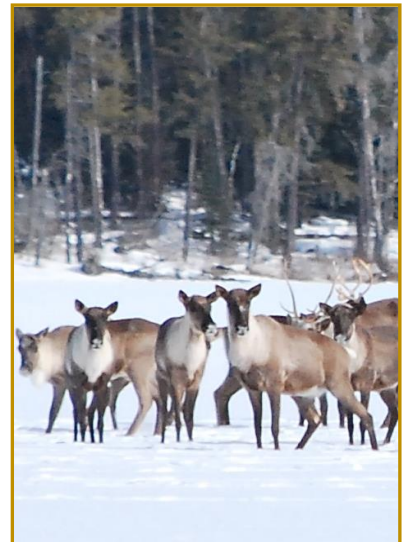


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Superintendent's Message

There have been a few changes in the park since our last edition! From an ecological perspective, the park continues to exhibit an intense natural fire regime. Woodland Caribou Provincial Park is a unique example of a natural landscape with very little human interference. This provides various research opportunities (biological and cultural) and we are excited to continue working with our university and indigenous partners.

We are extremely proud and excited to be a part of Pimachiowin Aki – The Land that Gives Life. On July 1, 2018, Pimachiowin Aki was inscribed as a cultural and natural site on the World Heritage List. The site includes 2.9 million hectares of continuous boreal forest stretching from Woodland Caribou Provincial Park west to Lake Winnipeg – Plan a trip and come see what the world is talking about!

I love living, working, and playing in this beautiful part of the world. I hope your visit provides you with a chance to slow down for a moment and experience the sense of wonderment and peace that only nature can bring.

Lori – Park Superintendent



"Having integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching" C.S Lewis.

Integrity In Check

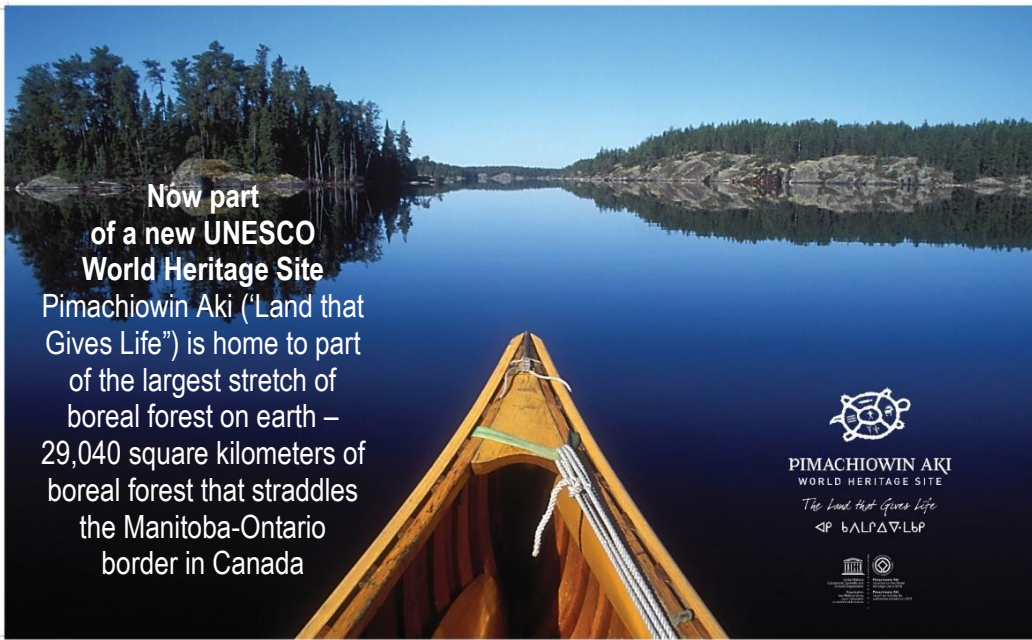
Welcome to one of Ontario's finest protected areas, recognized as a boreal and cultural landscape of worldwide worth through its recent inclusion as a World Heritage Site.

I make it no secret ... Woodland Caribou is a very special and sacred place, rich in treasures, and steeped in history. Yet despite its ruggedness, this land is also vulnerable to human impacts. I am passionate about the small role that I play in guarding its ecological integrity. My greatest challenge perhaps is to monitor and to help minimize the impacts that we as visitors exert (most often unknowingly), on the land, its wildlife, and on other visitors.

Park regulations along with a set of backcountry best practices serve to guide our activities and to guard the integrity of our playground. While it is true that our mere presence has some degree of inevitable impact, this can be lessened by fishing within the limits, camping on approved campsites, practicing respectful bushcrafting, limiting our harvest of fuelwood... just to name a few examples.

Whether we are a backcountry camper, a guest at a roofed accommodation, or a business operator, we can all proudly share in the responsibility of safeguarding the natural and cultural features that has put WCPP in the limelight. See you on the wild side.

