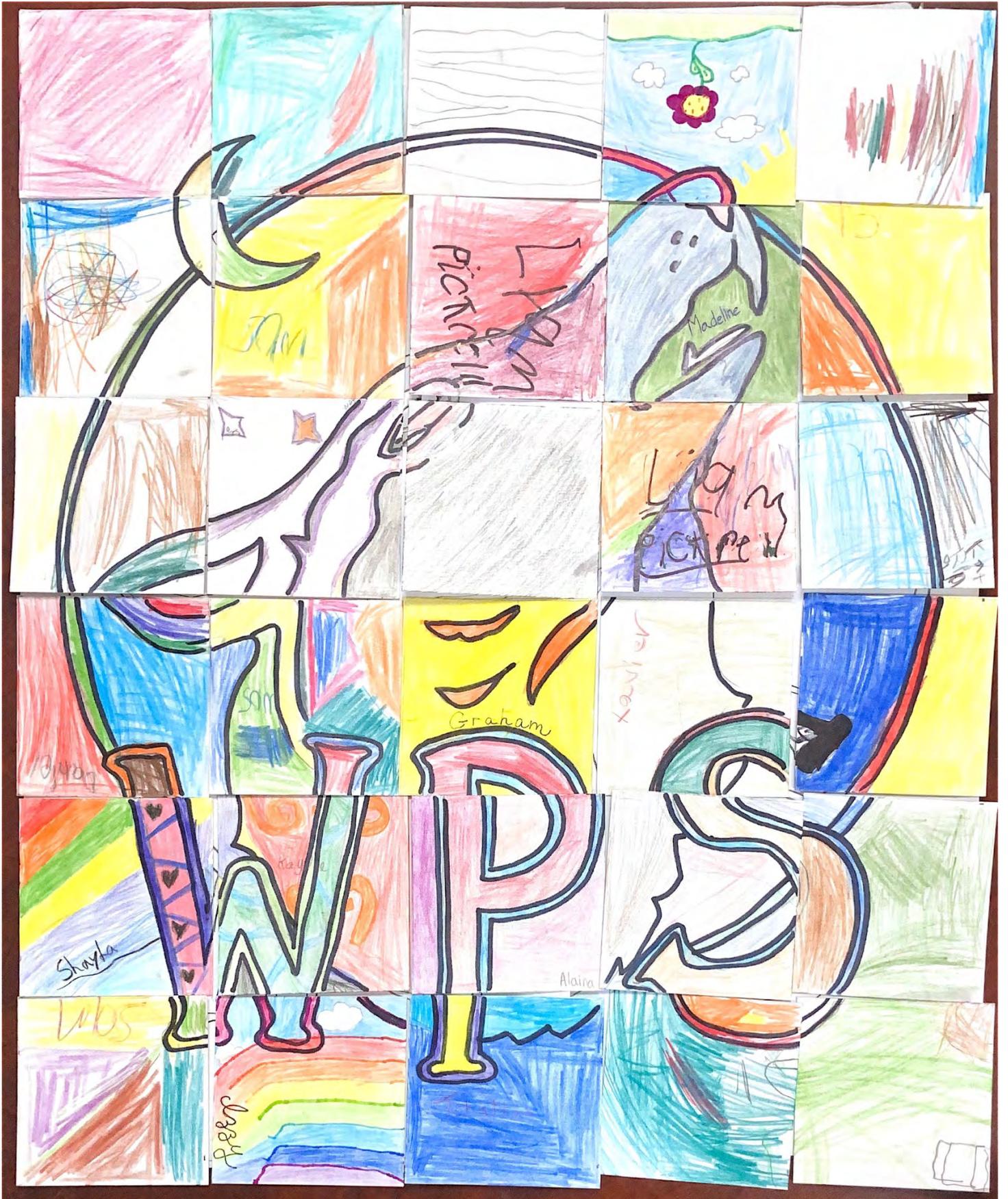


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The Story Behind Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins



By Gabriela Hairabedian

I immigrated to Canada many years ago from Buenos Aires, Argentina. My husband is from Iran. I remember back in 2013 sitting in my office in Hamilton, dreaming how we could spend our summers surrounded by nature but at the same time make a living. I looked online and found a 100-year-old log home that needed lots of upgrades for sale. It was in Madawaska, a small rural town I never heard of.

Madawaska is located on Highway 60 about half-way between the East Gate of Algonquin Park and Barry's Bay, which is a main shopping town in the area. It's a quiet central location that allows you to enjoy pristine beaches and nature. Algonquin Park is close enough to visit if desired, though it's very crowded on weekends.

My husband being an outdoor enthusiast, loved the idea of discovering that area. We bought the house in 2014, completely renovated it and started using it as a get away. For the next three years we went back and forth almost every weekend, year-round from Stoney Creek. We discovered the beauty of four seasons, hunting, fishing, ATVing, swimming, snowmobiling. It was beautiful year-round. It was the beginning of a dream.

In 2017 we decided to move to Madawaska for good. I started to work at home. I am a book keeper and I transferred my clients to work online. It was something new at that moment and some clients hesitated, but it was a great decision. Now with COVID-19 I would probably





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be working in my basement anyway.

It is a dream! I love the beauty of Madawaska's colourful fall, with so many scenic routes and trails. I love the green summers with canoe routes, boat launches, beaches for swimming. I love the spring with beautiful colourful singing birds, the relaxing sound of frogs in the creek at night while we sitting beside the fire, and the sound of ATV and dirt bikes riding along the trails! I love the different sounds of white winters, from the snowmobilers riding along the trail, to fishermen drilling with their augers and sitting on the ice to catch delicious fish, to adventurous ice climbers who visit South Algonquin to enjoy our spectacular cliffs that create natural ice walls.

I knew this was something I needed to share

with the world, so I opened Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins! We're right off the decommissioned Ottawa-Arnprior-Parry Sound railway, which is now an ATV and snowmobile trail that goes around Algonquin Park. Within walking distance to the Madawaska river, a beach and a boat launch, we are across the road from Algonquin Outfitters where you can rent canoes. We are also across from the Madawaska Store with a gas station, LCBO, seasonal take-out restaurant and a variety.

It has been the perfect location to settle down, build the cabins and enjoy a lifestyle we can't find anywhere else. This year I am opening camping spots, and I hope to expand with more cabins in future years. We see many guests each year, and are able to greet them in English, Spanish and Persian!

In Memory of

September 16, 1936- May 4, 2021

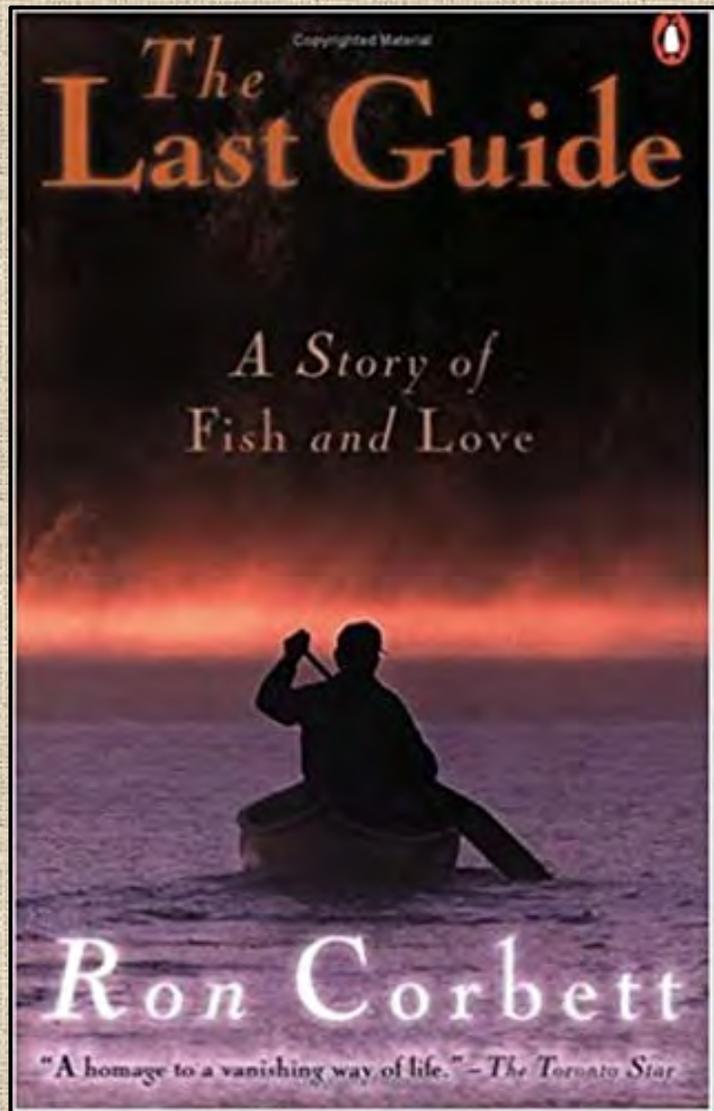
by Evelyne (Sorensen) Lesage, a neighbour

Frank was raised on a farm in Whitney with 15 other siblings on Galeairy Lake when it was called Long Lake. As an adult he lived just down the street from me in a modest home with plenty of canoes and boat trailers in the back yard.

He was married twice. His second wife Marie passed in 2005. Frank has 9 sons and 3 daughters, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Fifty years ago, I knew off by heart the name of all Frank's brothers and sisters. I was pretty proud of that. I spent many days at the farm he grew up on with my best friend Anne van Baal, his niece, after my relatives from Austria purchased the property. We loved the fact that it didn't have any modern conveniences and used to skip school to spend time there. You can only get there by water or a trail through the woods. When the original house burned down 30 years ago a lovely hand built squared timber home was built by my cousin Simon and his friends from Austria when they were 19 years old.

Frank started guiding in Algonquin Park at age 8 and continued for 75 years. Back when I was a kid, there were over 140 fishing guides in the area but for the last 20 years he's been the only one that has continued that legacy. He's guided thousands of people including celebrities like Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas, the entire cast of Bonanza and a Mexican President. Can you just imagine the stories he could tell these people about his fishing exploits and adventures in Algonquin Park? Seventy-five years worth. No wonder he was sought out.

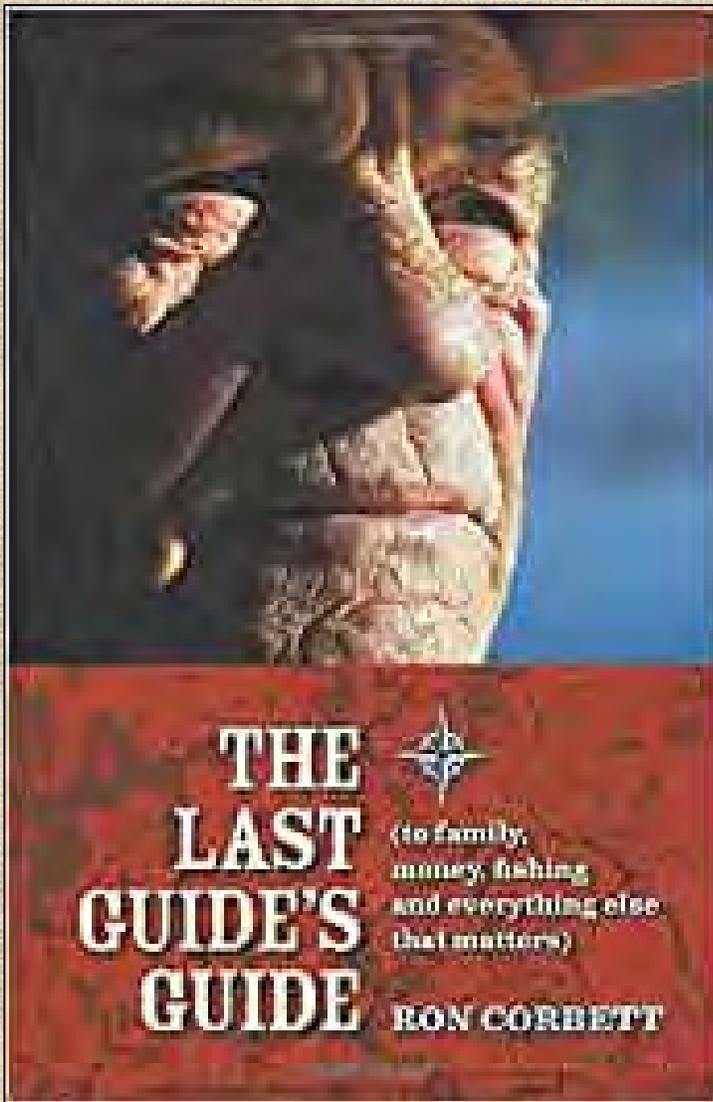


Frank Kuiack:

Legendary Algonquin Park Fishing Guide of 75 years

His fishing trips included a healthy Shore Lunch which he easily prepared. I never went on a guided fishing trip but I remember those heavy baskets made out of woven wood strips that were used 55 years ago. No wonder these men were so

strong. They would come home with up to 40 fish. That was before conservation came into play. Nowadays packsacks are a blessing.



Frank was well known by Park Staff and they have developed policy based on some of his knowledge of aquatic life. In March he received the **2021 Director's Award** from the Friends of Algonquin Park. Every July you would see him catching and cleaning a vast amount of rock bass from the **Whitefish Lake Rock Bass Family Fishing Derby** which he later cooked for the derby's participants.

Frank's legacy is amazing. He often donated his time at the **North Hastings Fish Hatchery**. He had **two books** written about him, **The Last Guide** and **The Last Guide's Guide** by Author Ron Corbett which can be purchased at the bookstore in

the Algonquin Park visitor Center and on Amazon. He appears in the documentary **Lost Line-The Last Guide** by Cristian Gomes, and on You Tube under **Last Guide Fishing tips**, Ottawa Press and Publishing. Frank was also featured in a short film by Kyle McDougall for Sigma Canada called **Legacy**. Photographs of Frank will be included in Wayne Simpsons forthcoming book being released this fall **Resilient: The Portraiture of Wayne Simpson**.

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Open daily
8:00am – 9:00pm
Air conditioned
Smoke free
No pets

Whitney Cabins, located 5 km east of Algonquin Park on Highway 60, offers travelers comfortable double occupancy accommodation (queen or twin beds).

We have five cabins in two different sizes, nestled on 18 acres with a small lake on the back of the property great for fishing and canoeing. All cabins have their own decks, cathedral ceilings, tongue and groove knotty pine interiors, gas fireplace, coffee maker, firepit, free WIFI and Bell XpressVu. We also have a jacuzzi option, BBQs and an outdoor common fridge.

The cabins are not housekeeping, so bring dishes and cutlery for outdoor cooking. When you arrive for your stay, beds are made. Towels and washcloths are provided, along with soap and shampoo.

**If you are looking to get away from it all,
but still want the best,
come here for a great rest!**



CAMPFIRE SAFETY GUIDE

Campfires are a Canadian right of passage enjoyed for recreation, warmth, cooking, and ceremonies. They also pose a risk for properties, people and entire communities. Read on to learn how to enjoy your campfire safely and within the rules.

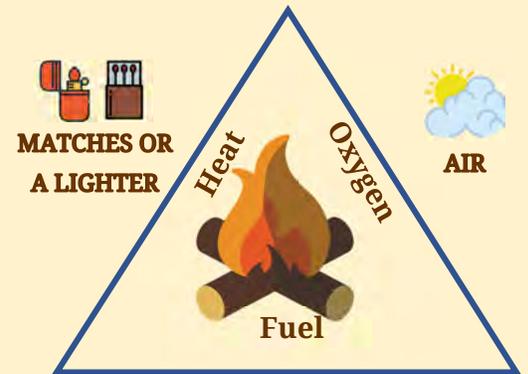
ARE THE CONDITIONS SAFE?

Start a campfire **only** if there is no fire ban **AND** you can answer **yes to all** these questions:

- ✓ Do you have permission of the property owner to have a campfire?
- ✓ Is the fire pit less than 1m in diameter (39”), with a non-combustible ring (metal or rocks for example)?
- ✓ Is the fire pit at least 2m away from other flammable materials?
- ✓ Can the fire burn safely from start to extinguishment?
- ✓ Is there a competent adult in charge of the fire at all times?
- ✓ Can you summon assistance if the fire gets out of control?
- ✓ Are you burning only “Class A” carbon based combustibles such as wood, paper, leaves (no plastic or other materials)?
- ✓ Is it during the prescribed time (no more than 2 hours before sunset, or later than 2 hours after sunrise)?
- ✓ Do you have water available to put the fire out with?

THE FIRE TRIANGLE

Fires need three things:
heat, oxygen & fuel



BURN FIRST AID

1. Remove any clothing and jewellery. Clothes hold in the heat and can make a burn worse.
2. Never use ice, butter, toothpaste or creams.
3. Apply 20 minutes of cool running water.
4. Cover with a clean cloth, gauze or bandages.
5. Seek medical advice if the skin is broken or the burn area is larger than a 25 cent piece.

Note: small cooking fires are permitted at all times, but must be extinguished when cooking is complete.

DO NOT

- ✗ NEVER use an accelerant to start a campfire
- ✗ NEVER leave a fire unattended, or kids/pets unattended with a fire
- ✗ NEVER leave your fire until you are CERTAIN it is out
- ✗ NEVER bury hot coals or ashes
- ✗ NEVER burn plastic, glass or metal
- ✗ NEVER horseplay around a campfire
- ✗ NEVER light a fire during a fire ban

**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY
DIAL
911**

HOW TO BUILD A CAMPFIRE

1. Gather three types of material. (**NEVER** use flammable liquids to start a campfire.)



Tinder - dry twigs, paper, lint, cotton, leaves



Kindling – dry sticks no bigger than 1” diameter



Firewood: wood up to about 10” in diameter

2. Choose your campfire style, then build it.



Tipi

Arrange your tinder underneath your kindling. Then stack the wood on top in a cone shape



Crossfire

Place tinder & kindling between two parallel logs. Lay more pieces of wood across the top as fire burns down



Log Cabin

Build layers of wood around the tinder & kindling in perpendicular pairs. Top it off with more kindling

3. Ignite the tinder, and fan the flame to provide oxygen until the logs catch fire.

EXTINGUISHING A FIRE - “DROWN-STIR-DROWN-FEEL”

1. Allow your campfire to burn completely to ashes.
2. Pour water on it to cool the ashes. Stir the ashes with water to make a ‘mud pie’. When you think the fire is out, add more water.
3. Check with your hand just above the ash to sense if the ash is still hot. **DO NOT TOUCH** the ash or you might burn yourself!!! If you feel heat, add more water.
4. **REMEMBER: If it’s too hot to touch, it’s too hot to leave!**

MORE INFORMATION? CHECK OUT THESE LINKS!



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www.fourcornersalgonquin.ca
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Ontario Forest Fire Map:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>

How to prevent forest fires

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-prevent-forest-fires>

Municipal Burn Rules:

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ON Assoc. of Fire Chiefs – Campfire Safety

<https://www.oafc.on.ca/spring-summer-fire-safety-tips>



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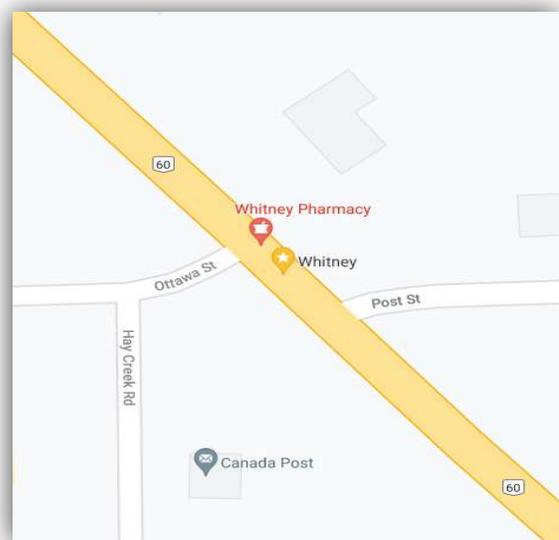
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The Spirit of the South Algonquin Woman

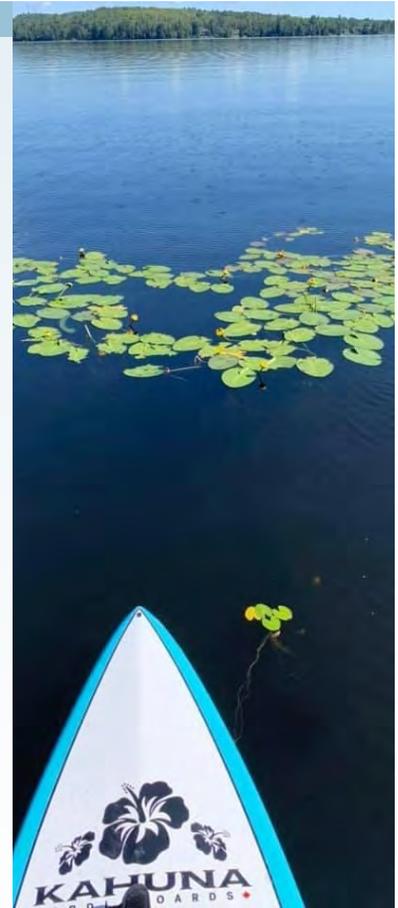
By Dana Nicole Boldt

South Algonquin is, and forever will be, Home. I no longer reside in Whitney, but I did spend the first 28 years of my life there and most of my family is still there. Born to two lifetime Whitney residents, I come packed full of South Algonquin DNA: a little dash of Boldt, a pinch of McGuey, a drop of Hyland, finished off with a sprinkling of Bowers.

South Algonquin is where I am most in tune with nature and with what I refer to as my Inner Eve, that divine essence that connects all women to something beyond our comprehension. Whether I'm gliding across the waters of Galeairy on my paddle board, walking through the forests near my family home, or hiking and fishing in Algonquin Park, I feel the powerful pull of nature that nurtures the soul. I think of my female ancestors who walked in those places before me - the Algonquin women who thrived on the land and waters surrounding Farm Bay on Galeairy, and the strong women who farmed the lands of Sabine where my mother grew up.

South Algonquin has always been abound with strong, determined women. Take a walk back in time to the "downtown" Whitney of the 80s and 90s. You will see Elva at the Twin "E" Shop and Helen at Rooster's General Store, Debby C. running the show at the TD Bank or Debbie D. whipping up chocolatey goodness at D's Treats, or Isabelle at the Algonquin Lunch Bar and Phyllis at Parkland, flawlessly managing the chaos that comes with running a restaurant. Fast forward to the present and you will see a whole new generation of thriving women, upholding the foundations of the town.

These are but a small sampling of the women who have shaped a beautiful community and I can't help but believe that these women were also inspired by that raw, divine energy that I experience when I'm home. Whenever the chaos of the city or the stressors of work feel heavy in my heart, I know I can return to my home to reconnect with my Inner Eve and to those strong women who came before me.



A heart shaped formation of lily pads I paddled upon in the bay near "Jack's Point" on Galeairy Lake



For more things "Inner Eve", follow my blog at passtheapple.ca

Gertrud Sorensen



Award-winning artist Gertrud Sorensen was brought up in the Tyrolean Alps of Austria. Once she moved to Canada, she met her husband, Fritz, and they moved to Whitney with their 4 children and made Bear Trail Lodge, which has been renamed Couples Resort, their home. She has always been an artist, first in photography, then in painting the gorgeous landscapes that she is known for today.

Looking at one of her paintings transports you to that location, making you feel like you are in the Algonquin woods on a chilly autumn day, or right on the Madawaska River. She hopes that those who view her work, feel her connection to the land. Gertrud is a visionary leader in the art world of Algonquin Park; she was the one who secured the room in the Visitor's Centre for the arts.

You can find Gertrud's work on display and for sale at her art gallery/studio at the Couples Resort in Whitney, by appointment only.

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Couples Resort



50+ years in the making...

Fritz Sorensen from Denmark, and Gertrud Haller from Austria, met in Toronto at a Tennis Club after moving to Canada. They later married in 1956 and had 4 Children, Evelyne, Mark, John, and Paul.

Fritz had a dream of owning his own business, so when the youngest was just shy of a year, the family moved to Whitney, and purchased the existing Long Lake Lodge on Galeairy Lake in 1967. The Lodge accommodated 20-24 guests with 7 Cottages, a Main Lodge that housed the dining room, and 3 living quarters. There was a lot to learn as they had no previous experience in hospitality.

The following year the lodge was renamed “The Bear Trail Lodge” after Gertrud had a dream that a bear was exploring around the main house and had run off into the woods. The same year they remained open in the winter for Cross Country Skiers. Guests from as far away as Virginia stayed to enjoy the beauty of winter in Algonquin.



By next winter Fritz had cut a 5km Ski trail known as the “Farm Trail”. This, and the fact the lodge was the only one opened during the winter, had attracted the attention of the Southern Ontario Ski clubs. The success of the season allowed the family to extend their private living quarters to 4 rooms, and with Gertrud’s inheritance they were also able to construct a 4 unit building known as the “Western Cedar Rooms”. Gertrud reached out to a German travel agency that same year beginning a long history of a European trade. Many groups arrived by bus

from Austria, France, Germany, Scandinavia and Switzerland.

Throughout the years their children worked alongside them at the resort, trained in every area of the business. Winter season became equally as busy as Summer, so in 1978 construction began on “Luxury Lakeside Rooms” in the main lodge. They asked for a tourism loan from the government only to encounter a problem with the saw mill across the lake. The mill, originally located on Rock Lake in Algonquin Park, had relocated to Whitney. The noise generated from the mill was so loud that guests thought an airport was nearby. Gone was the peacefulness. The project was put on hold until everything was settled with the saw mill. The original plans for a 14 unit motel style building, changed to 7 inn rooms instead. In 1980, the rooms were completed but the stress of those 2 years had taken its toll on Fritz, who had developed skin cancer on over 90% of his body. Miraculously, he recovered!



A year later the neighbouring resort “Rainbow Lodge” was purchased. The housekeeping cottages were turned into more suitable accommodations to house a maximum capacity of 100 guests, or 2 bus groups, which made up most of the business at the time. Of course, with any new building comes new clientele and advertising had expanded. From 1982-1988 business was good, so good that it was becoming too much work for Gertrud, and she wanted to sell the resort. The entire family was against the idea so John, who had just finished studying at Carlton University, came home to help.

In 1983 Gertrud started organizing workshops at the resort for artists to attend during the off season. The artists loved painting the scenery in the area and the experience of hosting these events turned into a new passion for Gertrud. In 1992, she secured a room at the Algonquin Park Visitor’s Center for artists, and her group has a showing every October. You can view her original paintings in her Art Gallery & Studio located on the resort property next to her residence.



John soon took over the marketing side of the business and envisioned transforming “The Bear Trail Inn Resort” into a couples’ only resort. Gertrud & Fritz agreed as long as they wouldn’t have to do all of the work. This idea turned out to be an excellent business move and immediately began attracting couples. All accommodations were renovated and designed specifically for two people. Couples came to celebrate their anniversaries, birthdays and to spend their honeymoon relaxing in

the beauty that surrounds the resort.

In 1991 they applied for another tourism loan and spent the next 2 years building the Junior Suites. As the resort became more unique and luxurious, the need to increase the size of staff became necessary to provide the highest quality of service to a maximum capacity of 46 couples. In 1988, a staff of 24 could take care of 100 guests. There is now 50+ for that same amount.

Every year more buildings were renovated and original cottages were replaced. The “Royal Suites” and “Presidential Suites” were built. The main lobby, dining room, kitchen, exercise room, and “Luxury Lakeside rooms” were all updated. Nine of the original log cabins were relocated to a new property after being replaced by the “Spa Villas” and “Chateaus”. This new property would become the “Adventure Lodge”, ‘sister’ property located across town on the Madawaska River. The lodge accommodates 18 people, and is a perfect place for a cozy, rustic, pet friendly getaway.

The “Spa Villa Cabins” came in 1998 and the “Chateaus” in 2000. All were a gigantic undertaking and were finally completed in June of 2001. Fritz relished in the glory of the realization that his dreams for this place had become reality. Sadly, he passed away just months later on August 2, 2001. This business and these grounds were his life, and he would hate to leave it all behind. His favourite saying was, “Why should I go anywhere else when I have everything I want or need here?”



Construction and upgrades never stopped, and in 2002 the “Adventure Stables” were built, bringing horseback riding to the area. In 2004 the “Presidential/Royal Suites” were replaced by the “Exotic Suites”. In 2005 cottages were again removed to make way for the “Master Suites”. In 2008 The “Algonquin Spa” was introduced, replacing some of the “Luxury Lakeside Rooms”. Over the years arrangements were made for staff to live on-site and eventually staff housing was built for 16 people. The “*Western Cedar Rooms*” were transformed for a total of 20 rooms to accommodate employees working here from all corners of Ontario, neighbouring provinces, and even some from other countries.

Today, the Couples Resort can accommodate 46 couples. All rooms feature whirlpool baths, king sized beds, private hot tubs and real wood burning fireplaces. Gourmet breakfasts and five course dinners are included daily with your stay.



For the adventurer, we proudly offer various activities like cross country skiing, snow shoeing, ice hiking, skating, horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking, biking, tennis, badminton, pickle ball, and more.