Claire – Assistant Park Superintendent



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Pimachiowin Aki ("Land that Gives Life") is home to part of the largest stretch of boreal forest on earth – 29,040 square kilometers of boreal forest that straddles the Manitoba-Ontario border in Canada



Access by Road

There are four points of entry in the park that are accessible by road.

Lund provides the most direct entry to the north half of the park and to the Bloodvein River, bypassing the large waters of Red Lake and shaving off a day's paddle from your trip.

Johnson and Onnie both provide entry to the center of the park and to the Gammon River system. Leano provides entry to the southern half of the park.

Each point of entry has parking and an information kiosk. Take a moment to read it as you prepare to portage your gear away from your vehicle to the water. Camping at entry points is not permitted.

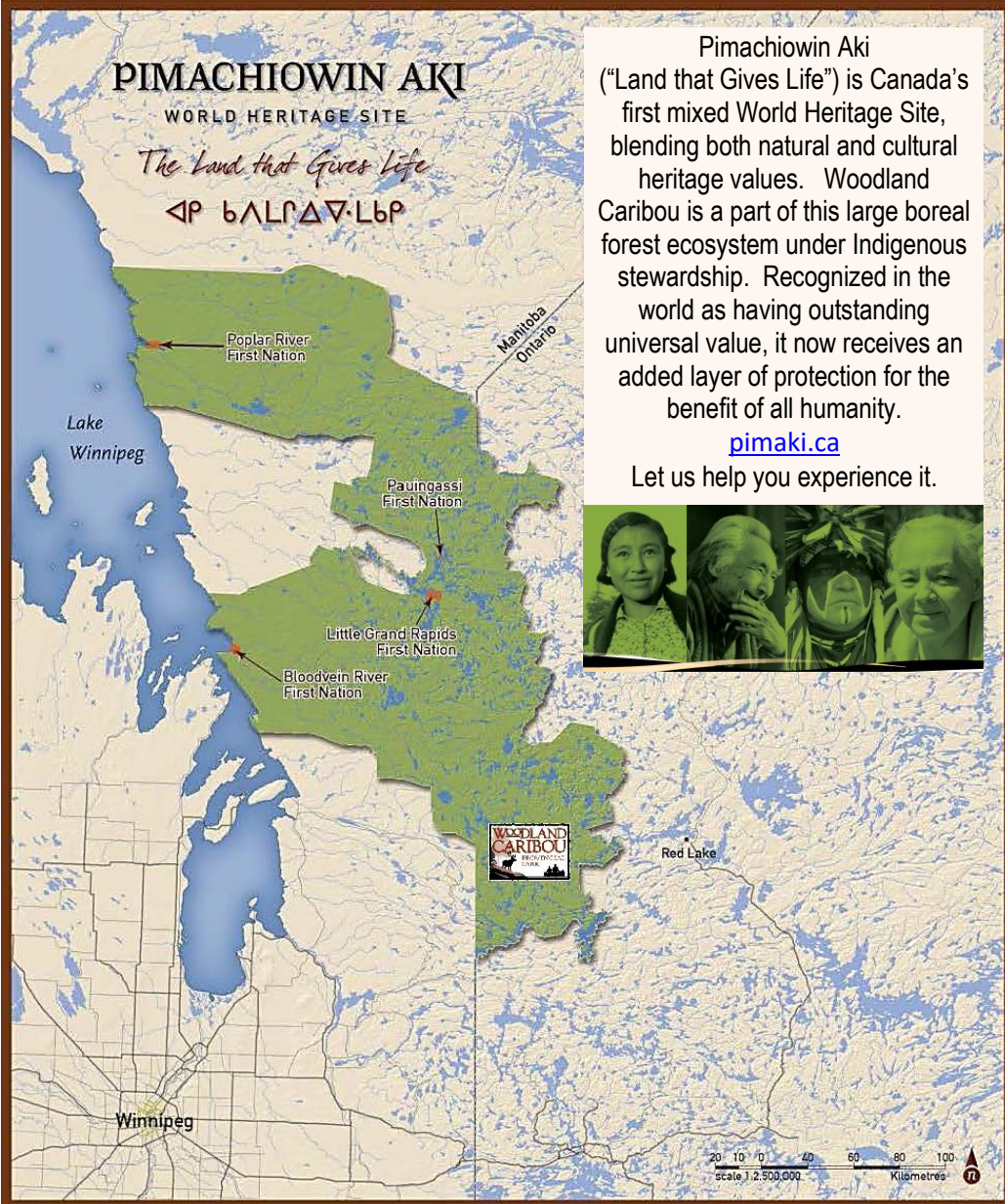
A backcountry road map is available from the park office or from your outfitter. Small roadside signs will point you in the right direction along the way.