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So whether you’re looking to bring back the romance, enjoy a well deserved vacation, explore Algonquin or all of the above, the Couples Resort has something for everyone. Be our guest and let us spoil you! We proudly call “Bear Trail” now “Couples Resort” our home and we hope that you will enjoy it as much as we do.

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BE BEAR AWARE

North American black bears are smart, curious, powerful and potentially dangerous. **And they don't like surprises.** If you are a camper, hiker, cyclist, jogger, berry picker or you plan to spend time in "bear country" learn to be Bear Wise to avoid an encounter.

STOP. DO NOT PANIC. REMAIN CALM.

Generally, the noisier the bear is, the less dangerous it is, provided you do not approach it. The noise is meant to scare you off and acts as a warning signal:

- ✓ Keep the bear in sight, slowly back away & wait for it to leave.
- ✓ If the bear does not leave, throw objects, wave your arms and make noise with a whistle, car alarm or air horn.
- ✓ Prepare to use bear spray.
- ✓ If you are near a building or vehicle get inside.
- ✓ Drop any food you are carrying and slowly move away.
- ✓ If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Leave the area. The bear will come down when it feels safe.

NEVER:

- ✗ Run, climb a tree or swim
- ✗ Kneel down
- ✗ Make direct eye contact
- ✗ Approach the bear to get a better look
- ✗ Attempt to feed a bear

**NON-EMERGENCY
BEAR HOTLINE
1-866-514-2327**

**FOR EMERGENCIES
DIAL 911**

BE PREPARED!

While you could encounter a black bear at any time of the day or night, bear attacks are **extremely rare**. A threatened black bear will give off warning signs to let you know you are too close. A black bear standing on its hind legs is not a sign of aggressive behaviour. The bear is trying to get a better look at you or catch your scent.

A defensive or threatened bear will:

- Salivate excessively & exhale loudly
- Make huffing, moaning, clacking and popping sounds with its mouth, teeth and jaws
- Lower its head with its ears drawn back while facing you
- Charge forward, and/or swat the ground with its paws (known as a 'bluff' charge)

A predatory bear:

- Will approach silently
- May approach regardless of attempts to deter it with noise or throwing rocks

If the bear attacks:

- Use bear spray
- Fight back with everything you have
- Do not play dead unless you are sure a mother bear is attacking in defence of her cubs

DID YOU KNOW? THERE IS ONE BEAR PER 4 KM² IN THIS REGION!

BEAR SAFETY WHILE CAMPING

THE NUMBER ONE RULE FOR BEAR SAFETY: ALWAYS KEEP A CLEAN CAMPSITE!

SAFE FOOD STORAGE

- Always store human and pet food and containers in a locked vehicle.
- Do not allow people or pets to eat inside your tent.

SAFE GARBAGE STORAGE

- Store waste in a locked vehicle or dispose of it in a bear-tight receptacle.
- deposit it directly at a landfill.
- Wash empty food containers & lids with a strong-smelling disinfectant (bleach).

THOROUGHLY CLEAN YOUR COOKING AREA AND BARBECUE

- burn off food residue and wash the grill right away.
- empty the grease trap every time you barbecue.
- remove and wash all utensils, dishes & food after eating.

ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY SCENTS AND ODOURS

- Soap, toothpaste, candles, perfume products etc. can attract bears.
- Leave scented products at home.
- Store the rest in a vehicle.

KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

- Feed your pet(s) at scheduled times.
- Leash dogs when walking in bear country to reduce the potential of dogs harassing a black bear or of being attacked by one.
- check for the presence of bears before letting your dog out.

SKIP BIRDFEEDERS AND FRUIT TREES

Bears love bird feeders and the fruit from wild and domestic fruit trees.

- Avoid camping near wild fruit trees.
- Leave the bird seed at home.

AVOIDING BEAR INTERACTIONS

Alert bears to your presence so they can avoid you. Make noise, such as singing, whistling or talking while in areas with restricted visibility or with high background noise, such as near streams and waterfalls. While outdoors:

- travel in groups of two or more—people who travel alone are most vulnerable
- scan your surroundings and do not wear music headphones
- watch for signs of bear activity such as tracks, claw marks on trees, flipped-over rocks or fresh bear droppings
- Carry a whistle or air horn in an easy to access spot and know how to use it.
- Consider carrying a long-handled axe, especially if you are in remote areas or deep in the forest.

MORE INFORMATION? CHECK OUT THESE LINKS!

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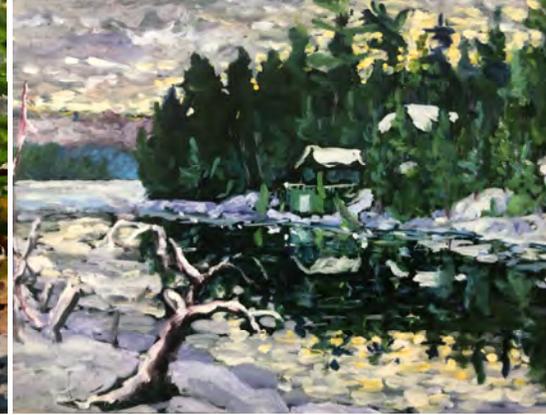
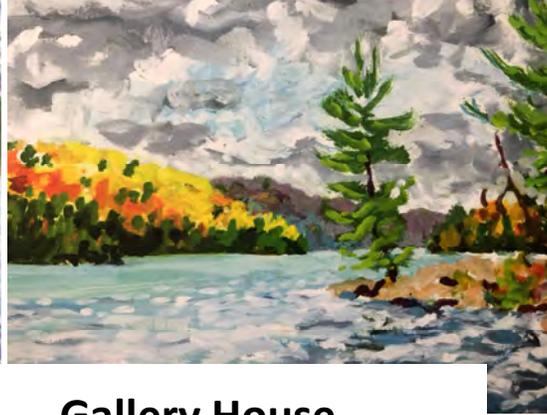
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Shoe Tree Tales

Stories told by Students of St. Martin of Tours
Catholic School, Whitney

Legend of the Shoe Tree: Local History that was Passed Down to Me Through Family By Ashton

The shoe tree became a thing a long, long time ago. If people came around Whitney they would sometimes put writing on a shoe and nail it on the tree or tie a pair of shoes on the tree. When their shoes got worn out from walking, they would go place them on the tree and take off a better pair. I'm pretty sure my cousins' parents started the shoe tree. Across the road from the shoe tree there's a village. My cousins' family lived there and were part of the shoe tree. I've been there a lot. The one shoe tree got full so my cousin made another one and put the shoes that fell off the first tree on the new tree. There's a lot of old stone house foundations around it. There's also a well. The well was their water source and there's a ton of old soup cans and pots and pans around the house foundations. What I've been told was that downstairs in their houses there were pigs. They would raise the pigs and butcher them for food to feed their families.

I hope you enjoyed my legend of the shoe tree.

The Legend of a Shoe Tree By Ben

There once was a time when a lot of people were poor and could not afford to pay for shoes, so they had to get creative. Some people went out and put some shoes on a tree and spread the word. The way a shoe tree works is that you take your old shoes and put them on your tree and you can take a pair of shoes off. It did not stop there. After a while the tree ran out of shoes. There was this one kid named Bob. He was an outcast. When he saw that there were no shoes left, he asked his grandpa to help him make shoes. One Friday night they started making shoes. At first it was taking an hour to make a pair but once they got in the groove it was going very quickly. By Monday morning when it was time for Bob to go to school, they had made 2000 pairs of shoes. On his way to school Bob hung all those shoes on the tree. For the rest of Bob's life, every time there was only a few shoes he would add some more. When it was time, Bob taught his grandson how to make the shoes. His grandson continued the tradition. Legend says if you go down to the shoe tree late at night, you will hear the spirits of Bob's grandpa, Bob and his grandson making the shoes.

The Only Trees Left In Whitney By Addie

You will see many many trees but that was not always the case. Long ago there were two trees that could live through anything. Once when a tornado hit they were the only two trees in the area still standing. So many animals lost their homes from the tornado! Many small animals came to the two trees to try to live in them but there wasn't enough room. The trees could sense the animals on them but they couldn't help them. The animals on them were not trying to annoy the trees but they did because there were so many scurrying over them looking for homes. The trees would drop their needles on them and shake and blow in the wind to try to make them go away. The animals couldn't make homes in the trees. When a group of people on a camping trip saw the homeless animals and realized what was happening they felt bad for the animals. One of the boys stole shoes from the rest of the group and nailed the shoes on the trees to make homes for the little animals. The animals could live in the shoes! The birds, the squirrels, and the chipmunks, all had new homes because of the boy who said, "These poor animals need some homes". Today as more shoes are nailed to the trees the animals get happier and happier.

The Legend of the Shoe Tree By Payton

There once was a boy and his name was Hunter because his dad shot a lot of deer. One day everyone went out hunting and Hunter did not get anything because all the people in the town had already shot all the deer that were around. Hunter went deeper into the bush looking for deer and got lost. The people went to go look for him, but they did not find him. The people looked all night. The next day Hunter's mom found his shoes tied to a tree. Hunter's mom thought he died but she went into the bush and she found him. He had shot 5 deer! Everyone helped get all the deer out of the bush and had a big meal. Everyone who went in the bush put their shoes on that tree to honour the deer that were killed.

To this day, legend says if you put a pair of shoes on the tree, you'll be a lucky hunter.

The Legend of the Shoe Tree By Chris E.

Have you ever heard of the legend of the shoe tree? It goes back a long time ago when families could not afford to pay for shoes. Local people had worked for a lumbermill but there was a forest fire and all the trees got burnt down so the mill got put out of business.

There was a boy named Eagle. He had sore feet because he had no shoes. One day he went for a walk and he found a huge tree full of brand new shoes. He chose the shiniest pair. His parents asked him when he got home, "Where did you get those shoes?" Eagle didn't want to tell them because he wanted all the shoes to himself. His plan was to sell them. Eagle said to his parents, "I did some chores for old man Duncan." The parents believed him. The next day Eagle went back to the tree for another pair. There were only old dirty worn out shoes left. From that day on, every time a little boy lies an old pair of shoes will be nailed on the tree.

Shoe Tree Legend By September

There was a family in town that was very rich, and they knew of a poor family that lived down the road from them. One of the boys from the rich family was best friends with the son from the poor family. They would play every day and the rich boy noticed holes in his poor friends' shoes. He ran home and got a pair of shoes that he never wore and hung them from a low branch on the tree in front of the poor boy's house. He hoped that his friend would find them the next day and keep them.

The next day came and the poor boy went for a walk down to the forest to look for fresh berries for his family's breakfast. When he walked past the tree in his yard, he saw the new shoes just hanging there. He took them off the tree and tried them on and they were a perfect fit! He then ran to the house and grabbed a hammer and nails and nailed his old shoes to the tree to show his mysterious gift giver that he loved his new shoes and did not need his old ones anymore.

The poor boy with his new shoes ran all over town telling everyone of this wonderful surprise and people thought this was such a great idea. From then, the tradition was started of leaving an extra pair of shoes that they were not wearing anymore, and people would put them on the shoe tree. When someone who did not have shoes, or had a big hole in theirs, needed a new pair, they could come to the shoe tree and grab some new shoes.

They also hang them on hydro lines for travelers. It is called hang-tossing. "Do you wonder when the shoe tree was started? Legend says that this happened hundreds of years ago, but no one knows for sure.

Today the tradition is still going on and we are taught to be kind and thankful for all that we have and help when we can.



The Shoe Tree Man

By Chris N.

The Whitney shoe tree originated from a man who made shoes for the town. Sadly no one would buy shoes from the man in the beginning. The man would work day and night trying to make his shoes look the best and feel the best, but he would get no business. Every night he would say "This is my last night. I'm not going to do this anymore", but he would always come back to make his shoes. One day while he was hard at work making shoes, he thought to try a new way of advertising them. He thought to himself "I could put my shoes on a tree nearby and let people try them for free to show them how cool and comfortable they are". About a week later word got around about these amazing shoes. "They're the most comfortable shoes I've ever worn." they'd say. "I'm the coolest person at my school because of my shoes". Everyone wanted a pair of the man's shoes and after a while people found the man's store. Everyone bought shoes from him and everyone loved them. He felt great that he had left his store open and that he had thought of that amazing idea to put the shoes on the tree. Years and years later people would still buy shoes from the now old man. Sadly, one day he fell ill and could no longer make shoes for the townspeople. Around two weeks later the illness got too strong and he passed away. As a memorial of the old shoe man people would put the shoes he had made for them on the same tree to show what he had done. He didn't save the town or fight in any wars, but he is still known as a hero in the hearts of the people in Whitney who grew up walking straight and tall in his comfortable shoes.

The Magical Shoe Tree

By Matt

A long, long time ago in a small town called Whitney there was a boy named Spearhead. Spearhead was given the name by his great grandfather because he could spear a fish better than anyone. Back in that time, the Madawaska River flowing through town was full of fresh fish. Every time Spearhead caught a fish, the crowds would cheer him on. "He's caught another one!" Word travelled quickly and people from all over the world began to come to the Madawaska River to fish. Overtime, the fish stopped coming down stream. Spearhead's luck had run out!!! His popularity with the townspeople began to fade. No one would even talk to him on the streets. "It's because of you we have no fish! You caused all these people to come to our river to fish!" Spearhead started wandering upriver to find fish. Late in the evening, when Spearhead failed to come home, his grandfather was very worried. He walked to town and rang the town bell. "Spearhead is missing! Spearhead is missing!" he shouted as he rang the bell. All the townspeople gathered when they heard. They all knew that it was because of them that he wandered away. As they searched, one little boy named Flying Feather noticed something unusual on a tree. As he got closer and closer, he noticed a pair of shoes nailed to the tree. He ran home to tell Spearhead's grandfather. Spearhead's grandfather ran to the tree. As he gazed up, he cried, "Those are Spearhead's shoes!!! He's dead, he's dead! Someone has killed him!" As he cried, Flying Feather heard a rustling in the forest which led to the river. All of the townspeople ran to the river. In the distance, they spotted Spearhead walking on top of the river spearing fish. On the side of the river were baskets and baskets of fish. Once again, they all chanted, "Spearhead, Spearhead! You are the town hero!"

Spearhead became the town hero again. The Madawaska River was full of fish once again. Legend has it that Spearhead had found magical shoes nailed on a tree by the river. The shoes had a magical power that enabled you to float on water and turn the rocks into fish. By the tree, there was a sign written in mysterious writing. It said, "Take a pair, leave a pair. Plenty of fish, no despair! Do not be greedy! You are not that needy! Once a year, you'll have no fear. Walk on the river run-if you can solve this pun!"

To this day, every year the townspeople nail a pair of shoes to the tree and take a pair that magically appear. One person who shows the brave qualities of Spearhead is chosen to feed the town. Everyone gathers for the Spearhead Festival and feasts on the shores of Madawaska.