The forest access roads leading to the access points receive minimal maintenance. We recommend vehicles with generous bottom clearance to maneuver the inevitable rough spots. Better yet, you might consider utilizing a shuttle service from your outfitter. For updated reports on road conditions, please contact our office or visit <http://canoeing.com/forums/forum/woodland-caribou-provincial-park/>

Access by Air

Flying to the park provides a very unique experience and permits you to venture deeper in to its interior. Red Lake and surrounding locations have a number of float plane services that provide air taxi to your remote destination (see bulletin board section of this publication). Your outfitter can also assist you with float plane details and may be in the position of coordinating your flight with another client's flight for a shared cost, making flying an affordable option.



Pimachiowin Aki ("Land that Gives Life") is Canada's first mixed World Heritage Site, blending both natural and cultural heritage values. Woodland Caribou is a part of this large boreal forest ecosystem under Indigenous stewardship. Recognized in the world as having outstanding universal value, it now receives an added layer of protection for the benefit of all humanity.

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Jackpine Budworm

Why are all the trees brown? Jackpine budworm has recently affected large areas of the park. This is a native insect that periodically reaches outbreak levels (approx. every 8-10 years) in Ontario. Defoliation is often most severe in the first year it is detected and can result in growth loss, top kill and tree mortality. Multiple years of severe defoliation can cause whole tree mortality in as little as 2 to 3 years. Partially-chewed needles by the larvae and the accumulated spun silk, can give the attacked trees a reddish-brown appearance, and some may still recover.



Wildfires = Healthy Boreal Forest

Woodland Caribou Provincial Park supports a landscape that has adapted to large fire events. As recreational users of the park, so can we. At first glance, the effects of recent large fire events can appear devastating. It is important, however, to recognize that forest fires play an integral role in naturally functioning boreal ecosystems.

Fires produce a mosaic of different plant communities and can impact the function, composition and structure of an ecosystem. Fires can also stabilize insect and disease populations and recycle nutrients that are bound up in the litter and woody debris. When paddling within a mapped fire boundary, you might expect to see deeply charred forest and barren land. While this is true in some areas, you will also encounter many green residual patches of intact forest. Have a closer look and you will find new life and forest regeneration well underway. All is unfolding as it should be, for this is how it functions naturally in the boreal forest.



Cultural Knowledge of Birds

My research at the University of Manitoba, took me on a bush trip to Sydney Lake in Woodland Caribou Provincial Park. This research trip brought together myself, an Ontario Parks biologist, a Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry District Forester (and birder), an Elder from the community of Wabaseemoong Independent Nations (WIN), a WIN Traditional Land Use Area coordinator, and a youth from WIN. My master's thesis in ethno-ornithology, the study of a culture's relationship to birds, required that I familiarize myself with the local birds of the region, and learn about the knowledge of the Indigenous community I would later be working and living in. This trip provided an opportunity to learn about how ornithological knowledge was approached by people from different backgrounds. The trip was spent bird watching and engaging different team members in discussion about the birds, their behaviour, habitat, their English or Ojibwe names, and so on. Information that I learned with the team helped to meaningfully shape my research questions and goals of my thesis.

An important part of my research and ethno-ornithology generally is acknowledging the unique relationships that many Indigenous communities have with the environment. It is often the case that Indigenous peoples' ecological knowledge is intertwined with other aspects of their culture, such as their stories or even spirituality. Universities have only recently gained a true appreciation of these unique ways of knowing. As a researcher, it is meaningful for me to spend time with members of both Indigenous communities and Ontario Parks groups to learn about different ways we can engage in a relationship with the environment.

Jack Rempel – University of Manitoba



Permit

A permit is required to enter the park – either an interior camping permit for overnight stay or a day-use permit for a day visit. You may obtain your permit in person by visiting the park office in Red Lake or in advance online @ <https://reservations.ontarioparks.com/backcountry>. Reservations are not required. Note that revenue generated from permit sales is reinvested into the Ontario Parks System. Please refer to the Park Regulations Brochure for permit fees, summary of park regulations and backcountry's best practices. Remember, we all share in the responsibility to preserve the valuable wild resources we enjoy.



Canoe Routes 'n Portage Trails

Trail Marking - Portage trails are marked in the least obtrusive manner possible... a simple blaze in the bark of mature trees. Seasoned woodsmen have marked their way through the wilderness in this manner for many years. With time, however, blazes will weather and no longer stand out, at least not to the untrained eye. Therefore, paddlers must remain observant and rely on their navigational skills to locate a portage marked on their map. Rock cairns may mark the path in areas where blazing isn't possible. The more problematic trails may be marked with a small yellow portage sign to steer you in the right direction. Flagging tape is frowned upon but is used by crews to mark trails in areas immediately following a forest fire or in heavy regrowth in the years to follow. We discourage visitors from placing their own.