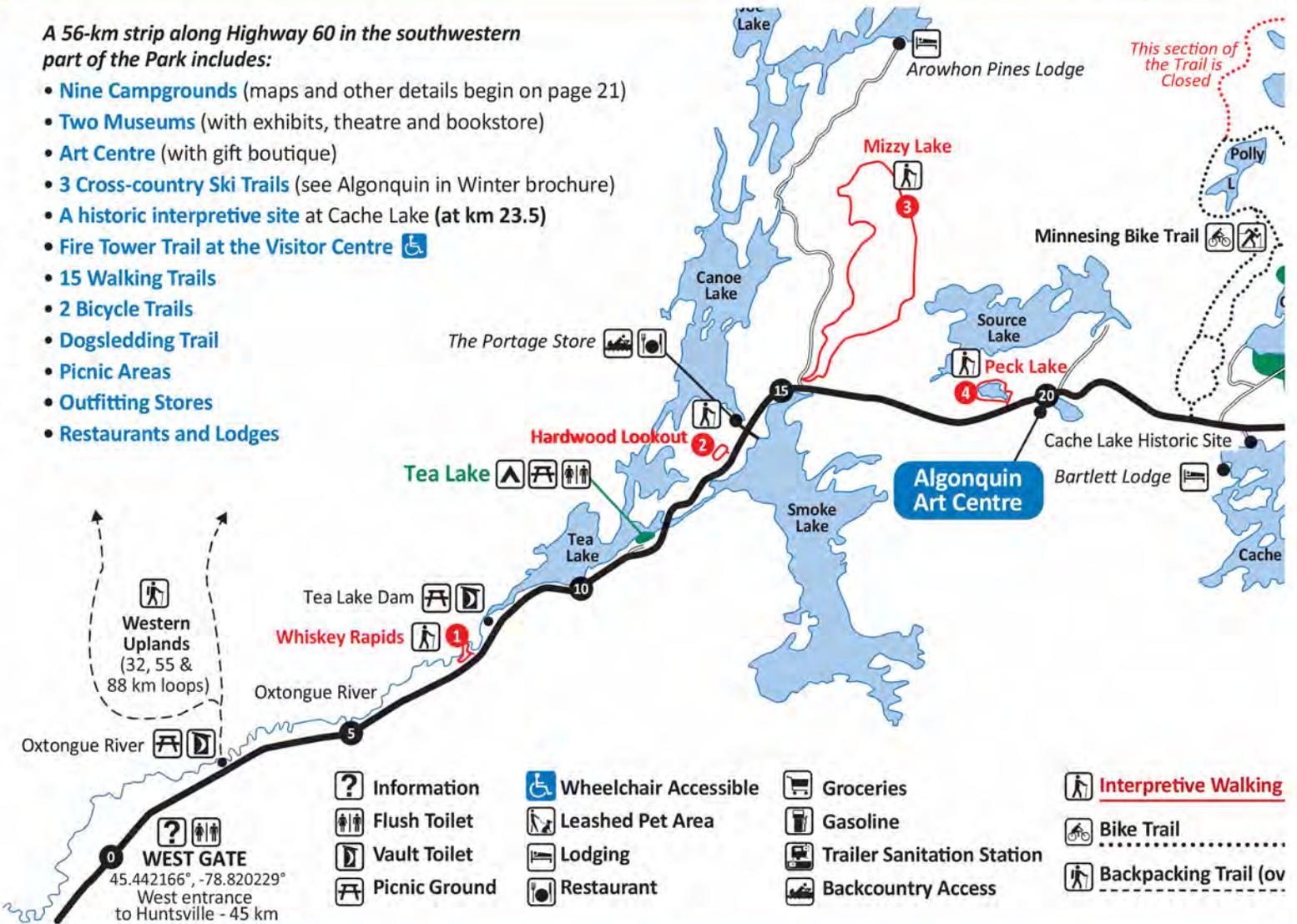
If you are lucky enough to know the secret location of our magical tree, you too can come and join the town of Whitney as they celebrate the Spearhead Festival.



Highway 60

A 56-km strip along Highway 60 in the southwestern part of the Park includes:

- **Nine Campgrounds** (maps and other details begin on page 21)
- **Two Museums** (with exhibits, theatre and bookstore)
- **Art Centre** (with gift boutique)
- **3 Cross-country Ski Trails** (see Algonquin in Winter brochure)
- **A historic interpretive site** at Cache Lake (at km 23.5)
- **Fire Tower Trail at the Visitor Centre**
- **15 Walking Trails**
- **2 Bicycle Trails**
- **Dogsledding Trail**
- **Picnic Areas**
- **Outfitting Stores**
- **Restaurants and Lodges**



Choose from 15 Interpretive Walking Trails along the Highway 60 Corridor - See pages 22-24 for Interpretive

There are fifteen interpretive walking trails along the Highway 60 Corridor in Algonquin Provincial Park. Through the use of illustrated guide booklets, each trail is designed to explore a different aspect of Algonquin's environment. Walking trails are also located in the north, south and east sides of Algonquin (see pages 16-18).

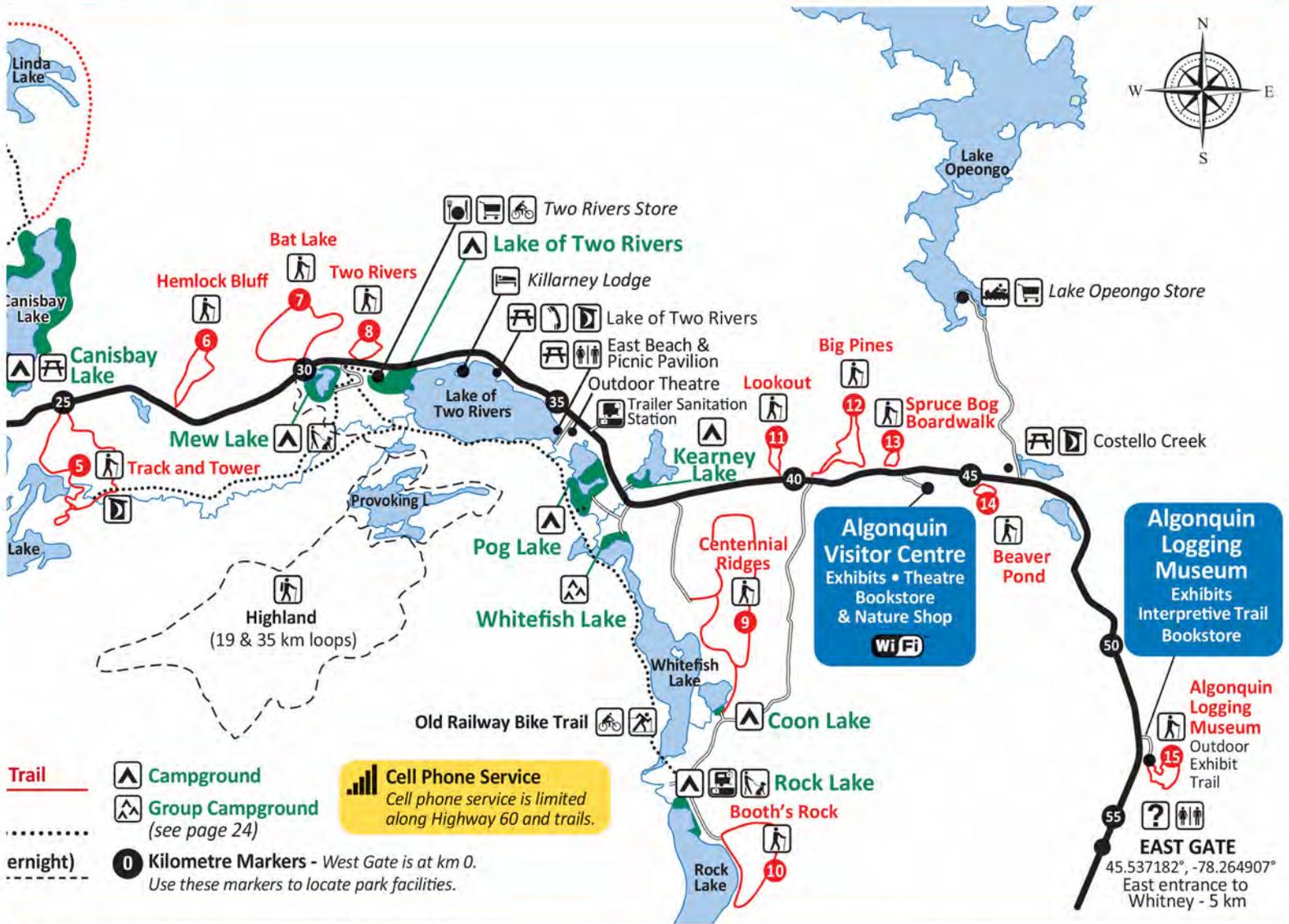
- Know your limitations! Check the length, difficulty, and time required to walk the trail before you start out.
- Allow enough time to be off trails and back at your vehicle before dusk; in winter months, before 3 pm.
- Wear footwear and clothing appropriate for the trail and weather conditions.
- Do not rely on your cell phone; service may be limited or non-existent.
- Overnight parking at interpretive walking trail parking lots is prohibited.
- Regular maintenance of trails occurs only from early May to late October; you could encounter waterlogged and/or flooded areas, downed branches/trees, and ice or deep snow.
- Guide booklets are removed from trailhead dispensers from late October to early May; pre-purchase booklets in-person during business hours at the East and West Gates and the Visitor Centre, or online.

There is one basic rule in Ontario Parks:

Have respect and consideration for your fellow visitors and the Park environment.

Trail Name	Length of Trail
1 Whiskey Rapids	2.1 km
2 Hardwood Lookout	1.0 km
3 Mizzy Lake	10.8 km
4 Peck Lake	2.3 km
5 Track & Tower	7.5 km
6 Hemlock Bluff	3.5 km
7 Bat Lake	5.8 km
8 Two Rivers	2.3 km
9 Centennial Ridges	10.4 km
10 Booth's Rock	5.1 km
11 Lookout	2.1 km
12 Big Pines	2.9 km
13 Spruce Bog Boardwalk	1.5 km
14 Beaver Pond	2.0 km
15 Algonquin Logging Museum	1.3 km

60 Corridor



Walking Trails at other locations in Algonquin.

Rating	Time Needed	Hwy 60	Features	Difficulty
■	1.5 hr	km 7.2	Scenic rapids along river	Easy
■	0.75 hr	km 13.8	Scenic lookout	Easy
◆	6 hr	km 15.4	Ponds; wet areas; NO DOGS allowed	Difficult
■	1.5 hr	km 19.2	Lake shoreline trail	Easy
◆	4 hr	km 24	Scenic lookout; abandoned railbed	Difficult
■	2 hr	km 27.2	Hardwood forest, hemlock stand, view of Jack Lake	Easy
■	3.5 hr	km 30.8	Hardwood forest, lookout, acidic bog	Easy
■	1.5 hr	km 31	Pine-clad cliff	Easy
◆	6 hr	km 37.6	(2 km S from Hwy 60) High ridges; scenic lookout	Difficult
◆	3 hr	km 40.3	(9 km S from Hwy 60) Scenic lookout; abandoned railbed	Difficult
◆	1 hr	km 39.7	Scenic lookout	Difficult
■	2 hr	km 40.3	Old growth White Pine; remains of 1880s logging camp	Easy
●	1 hr	km 42.5	Northern spruce bogs	Easy
■	1.5 hr	km 45.2	Views of two beaver ponds	Easy
●	1 hr	km 54.5	Bookstore; theatre; outdoor exhibits on Algonquin's logging history	Easy

WATCH FOR MOOSE!

MOOSE POSE A SERIOUS DANGER
 Stay alert and never exceed the speed limit. At night 60-70km/hr is even better.
VIEWING WILDLIFE? BE CAREFUL!
 Pull onto the shoulder, safely off the pavement. Watch your children.
 Watch for traffic. Stay at a respectful distance from wildlife!

MINING IN SOUTH ALGONQUIN

By Angela Pollak

Mining in South Algonquin dates back to the early 20th century when deposits of minerals such as mica and feldspar were found north of Madawaska. These minerals are used in various industrial applications including joint compounds, drilling, and glassmaking. Metal deposits of cerium (used in lighting) and iron ore, as well as quartz crystals used in electronics were also mined here. Although more than 10,000 tons of minerals, quartz and metals were taken from open pit quarries between 1919 and 1953, most of the mines were never big producers. One mine continued to produce until 1981. The map below shows the abandoned mines and test sites that are part of the Ontario Geological Survey. An old compressor used at one of the mines can be seen at 14 Major Lake Road Madawaska (image © Gabriela Hairabedian).



Opeongo Outfitters

Opeongo Outfitters is proud to be the original wilderness canoe trip outfitter of Algonquin Park. Established in 1936 by Grandpa Joe Avery while living in at Opeongo Lake in Algonquin Park. Son of Joe, Kenneth Avery continued on the family business in at Opeongo Lake until 1977 when the store was moved to its current location of Whitney ON, just 1km outside the Algonquin East Gate. Opeongo Outfitters has been in business serving Algonquin Park's wilderness fanatics for 80 years and is still going strong.

In addition, we sell new and used canoes and can accommodate any canoe trip with our years of experience and premium camping supplies, while keeping with the ever-changing trends.

We carry everything from fishing gear and camping supplies to premium Columbia sport wear. As the original outfitters of Algonquin Park we are proud to have served you for the last 80 years and we welcome the next generations of canoe trippers in Algonquin Park.

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- water taxi service on Opeongo Lake
- campground canoe deliveries
- ice manufacturing and delivery
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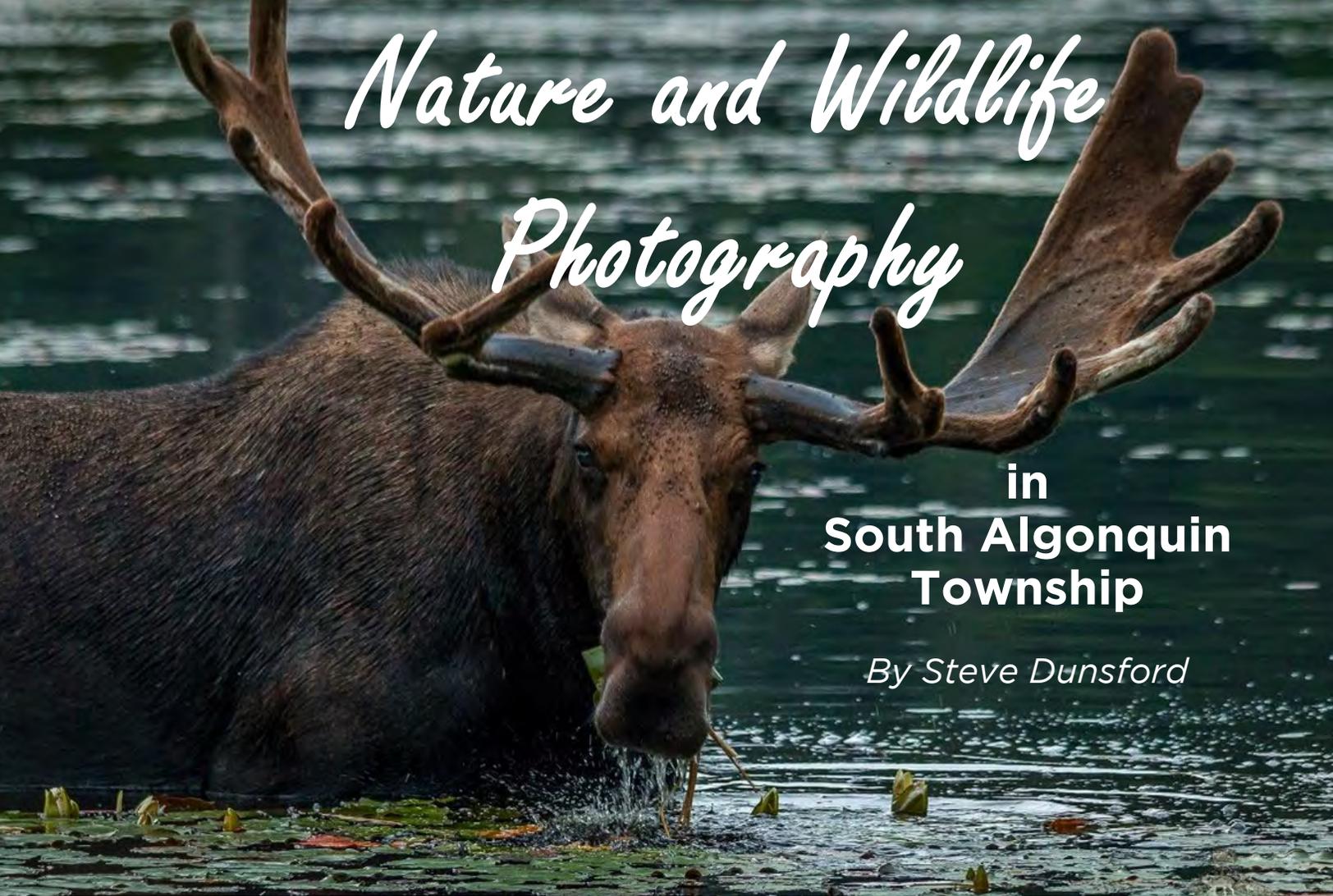
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So Much Fun in South Algonquin!

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South Algonquin	stargazing	Madawaska	campfires
good times	canoeing	sunshine	wildlife
kayaking	swimming	fishing	Whitney
boating	museums	outdoor	hiking
family	biking	fun	nature

A close-up photograph of a moose with large, dark brown antlers. The moose is in a pond, with water splashing around its mouth as it eats. The background is a dark, rippling body of water.

Nature and Wildlife Photography

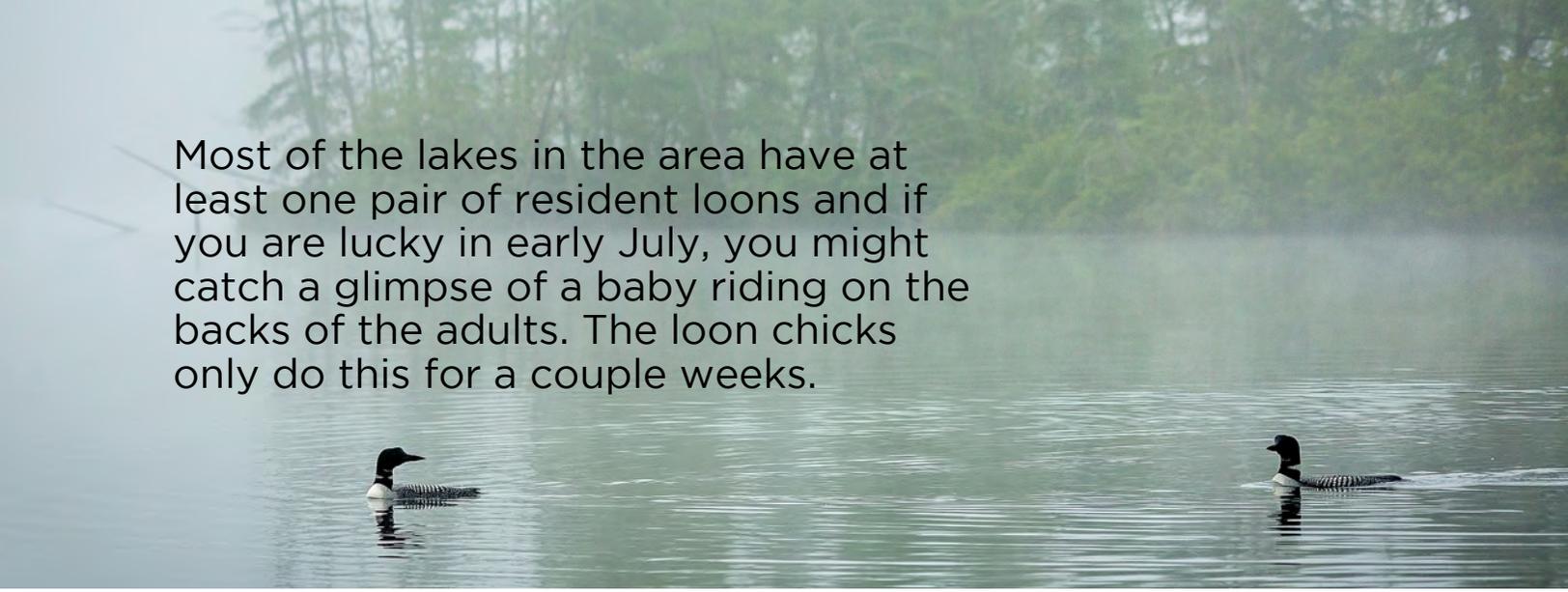
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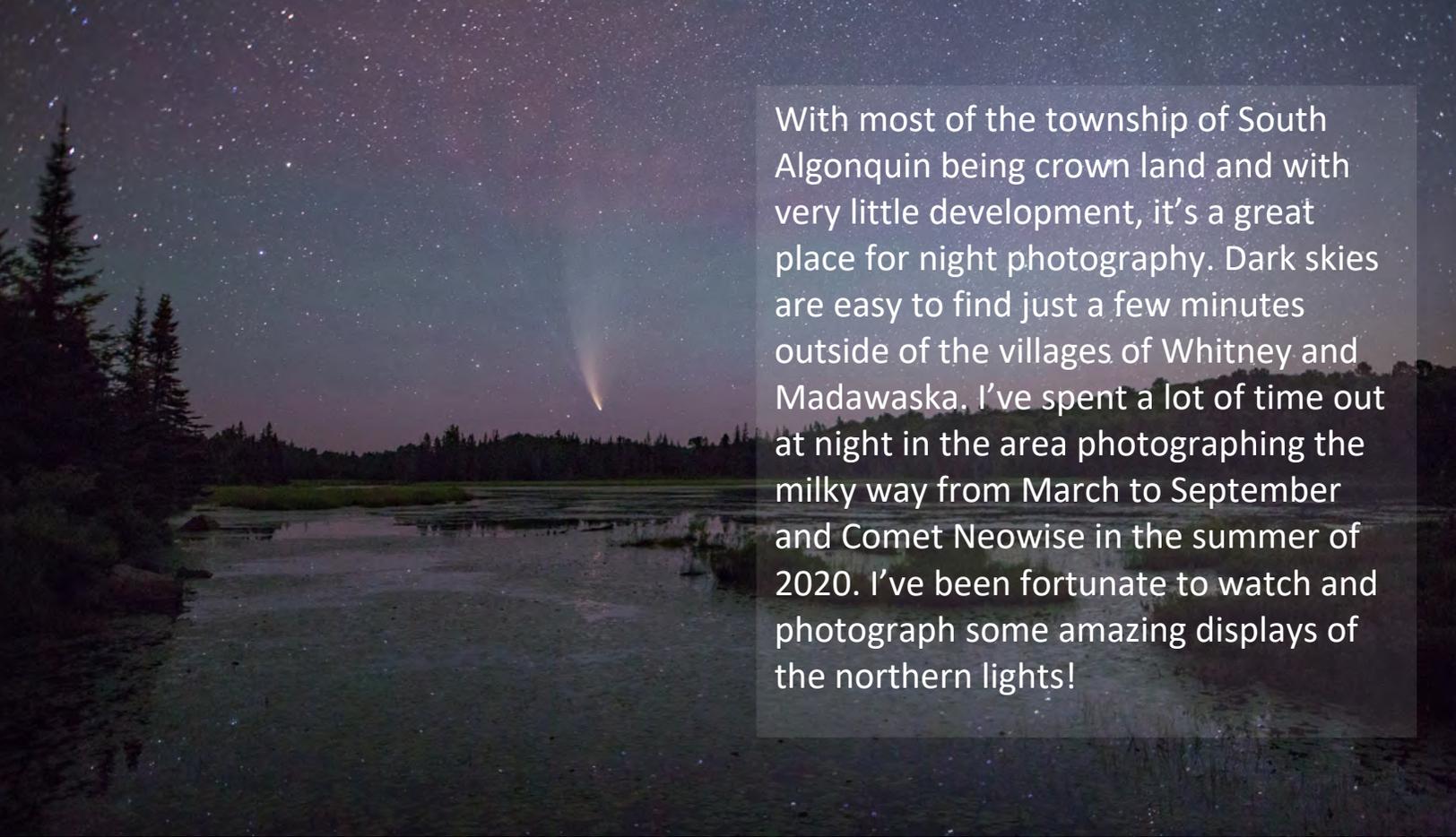
By Steve Dunsford

South Algonquin Township is an excellent place for viewing and photographing wildlife. The township is adjacent to Algonquin Park and almost 90% our space is empty crown land. All the species of wildlife found in Algonquin Park can be found in South Algonquin Township but with one main difference: there are a lot fewer people in the township! One iconic animal found in here is the mighty moose. They are year-round residents and most likely to be seen in the spring, although it is possible to see them any time of the year.



Most of the lakes in the area have at least one pair of resident loons and if you are lucky in early July, you might catch a glimpse of a baby riding on the backs of the adults. The loon chicks only do this for a couple weeks.



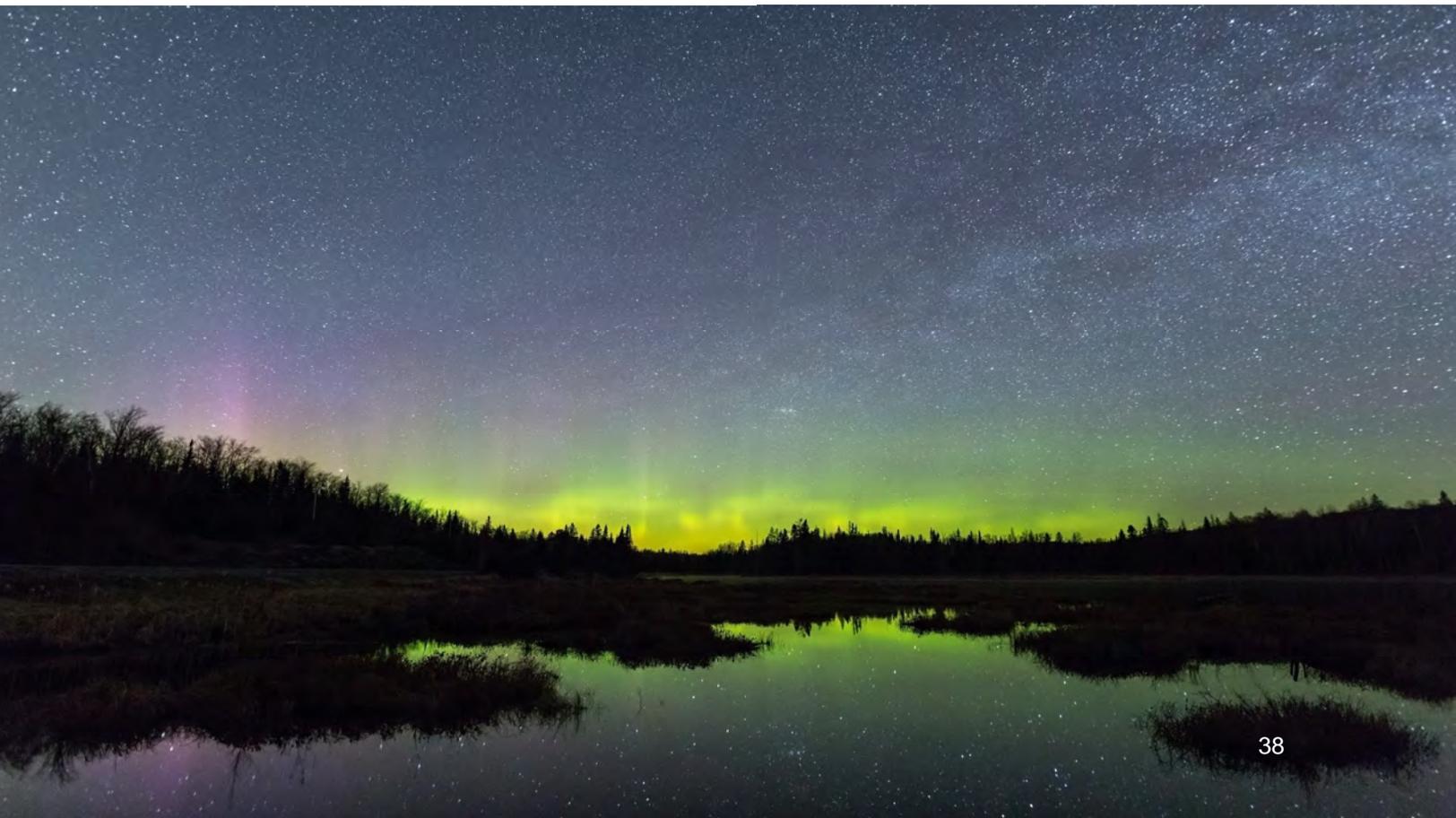


With most of the township of South Algonquin being crown land and with very little development, it's a great place for night photography. Dark skies are easy to find just a few minutes outside of the villages of Whitney and Madawaska. I've spent a lot of time out at night in the area photographing the milky way from March to September and Comet Neowise in the summer of 2020. I've been fortunate to watch and photograph some amazing displays of the northern lights!