Watching Your Footing - We rely on the placement of "rip-rap" or corduroy in wetter sections of trail to help minimize the greater impact of visitors walking around a wet or muddy obstacle as well as prevent boots from being sucked in completely. You must still step carefully, for despite our efforts, these crude boardwalks fall out of place, rot, or float away. Rip-rap or not, some trails are rugged and challenging. This is the wilderness after all. Exercise diligence in every step you take.

Trail Clearing Efforts Post-Fire - To say that maintenance crews have their work cut out in the aftermath of wildfires in the park is an understatement. Affected portage trails will require frequent visits. The new forest will bounce back quickly with thick fresh growth, the remnant trees from the fire event will continue to fall across trails, and crew members will be challenged to keep up. Despite their efforts, visitors will encounter some overgrown trails ... and must be prepared to occasionally cut their way through. Adding a small folding handsaw to your gear is recommended. Trail clearing effort reports are posted in the park's dedicated message board on <http://canoeing.com/forums/forum/woodland-caribou-provincial-park/>

Top 10 List

There is one basic rule in Ontario Parks: Have respect and consideration for your fellow visitors and the park environment.

The following lists some of the more common violations encountered by park wardens in Woodland Caribou:

- 1- Creating new campsites or trails – please use approved sites and do not cut nor mark new trails.
- 2- Altering your campsite – de-limbing trees for firewood or stripping moss off the forest floor to create a soft tent pad are old practices and unlawful.
- 3- Littering – not only the obvious plastics and tins but also the biodegradable onion peels, apple cores, pistachio shells. These do not originate from the Boreal Forest. Not only do they compromise the ecological integrity of the area, they have a huge impact on the minds of other visitors.
- 4- Drinking and driving – for guests at tourism facilities, know that consuming alcohol while out boating is unlawful.
- 5- No Personal Floatation Device (PFD) – required by law that each occupant of a vessel (boat and canoe) must have a PFD on board.
- 6- No fishing licence on person – have your licence on you for possible inspection by fisheries officer/park warden – or store in your tackle box.
- 7- Collecting natural treasures – all objects such as shed antlers, arrowheads, rocks, driftwood, etc. are protected in a provincial park. Capture images and leave it for others to enjoy.
- 8- Day-use permit – guests at tourism facilities must obtain a day-use permit when portaging to another lake. So do paddlers who enter WCPP for a day en route to a destination outside the park.
- 9- Creating structures – campsites are managed as primitive sites. Do not create lean-tos, stone-lined path, or permanent benches at the fire ring.
- 10- Oversized groups – maximum of nine campers per campsite only... why not extend this rule when traveling on the water and across portage trails?

This bulletin board of local services will put you in contact with friendly folks who are eager to help you realize a carefree vacation, so you can best enjoy all the natural treasures of our north country. Planning a camping, fishing, and/or canoe trip is a breeze when the right contacts are made. We take this opportunity to thank each of the advertisers on this bulletin board for their financial support toward the printing costs of this publication.