These photos were taken at Robinson Lake along Highway 127 on two different nights. The Milky Way photo is looking towards the south and the photo of the Aurora Borealis is looking north. You don't have to go to the Arctic to see the Norther Lights!



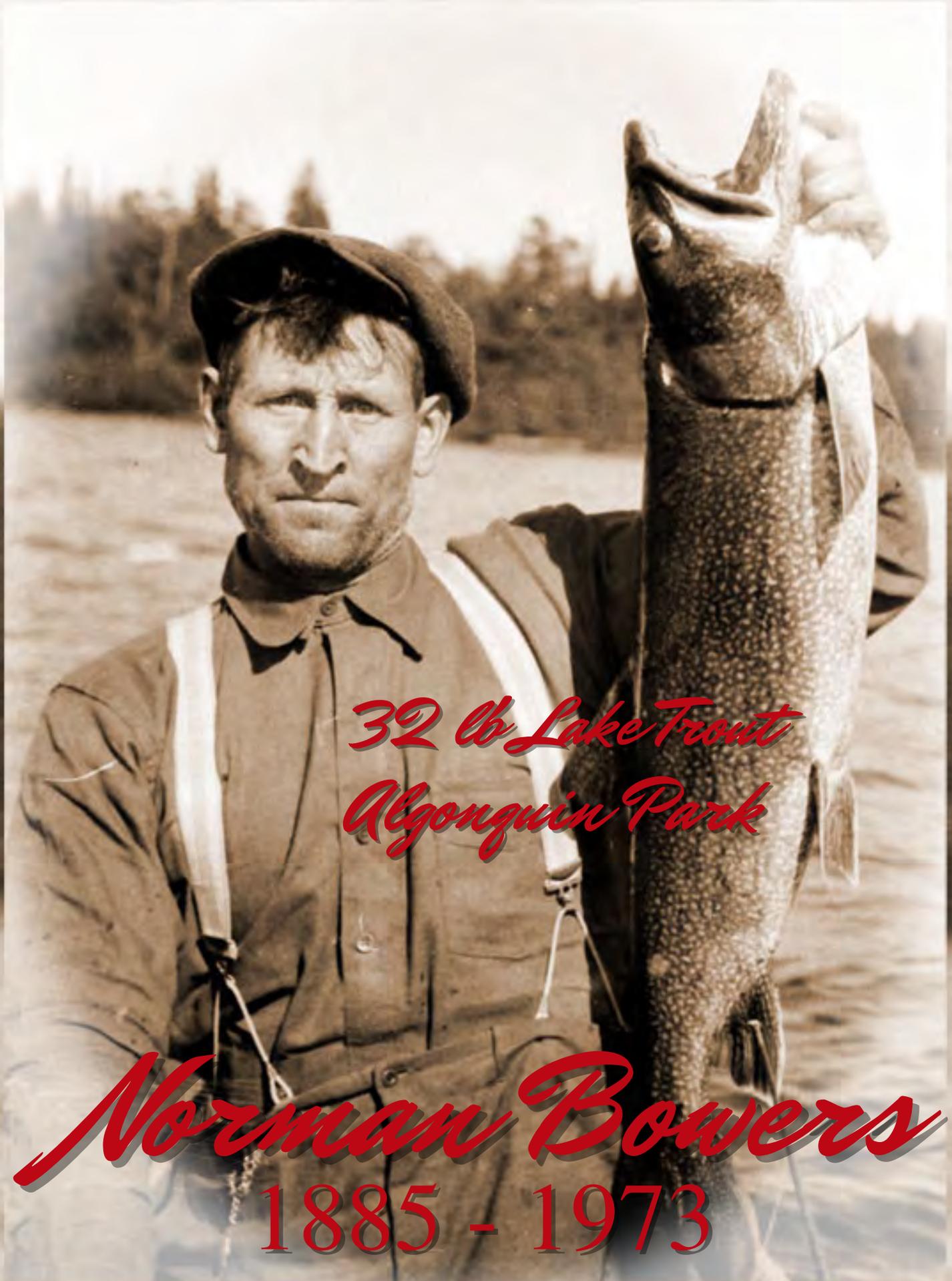


The variety of scenes for landscape photography in South Algonquin is incredible in all four seasons. Lakes, rivers, waterfalls, hills and beaver ponds are available throughout the township. Amazing. Peaceful. Spectacular beauty.



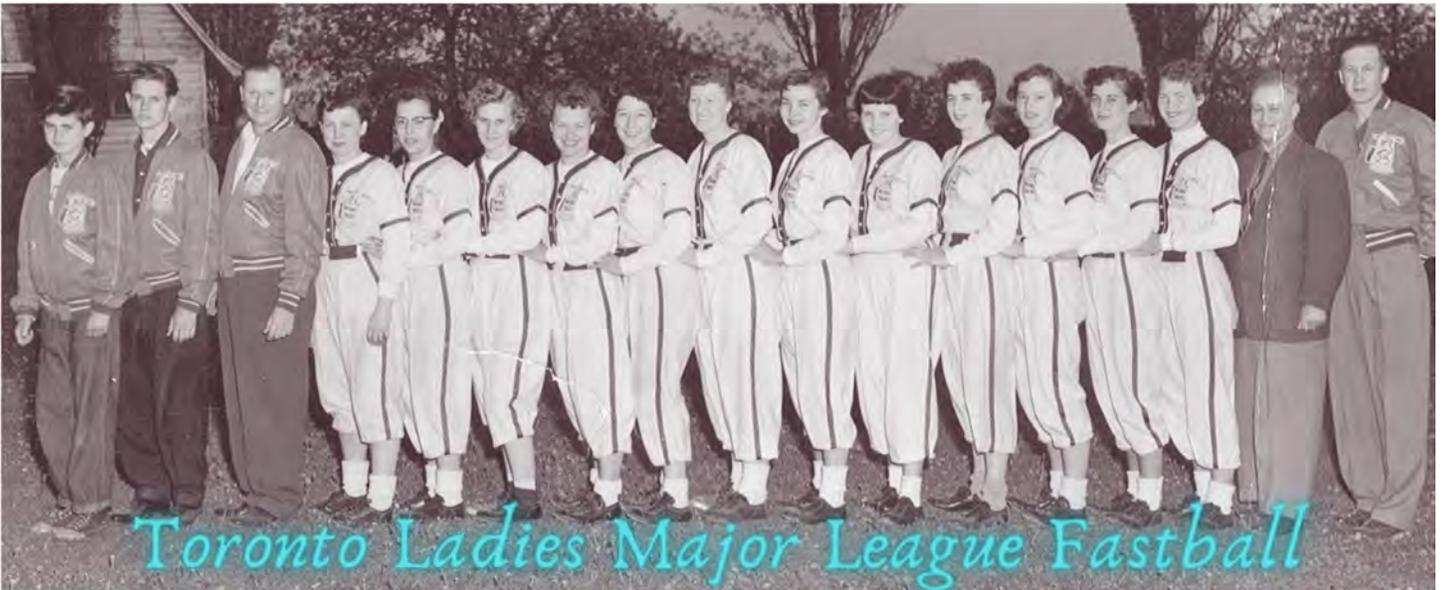
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*32 lb Lake Trout
Algonquin Park*

*Norman Bowers
1885 - 1973*



Toronto Ladies Major League Fastball

Marion Bowers was born in Whitney Ontario Canada in 1933. She lived in Toronto between the years 1949 to 1961 where she played Ladies Major League Fastball.

They called her "Dutch". Marion shared genuine camaraderie with her teammates and she was a well-respected sportswoman playing 2nd base and outfield positions. She also drove home many winning runs with her batting skills and was mentioned in several newspaper sports articles as a valuable part of her team The National Torches formerly Cunningham & Hill.

The National Torches won the coveted Bulova Watch trophy at the 1961 CNE tournament. They also competed to represent Canada in the ASA Women's Major League Fast Pitch National World Tournament held in Stratford, Connecticut.

Besides their roster of regular games, The National Torches often played exhibition games against Men's All Stars, in community fundraisers. They were a crowd pleasing favorite according to the local newspapers sport editor who wrote that the Sunnyside Ladies League regularly attracted bigger crowds than the men's league in the city. "The National Torches play a fast, thrilling brand of ball. The town Men's All Stars will have to be on their toes."

Miriam (Marion) Susan Bowers-Laginski (1933 - 1998)



BOWERS LIGHTS UP NATIONAL TORCHES
 Marion Bowers' single right field scored May 1st with the game's only National Torches only East Toronto ladies ball league ladies right foot by score right. 1-0, at C...

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RAINBOWS, RAIN & REALITY

It is an astonishing – yet heart-warming feeling how a pandemic can bring us as a society emotionally closer together yet so physically apart. It has forced us to live life in more creative ways, drawing us back to a simpler time possibly forgotten. We have learned how to utilize the technology of today through our hobbies, crafts and communication skills. Hopefully, to overcome the impassable.

For some, it can be the expression through art, music, writing and most importantly, educating to achieve this. These are some of the simplest things most of us grew up learning and enjoying. Personally, being the introverted techie type, it has been computers, electronics and amateur radio which has helped me through these challenging and depressing times more than ever before. We all have attributes and need to find them to make us happy and hopefully make others happy in the process.

Times have changed. We are living proof of future history, which will be documented and researched for millennia. We must not put our lives on hold, but rather be cautious and observant of our surroundings. Like many before, challenges we will overcome. Patience is of the essence of victory.

We must also acknowledge and not forget about our front-line workers from the first responder, healthcare and hospital workers to delivery services; The personnel who stock the shelves and work the checkouts at our business establishments. Without these people, we would be lost souls.

As residents of this planet, we are obligated to do our part, large or small. It is all significant to our survival as a human race. We are far from perfect we only strive for perfection. Stay safe.

“If we're ever gonna see a rainbow, We have to stand a little rain”
- Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

Randy Yakabuskie

Photo credit: Jeremy Neil



Our Story



Once upon a time, In a land just far enough away...

Once upon a time, in a land just far enough away there was a home, a business and a family. Monda was the daughter of Peter and Hazel Mask who were some of the first business owners in the area that is now known as the township of South Algonquin. Peter was a blacksmith; Hazel was an entrepreneur & homemaker. Together they raised a family of 6 while at the same time providing the residents of Whitney with some of the first businesses to the area. They owned and operated the original general store, granary, blacksmith shop, accommodations, stables and one room schoolhouse where Monda's pet deer Skippy attended classes regularly with the many local children. Monda grew up in a household bustling with business. Monda may have been in the family business, but as she would soon find out, the family business was also in her.



Fast forward, Monda was now in her 20's and married to Emil. After the passing of her parents, Monda inherited the original home-stead, Bellwood Inn. Being a young couple with a young family and a home of their own, Bellwood Inn started to deteriorate. Instead of watching her childhood home fall apart, Monda and Emil took it upon themselves to save the historic building with little more than their skills, ingenuity, and hard work, lots of hard work! Together, piece by piece they created a dream, a generational business so that the future would be bright for those that came after them.

Emil, an electrician by trade, has skills extending over the entire construction spectrum. The work started slow with Emil shoring up the foundation, fixing the electrical and plumbing while Monda opened and operated many more businesses there including a tea room and pizza place all while continuing to run the original accommodation business her mother started, Bellwood Inn.



An essential part of the community since 1929!

Over the years, the Bellwood Inn has been:

1. Inn (guests, roomers & boarders) with home cooked meals
2. Tourist cabins
3. General Store (for locals & lumber camps)
4. Granary – feed
5. Icehouse (sold ice blocks harvested from the lake with horses & stored all summer in sawdust)
6. Blacksmith Shop – homemade knives, axes, parts for horses/ harnesses, boat repairs
7. Variety store
8. Restaurant next door to the Inn
9. Farming (pigs, cows-meat & butter, chickens-eggs, barn for teamwork horses Dora & Lotty for ploughing, excavation & gravel pit)
10. Garden & strawberry field
11. Logging for firewood – personal use to heat house.
12. Pastures in bush for cows.
13. Original one room schoolhouse on back 15 acres (Mom was caretaker & kept the logbook). Dad & Tessie made fires in a.m. before school & brought in pail of water from the spring on the hill. Teachers boarded with us.
14. Lookout trail to granny's cliff
15. Traded furs for food – trapping
16. Later – tearoom (Tipperary Tea Room)
17. Gift Shop – Ye Old Prune Shop Boutique & Bakery
18. Pizza Parlour (Mega Pizza)
19. Originally had a Delco House for electricity

It has also been a home, and a place for births, deaths, weddings, wakes and funerals.



After creating a success out of Bellwood Inn and providing accommodations for people from all over the world, Monda and Emil decided to expand. At 65 years old, instead of retiring, they built the Dream Catcher Motel.

Since then, Bellwood Inn and the Algonquin Dream Catcher Motel have been providing guests with clean, quiet, comfortable and affordable accommodations. The Dream Catcher Motel is both the newest accommodation to the Whitney area, and the closest accommodation to Ontario's most famous provincial park. It is located just minutes away from both the east gate of Algonquin Park and the town of Whitney.

The Next Generation



In 2009, Monda and Emil's youngest son Andrew came on board to help with the business. Andrew is a certified carpenter and a licensed electrician in his own right. Andrew's skills would become almost as valuable as his fathers in finishing the Dream Catcher Motel and completing his mother's dream of restoring Bellwood Inn to its former glory.

Andrew may be a skilled tradesman but like his mother and grandmother his passion was always for business. He is an entrepreneur at heart who also had a strong background in business and marketing. Andrew created his first business at only 12 years old followed by a very successful disk jockey business at only 16 years old. By age 18 Andrew had 5 employees working for him and a strong clientele.



After 10 years as a professional DJ and after providing the music entertainment for over 1000 weddings Andrew was ready for a change. He purchased and rebuilt a rental complex in the city and made the move to helping his parents with the Dream Catcher Motel. Together with his beautiful wife Ashley, they made the move up to South Algonquin and purchased a home. Andrew and Ashley built the Inside Out Cabin and are now their family's 6th generation living in South Algonquin, the 3rd generation operating Bellwood Inn and the 2nd generation operating the Dream Catcher Motel.

Having taken over the full operations of Algonquin Accommodations Inc., Andrew is taking new ground for the business by building the Algonquin Wilderness Lodge which is located across the road from the Dream Catcher Motel.



Opening "when it's ready", it is going to be another gem, nestled amongst the tall pines of Airy Rd.

"We're excited to live here, to be expanding and to be continuing in the tradition our family started over 90 years ago. We look forward to seeing our many repeat customers each year and our new ones as well".