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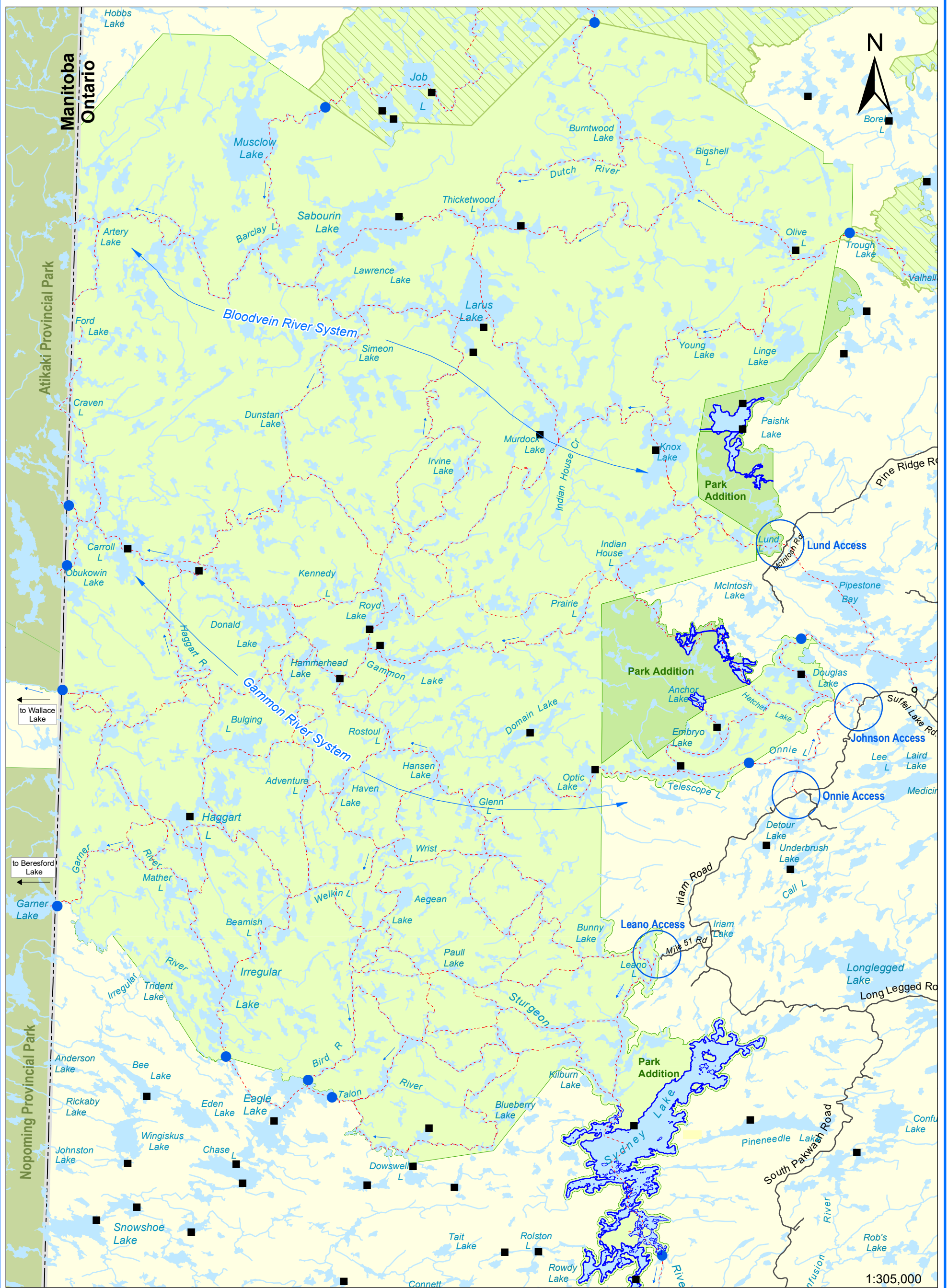
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Projection: UTM Grid Zone 15
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Legend			
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	Lakes		Canoe Routes
	Park & Regulated Additions		Primary Roads
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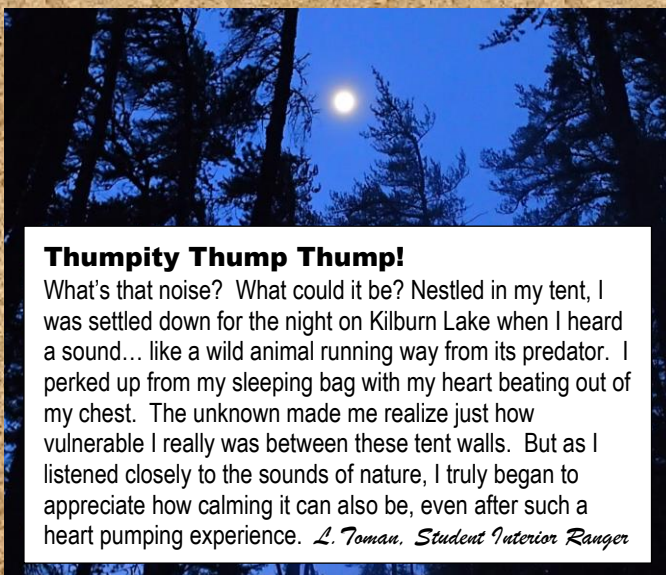
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Thumpity Thump Thump!

What's that noise? What could it be? Nestled in my tent, I was settled down for the night on Kilburn Lake when I heard a sound... like a wild animal running away from its predator. I perked up from my sleeping bag with my heart beating out of my chest. The unknown made me realize just how vulnerable I really was between these tent walls. But as I listened closely to the sounds of nature, I truly began to appreciate how calming it can also be, even after such a heart pumping experience. *L. Toman, Student Interior Ranger*



Fish Replicas

Members of Jerry Filkin's fishing group have been visiting Larus Lake for over 45 years. Many fishermen that have been coming to these lakes for years have developed a connection to the land and a sense of stewardship for the fisheries. They have invaluable stories of changes to the fishery over time. Jerry's group has found that you can mount a trophy fish on your wall and leave it in the lake too! Plastic fish re-creations have become so advanced, they look like the real thing, and fool your friends back home.

Ticks and Lyme Disease

Do ticks and Lyme disease make you wary of going outdoors this summer? By being aware of ticks and understanding the role they play in spreading Lyme disease you are taking the first step to protect yourself and your loved ones.

There are many different species of ticks and not all of them carry Lyme disease. The most common tick you may encounter is the American Dog Tick, which does not carry Lyme disease. The only tick that carries Lyme disease in Ontario is the Blacklegged (Deer) Tick, *Ixodes Scapularis*. Both ticks can be found in wooded areas or tall grass habitats. In Ontario, Blacklegged ticks are more commonly found in rural areas along the north shores of Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River. Blacklegged ticks are known to feed on migratory birds and as a result, they can be transported throughout the province. Therefore, while the potential is low, it is possible for people to encounter Blacklegged ticks, or to be infected with Lyme disease from the bite of an infected Blacklegged tick, almost anywhere in the province.



Ticks feed slowly, and an infected tick must feed on a person for at least 24 hours in order to infect them with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. Because of this delay, prompt detection and removal of ticks is one of the key methods of preventing Lyme disease. If you become infected from a tick bite, symptoms usually begin within 1 - 2 weeks, but can take as long as one month to begin. The "classic" symptom is a bulls-eye rash that can develop anywhere on the body; however, this rash may not occur in all cases. Early symptoms of Lyme disease can include flu-like symptoms such as fever, headaches, stiff neck, jaw pain, and sore muscles. If untreated, problems with the heart, nervous system, and joints can occur months or years later. Lyme disease is easily treated in the early stages so seek medical attention if you feel unwell.

When you are out in tick habitat you can better protect yourself by taking a few precautions:

1. Wear long sleeves and tuck your pants into your socks.
2. Wear light coloured clothing so you can detect ticks before they attach.
3. Use insect repellent containing "Deet" (please follow manufacturer's directions). Apply it to your skin and outer clothing.
4. Conduct a tick check. Look on your clothes, body and pets. Pay close attention to your groin, scalp and armpits.
5. If you find a tick on your body, remove it and place it in a container. Contact your local health unit to inquire about having the tick sent for identification and testing. This test may take several months and is not diagnostic. Additionally, you may contact your family doctor for questions on Lyme disease.

By following these simple suggestions, you can have a safe and enjoyable time exploring Woodland Caribou Provincial Park.

For more information please consult the Public Health Agency of Canada's website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/lyme-disease.html>

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Found a Tick?

DO

- Use fine point tweezers
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- Gently pull the tick straight out
- Disinfect the bite are with rubbing alcohol or soap & water
- Save tick (alive if possible) in a container with a piece of damp paper towel for identification and potential testing. Park staff can provide contact information for the local Health Unit, or alternatively you can take the tick to your family doctor for testing.
- Watch for symptoms and seek medical attention if you feel unwell or if you cannot safely remove the tick.

DO NOT

- Grasp around bloated belly and squeeze the tick
- Use a match, heat or chemicals to try and remove it
- Twist the tick when pulling it out



Bears really hate surprises

Be **BEAR WISE**. Let the bears know you're coming and they'll avoid you. Be aware of your surroundings. Talk, whistle or sing, especially if you are in an area of thick vegetation or running water. For more information on camping and bears, visit ontario.ca/bearwise.

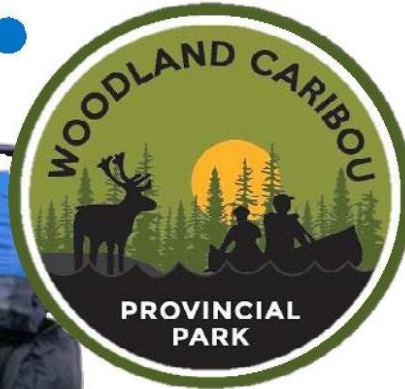


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- 1) Learn to swim and **learn prevention**, water survival and rescue skills.
- 2) **Never swim alone.**
- 3) Wade out and swim in towards the shore.
- 4) **Protect your neck.** Never dive into shallow water from cliffs or docks.
- 5) If traveling with children, do not leave them unsupervised near water. Have them **wear a personal flotation device (PFD) or a lifejacket.**
- 6) When paddling or boating, **wear an approved PFD or lifejacket** at all times. These are of no help to you when used as a seat cushion or wrapped around the seat of your boat.
- 7) **Be responsible.** Avoid alcohol when involved in water related recreational activities. Consuming alcohol in a motor boat is unlawful.
- 8) If you suspect a drowning or any other type of water emergency, **respond with calm; assist only if it is safe to do so.** Contact the Park Office as soon as possible.



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"The caribou moved like ghosts..."

Since I arrived in Red Lake one of the things I noticed about Ontario Parks is their determined and clear commitment to protecting the park's ecological integrity. This commitment is reflected in how parks staff interact with the public and how the park is managed. Having the privilege to view woodland caribou really helped me understand the value and importance of this commitment. The caribou moved like ghosts, quietly slipping through the trees and lake, able to move freely across the land. We felt like intruders, encroaching on their habitat, their land. To witness the intact boreal forest is one of the main reasons I was interested in research in the park. An intact ecosystem means natural fire cycles can take place, large areas can remain habitable to all native flora and fauna, and fortunate paddlers can have the chance to respectfully walk with the caribou.