Andrew Michel



In 2018, we purchased the Rolling Rapids Motel. It is a cozy older motel that is located on the shores of the breathtaking Madawaska River. Work has already begun to bring it up to the standards of our other locations. Stage one started off with a fresh paint job and color change to the whole outside of the building, new paint on the doors and windows, furniture and bedding upgrades in the rooms, new Muskoka chairs to better enjoy the river with and a detailed cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces in the building. As well as a variety of smaller subtle changes to enhance the look and feel of the place such as High Efficiency, pure white LED light bulbs, Satellite TV, High Speed Internet and more.



Here we grow again! In July of 2019, Andrew and Ashley purchased the East Gate Motel from David Kay and Diane Tansley-Kay upon their retirement. It is now part of the Algonquin Accommodations line up of businesses.



New in 2020 - After recognizing a local need for the community to produce a product in addition to lumber, Andrew and Ashley created Algonquin Antlers. Algonquin Antlers is a store that creates and sells northern themed apparel including t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hats and hoodies. Algonquin Antlers also sells other unique northern themed products such as bedding and locally created items - shop.algonquinpark.com

Purchased and relaunched by Andrew and Ashley in 2021, algonquinpark.com has been serving the communities surrounding Algonquin Park and visitors to the community for over 25 years. It has been redesigned and enhanced with additional features including an interactive map and virtual trail photo walk-throughs of Algonquin Park's trails as well as visitor information regarding the towns surrounding Algonquin Provincial Park. algonquinpark.com also provides affordable advertising opportunities for businesses www.algonquinpark.com



Algonquin Accommodations Inc.

Many thanks to our guests from Germany, Netherlands (who were our first guests), France, Italy, Britain, Ireland, Scotland, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Asia, USA, Canada, Israel, North and South Korea, Japan, South America just to name a few.

Our family has traveled the world through your eyes and never left home. We extend a hearty welcome and look forward to greeting you.



**Thank you to our
awesome team members!**

Kristen

Kelly

Deb

Shane

Michelle

Darlene

The End.....

(Not really. This is only the beginning!)

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE

The 2016 Census profile of South Algonquin tells us the people who live here

We are on the unceded territory of the Algonquin people. More than 25% of our population identify as First Nations or Métis.

About 130 new people move to our community every five years, mostly from other places in Ontario.

People who live here enjoy careers in management, finance, business, sciences, healthcare, sales, service, trades, transport, manufacturing, construction, the arts, natural resources, retail, real estate, education, hospitality, and many more!

In 2016, our population was 1096 people. Our population has been dropping by 10% per census since the 1980s.

Our population peaked in the 1920s and again in the 1980s when we had nearly 2000 residents!

South Pacific Ocean

IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

come from all over the world! Read on to learn more about your neighbours!



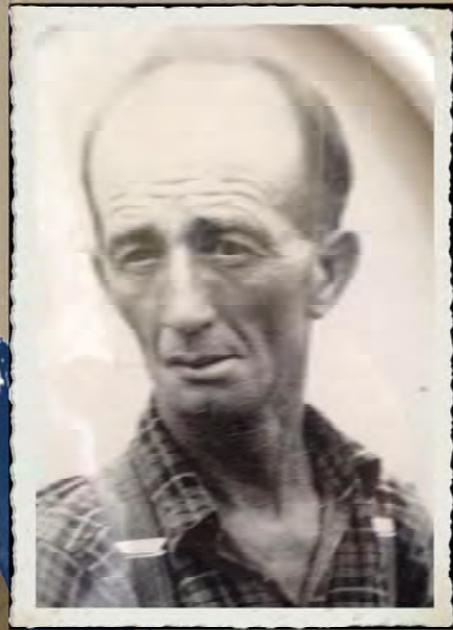
We speak many languages including: English, French, Indigenous languages, Polish, German, Danish, Spanish, Afrikaans, Finnish and others!

Most people commute to work in under 30 minutes!

When asked why they choose to live here, the most common response is access to amazing landscapes and outdoor experiences at the doorstep!

People who moved here from other countries came most often as economic immigrants or refugees.

Uncle Acie Parks



Hood old Uncle Acie Parks
Lived up on a hill
Not far from our home
Where ~~his~~ living still
He joked with everybody
And always fooled around
He raised a large family
The largest in town
Early one morning
The weather was colder
There stood Uncle Acie
A leg of deer on his shoulder
We kids were so hungry
We loved what we saw
And we could have ate
That hind quarters raw
To take Acie's meat
It sure was a shame
For every family in Hay-Creek
Suffered ~~the same~~
Before we went to bed
We thanked God for the snack
You never let us starve back.
Please let our Uncle come
He tied knots in our shoe laces
Hid our coats, like a fool
And forgave him, and loved him
We were still late for school
We told him we loved him, no one could compare
And it was his big heart, that sent him
To Heaven up there

Hilroy
Mayme Sovie

A poem by Mayme Sovie

Acie and Laurena Parks family



Photo taken in the late 1940s, submitted by daughter, Hazel Switzer

Grampa used to log at Hay Creek for years upon years. Eventually they moved to Whitney with their family to the old Railroad section house. I was five years old and I remember that they hooked on to the corner of the old section house with the horses and it fell to the ground. They tore it down to build a new house in 1967. Grampa then went to work for the MTO.

I remember Grampa had a horse, and four of us grandkids would sit on the old horse's back by the old stable there. Grampa used to drive Granny to church in Bancroft every Sunday. He complained like crazy, but he always drove her. More than that he'd remind her the night before that they oughtn't be late, so I think he kinda liked it even though he grumbled.

Granny made the best homemade bread ever. She'd make ten or twelve loaves at a time and she'd always send me and my mother to look for Billy Bennet with one of them. "Run this loaf of bread down to Billy... He's walking up the tracks," she'd say. She always made a great big deal at Christmas too. She set up tables that ran through from the kitchen to the living room. It was dinner for the whole entire family – all thirteen kids. Everyone had their own families by then, but anyone who wanted to could come. I have happy memories of crayons and colouring books for us grandkids, and we would sit at the old school desks she kept over in the corner. Lots of candy and food all over the place.

And oh my gosh, the gigantic garden at that house every year! All the onions – so many onions, and they all had to be in a straight row. I used to go pick potatoes too, and by the time I was 13, I could use the rototiller to help. Granny made dill pickles in great big crock pots. She sent me and my mom to get raspberry branches to put in the brine. She'd say, "Don't you dare bring me no branches with spots!" She stored the pickles and all kinds of other homemade goods in the fruit room. The kids would sneak downstairs to see if they were ready or not. This was 45 years ago.

From Whitney with love...

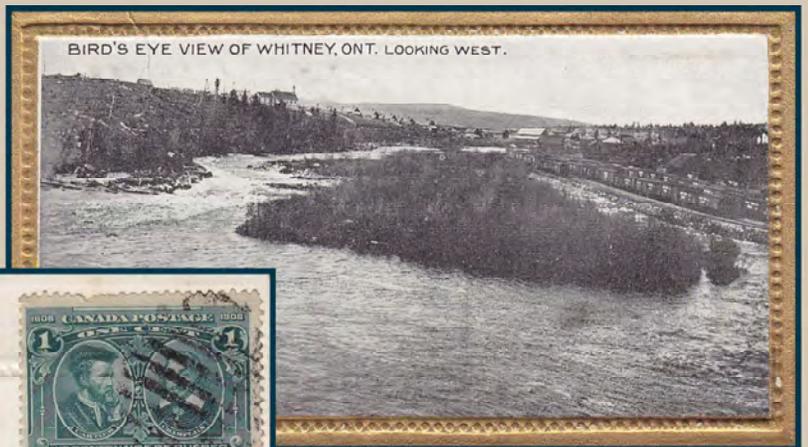
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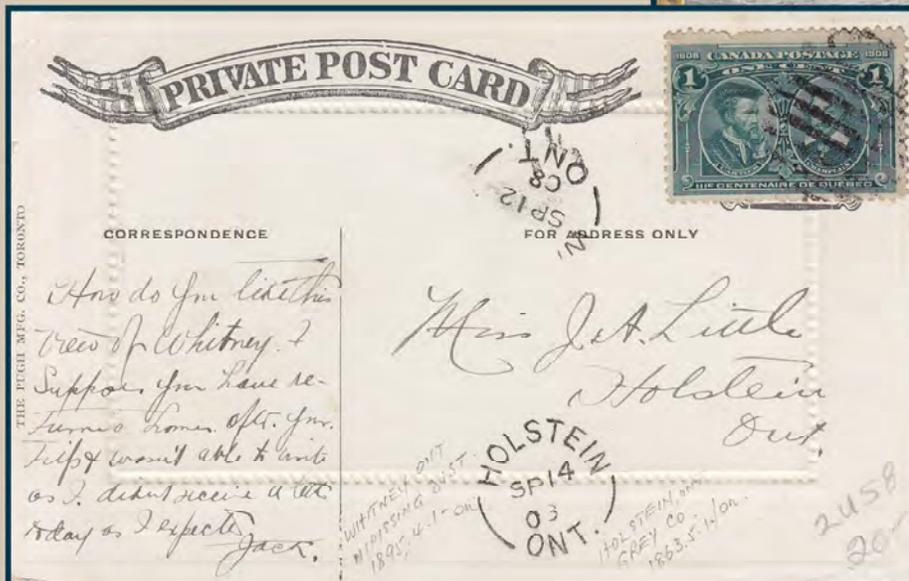
M. my way to school



"Dear Jen, I am going to get all the Whitney news on this card and by writing on both sides and very likely I can. I hope you get lots of Valentines. Received your letter Thursday. Will write again soon. Jack."



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF WHITNEY, ONT. LOOKING WEST.



"How do you like this view of Whitney. I suppose you have returned home and wasn't able to write as I didn't receive a letter as I expected. Jack"

What We Love About Life In

South Algonquin

by students of St. Martin of Tours Catholic School

Ryder A.H.

I love the trees. One day I went to a maple tree and the whole bucket was filled right to the top with sap. When the sap bucket is full to the top, you have to boil it down so it turns into syrup.

Monica

I live in Poland and I live in Whitney. I like skating at the outdoor rink in town. It is really fun! When I am in Whitney, I live with my mom, and my Grandpa and Grandma.

Ryland

I like Whitney because it is the best place to live!

Lily

Hi! My name is Lily. I love my town called Whitney. Whitney is a beautiful town, and it is right beside Algonquin Park. I go to a small school in Whitney called St. Martin of Tours. You might be surprised to know that Kindergarten to Grade 8 students all attend school in one class at my school! I love my town!

Payton

I love living in Whitney, next to Algonquin Park. I have a horse at my aunt's barn. The barn is called Adventure Stables. My horse's name is Ellie. I like living near Algonquin Park because I can go hiking in the park and feed the birds. I love my house and our property. I love to ride my bike and my four-wheeler.

Matt

I like living in South Algonquin because I tap trees, I drive my four-wheeler around my property, I go ski-dooing, and I live on a farm. I like fishing in the creeks and lakes around my home and I also like hunting.

Ryder L.

I like walking in South Algonquin. Sometimes, at school, my class and my teachers and I go for walks to the Shoe Tree. I like it because I was raised here and when I'm walking in town I think of my childhood. I enjoy camping in the area because I get to see my friends and I like to play "Manhunt" with them.

Ashton

My favourite things to do in South Algonquin (where I live) are hunt, fish, and swim at the beach. I also like hiking in Algonquin Park. I like to hike the Logging Museum Trail. I like to tap trees around my house so that we can boil it to make syrup. My Dad and I collect sap together. I really enjoy driving my ski-doo around my farm in the winter and driving four-wheelers there in the summer.

September

I like hidden trails for four wheeling and ski-dooing. It's really fun to go fishing. Camping here is really fun and if you tap maple trees here, it is also really fun. I think it's really cool that I live so close to Algonquin Park. We get to go to the trailer park in Madawaska every summer, which I like because we go swimming once or twice a day. Bike riding is also really fun.

Ben

In Whitney, there are many things to do. My personal preference is to go fishing. The reason I like fishing is because you can fish all year long. In the Summer I fish for Bass and in the Winter I fish for Ling. Ling fish are a snake-like fish. I also like fishing for Lake Trout and Brook Trout.

Ryan

Summer is my favourite season of the year. My friends and I go biking around town and have lots of fun. Sometimes we have a fire and cook food. Most of the time in the summer, we go swimming two to three times a day. The Whitney beach is located on Galeairy Lake. We dive off the first dock, but we have to do a shallow dive. My favourite dock is the second dock because it is a floating dock you can dive straight down. Whitney is a small town that I call home.

Ava

I live in Whitney, Ontario, which is very close to Algonquin Park. A lot of people travel from across the world just to see Algonquin Park. I am very lucky to live just outside of the Park and maybe I take that for granted because that's where I grew up. Other people come for a week just to see the beautiful trees and watch the leaves change colour in the fall. All summer, my family and I walk the trails in Algonquin Park. I hope other people can come and experience the same things I can.

Christopher

Whitney is a place where there are a lot of trees, a lot of water, and a lot of great times. In the summer, my friends and I go to the beach in town where we swim, play football, and sometimes we go fishing at one of our beautiful lakes. In the Winter, I like to go sledding with my friends at our local hill and I go skating on our skating rink. In the Fall, I play catch with my Dad. Sometimes, I even jump in the leaves from one of our outstanding trees. In the Spring, I don't do as much as I would in the other seasons, but one of the things I do enjoy is to start playing football, which is happening soon. We used to play flag football at my school. These are some of the amazing things I get to do in my town that you can do too.

The River Flow - By Addie

Well the river flows, everyone knows.
Birds come back from when they had to go.
The rocks are big down by the dirt road,
Warm sun melts the winter snows
The wind gently blows
And new life grows
Everyone knows how the river flows,
But no one knows where the river flow goes,
Or what will happen in our tomorrows



Fishing - By Chris

I have a rod, I have a line,
I need another fish to make it mine.
If the clouds will move, the sky will shine.
The sun goes down and the fish start to bite,
The stars come out, the moon's so bright.

The Old Train - By Ryan

Back in the day there was a train, a train that went through the little town called Whitney, but no one knew where the train would go.

Once there was a little boy who lived outside of Whitney. The train went by his house every day. It was just the boy, his mother and brother who lived there. His dad had disappeared while he was working on the train tracks.

One day he and his brother went to play in the woods by the tracks. They knew to get away from the tracks when the train came. As they were playing, they heard the train coming so they got out of the way.

The train came to a stop. Their mother was out to town getting groceries. The boys decided to get on the train to see where it went. The train started as if they were meant to go with it, they made their way up to the front of the train and there was a conductor driving the train. He had a mask on so they couldn't see what he looked like.

The boys asked the man where they were going, but he never replied. They looked through the window ahead and saw a portal. They screamed and yelled and tried to stop the train, but they couldn't do anything, so they held on.