J. Silva – Master Student, Department of Biological Science (University of Alberta)

One-Arm Freedom!



Cindy Dillenschneider from Washburn, WI, has designed a one-armed paddle which she demonstrated to staff at the Woodland Caribou park office. Cindy's paddles have made canoeing a more accessible activity for people with arm impairments.

"Everybody deserves the opportunity to go out into the wilderness."

Cindy

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Boreal's Wild Kingdom

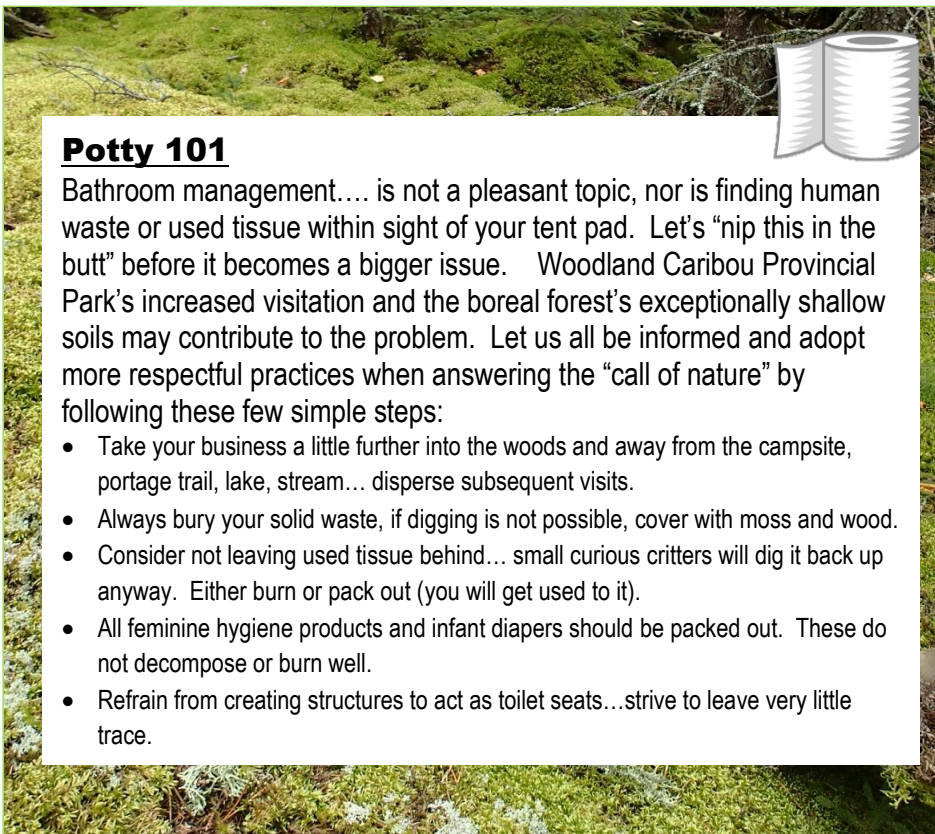
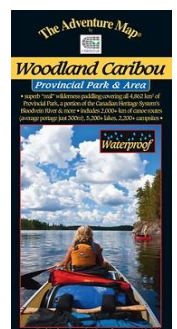


With a receptive eye for movement and a keen ear for sound, a paddler travelling quietly on the water may catch sight of several wild creatures. Viewing wildlife is one of the many pleasures we enjoy in the outdoors. Yet let us be mindful of the fact that our mere presence and actions may stress the animals we yearn to see. In conflict with humans, animals ultimately lose. Respect their space... we are but guests in their home. Also know that this is not a "Wild Safari". Wildlife in the boreal forest will not magically appear at our beckon call to satisfy our curious nature. Curious creatures, big and small, have their eyes set on the unsuspecting paddlers who venture into their home... yet their presence nearly always goes undetected. Not seeing does not necessarily indicate an absence. Finding tracks and signs of their activities confirm that we are not alone... and should they make themselves visible, accept this as a great gift.

Canoe Route Map

A waterproof canoe route map depicting portage trails for the purpose of trip planning is available at the park office, through your local canoe outfitter, MEC in Winnipeg, and online via

www.chrismar.com.



Potty 101

Bathroom management... is not a pleasant topic, nor is finding human waste or used tissue within sight of your tent pad. Let's "nip this in the butt" before it becomes a bigger issue. Woodland Caribou Provincial Park's increased visitation and the boreal forest's exceptionally shallow soils may contribute to the problem. Let us all be informed and adopt more respectful practices when answering the "call of nature" by following these few simple steps:

- Take your business a little further into the woods and away from the campsite, portage trail, lake, stream... disperse subsequent visits.
- Always bury your solid waste, if digging is not possible, cover with moss and wood.
- Consider not leaving used tissue behind... small curious critters will dig it back up anyway. Either burn or pack out (you will get used to it).
- All feminine hygiene products and infant diapers should be packed out. These do not decompose or burn well.
- Refrain from creating structures to act as toilet seats...strive to leave very little trace.