They were on the floor of the train and when they got up, the conductor was gone. They got out of the train and looked around. They saw the conductor. His mask was off. Right away they recognized him. They both said "Dad!". He said, "I missed you!", then they went and hugged him. The boys said, "Why didn't you come home?" The Dad said, "I am a ghost. You boys have to go home. Your mom will be home soon". They didn't want to leave. The Dad took them home and the boys asked, "Why you don't you want to see mom?". He said, "She cannot see me, only you can". The Dad said, "You can see me any time. I love you boys."

The End



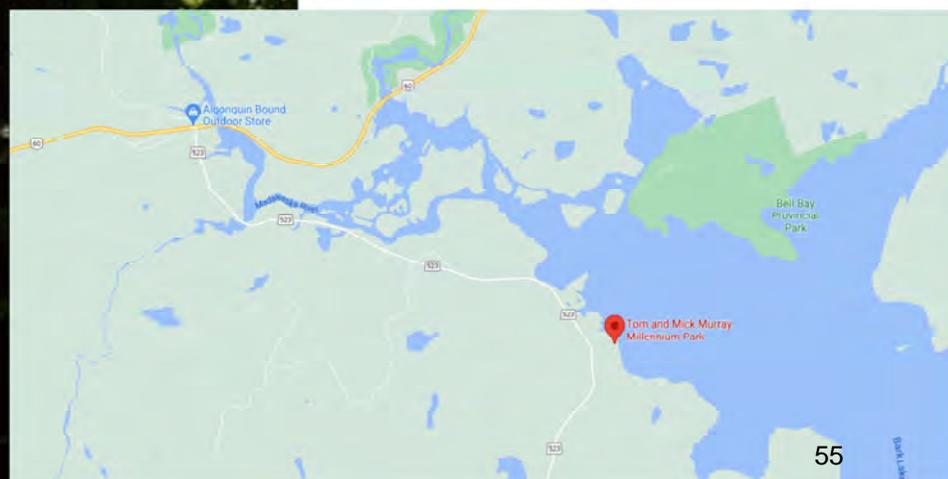
The 'H' Tree

By Edward Lentz

This unique H-shaped white pine tree was discovered by Tom Murray of Murray Brothers Lumber Company in 1940. The historic tree can be seen in the Tom and Mick Murray Millennium Park on Bark Lake which was opened on July 1, 2000 by Ethel LaValley, the first mayor of the new Township of South Algonquin. Accessed from Hwy 523, it has a boat launch and a beach and picnic park, with change rooms, washrooms, playground, picnic tables and a few fire grills.



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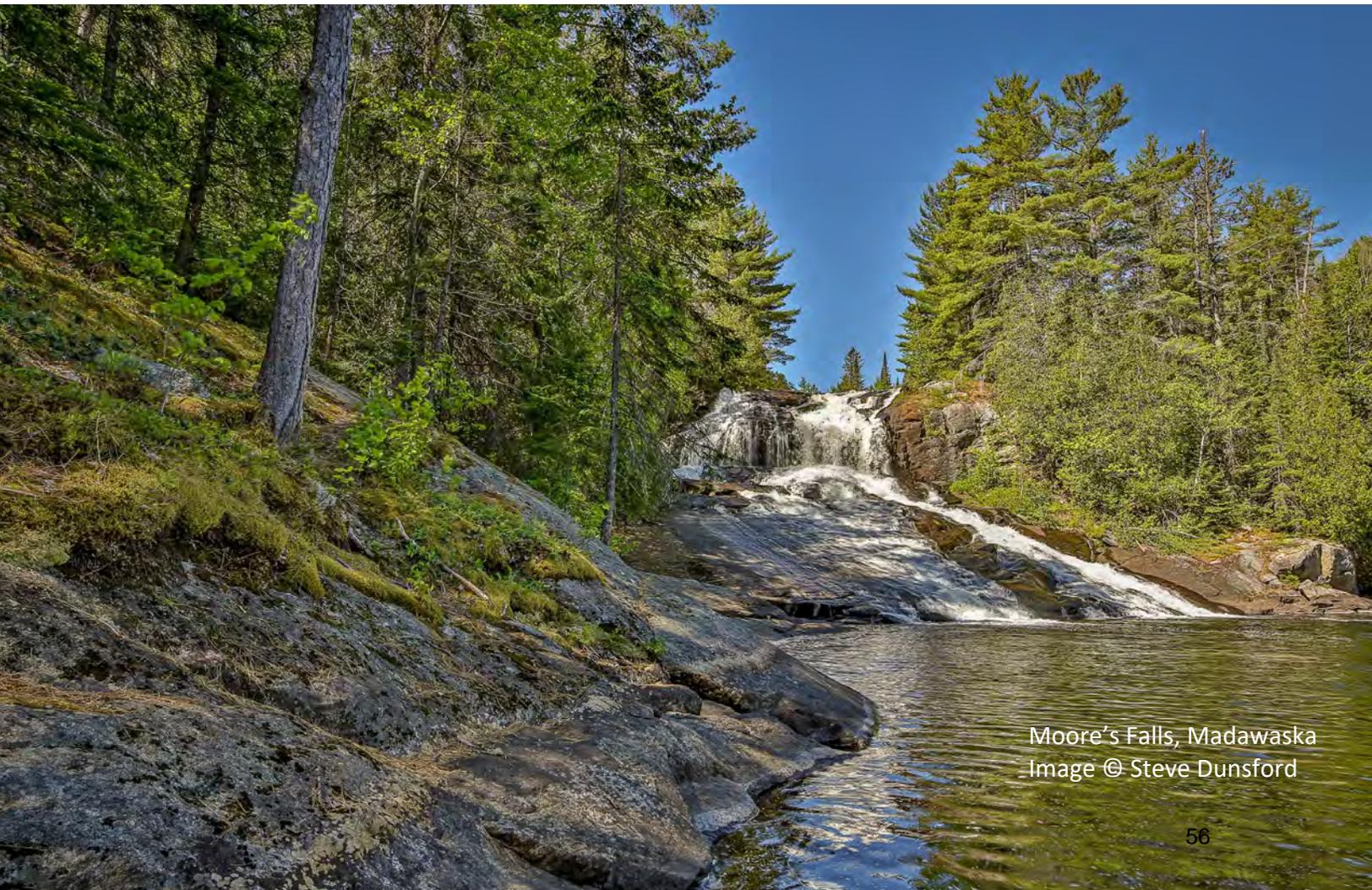
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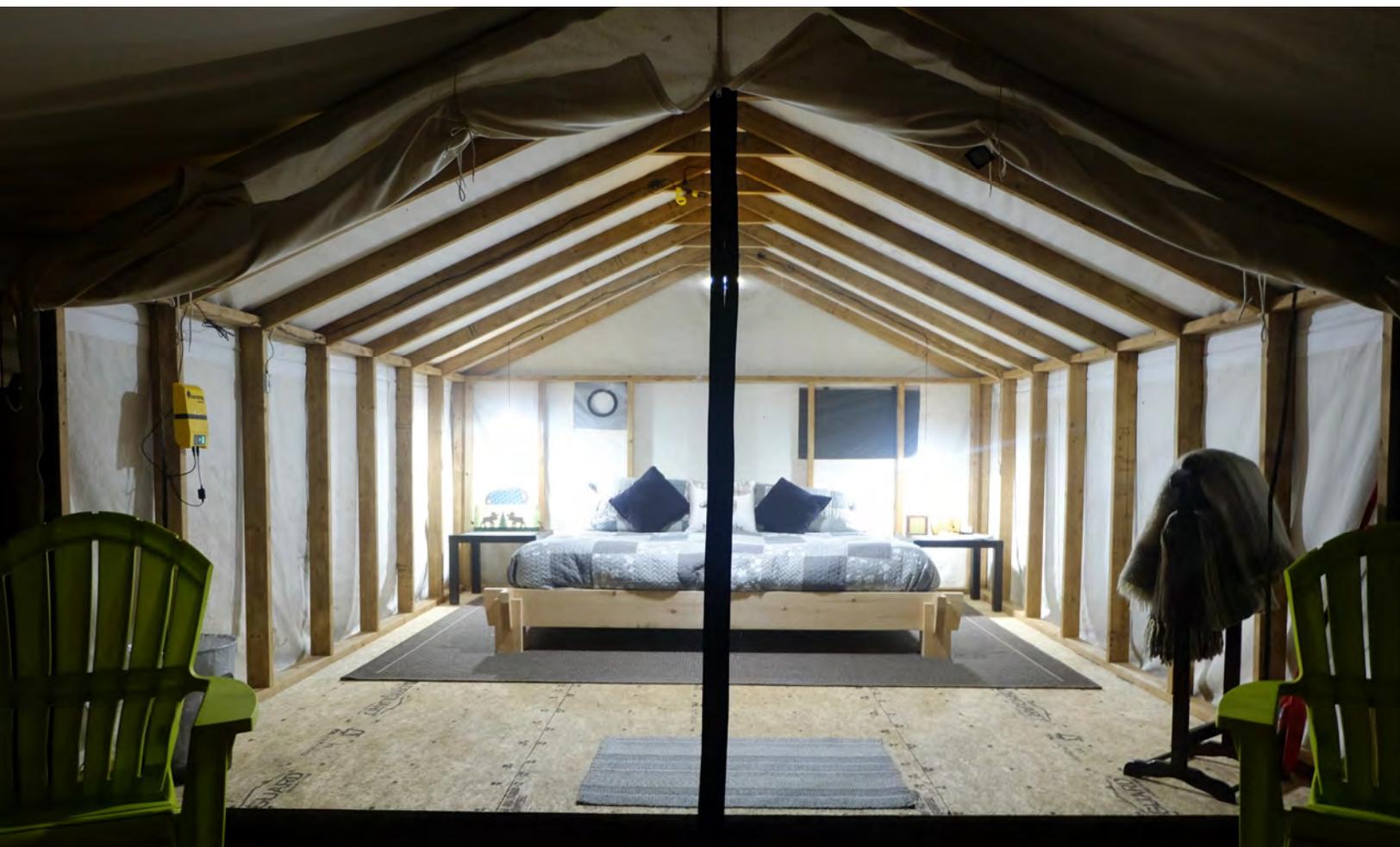
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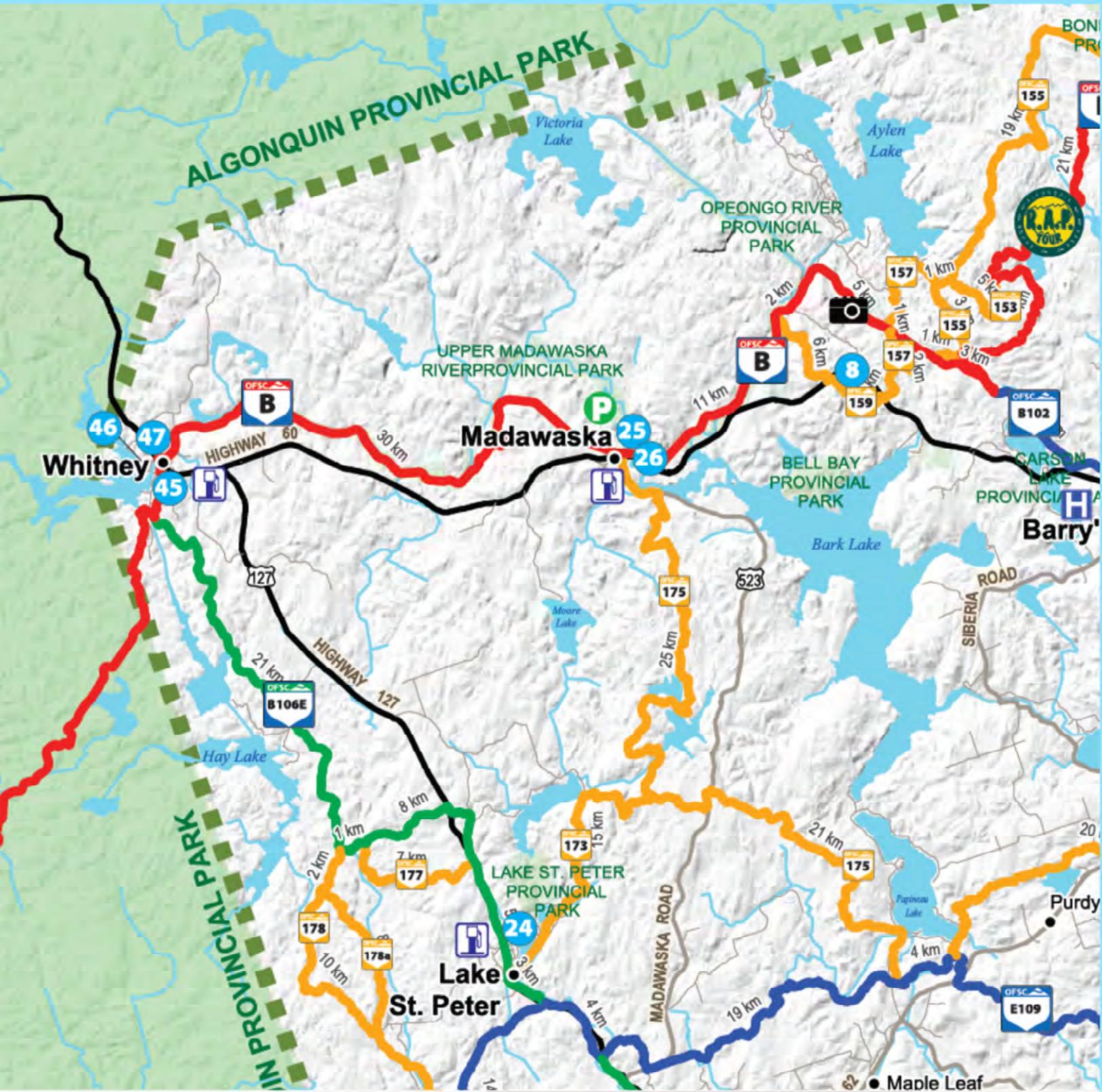


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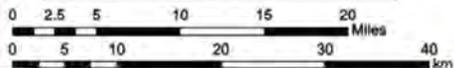


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1. Swimming at Madawaska Beach or Galeairy Beach
2. Have dinner at one of our great restaurants or around the campfire
3. Fish on the Madawaska River or at the Trestle in Whitney
4. Look for geocaches (or fireflies)
5. Visit the Shoe Tree in Whitney
6. Watch the sun set over the lake
7. Gaze at the stars
8. Canoe the Upper Madawaska or Opeongo Provincial Parks, or into Algonquin Park from access points at Shall Lake, Galeairy Lake, or Hay Lake
9. Visit the Spectacle Lake/Bear Mountain trail system
10. Visit Algonquin Park for museums, hiking, biking and interpretive trails

Notes: _____

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