Backcountry TidBits

Fish 'n Reel

Fishing opportunities in Woodland Caribou are among the best anywhere due largely to a well-managed fishery and remote setting. Hooking a walleye, a northern pike or a lake trout for the pan requires little effort for most anglers and definitely adds to the trip experience. Please note that smallmouth bass is not native to the park. A fish listing of lakes and the sport fish species found in each is available at this office. Although not restricted, fishing without the use of live bait reduces the risk of introducing exotic species or diseases to the park. Artificial lures are just as effective here. The use of lead-free sinkers and jigs is also recommended to help prevent lead poisoning of loons and other aquatic birds.

To "Snoop" or not

There are several camps in Woodland Caribou such as commercial tourism facilities, private cabins, indigenous dwellings, and older cabins that are barely standing. While it is tempting to seek shelter under a roof during inclement weather, unless invited in, please respect other's property and refrain from "snooping" and trespassing. However, there exist a number of old abandoned cabins that may be of interest to our visitors and offer great photo opportunities. The park office or your outfitter may be able to identify their locations. Each of these locations guards a story ... visit with respect!



From a S.Kejick, Student Interior Ranger

A Tale of a Run-Away Canoe...

It was a windy day with the sun blazing on our backs. We landed at a portage, unloaded and I was charged with the task of pulling the canoe well up on a rock. After my first load across the trail, I was the first to return only to discover that the canoe had vanished. It was gone... "gone with the wind" and nowhere in sight.

I said to my co-worker, "Jenna the canoe is gone". Jenna replied, "you're kidding" then I said "no, the canoe is actually gone". Oh, how I recall the sinking feeling of doom in the pit of my stomach. We knew that the wind had blown it away down the lake. We jumped into action, retrieved our paddles and our PFDs and took the plunge. For what are we to do without our canoe? I feared that it would be far away already, but it had gotten snagged on a tree branch along the far shore. It took 25minutes to reach it and luckily the water was nice that day for a swim. After the capture of our "rogue" canoe, we said "we deserve a snack". I learned a valuable lesson on this day.



CARIBOU COUNTRY CLIMATE

Canadian Climate Normals 1981-2010, source - Environment Canada

	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Avg Daily High Temp. °C (°F)	16.0 (60.8)	21.1 (70)	23.8 (75)	22.7 (72.9)	16.0 (60.8)	7.8 (46)
Avg Daily Low Temp. °C (°F)	3.1 (37.6)	9.1 (48.4)	12.4 (54.3)	11.4 (52.5)	5.9 (42.6)	min. 0.4 (31)
Precipitation mm (in)	73.4 (2.9)	99 (3.9)	103.4 (4.1)	88.3 (3.5)	83 (3.3)	59.7 (2.4)
% of possible daylight hours	52.7	50	54.1	56.4	44.3	33
# Days of Measureable Sunshine	28	28	30	30	27	24
Wind Speed km/h (mi/h)	12 (7.5)	12 (7.5)	11 (6.8)	11 (6.8)	12 (7.5)	13 (8.1)
Wind Direction	SE	SE	SW	SW	W	NW
Blackflies	late May to early June and again in late Sept					
Mosquitoes	early June to late July and then some, out nearly every evening					
No See-Ums (sandflies, midges)	late June to early Aug, silent & almost invisible					

For daily weather forecast, bug report, and more please visit www.theweathernetwork.com

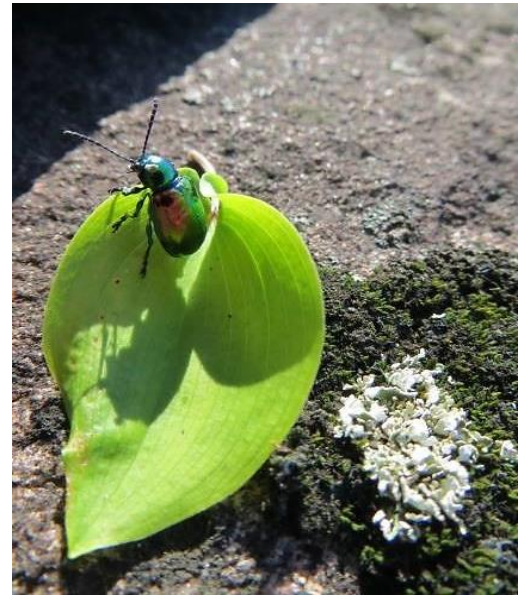


Smokey's Message

Traveling through burnt areas is nearly unavoidable in WCPP but adds a unique experience to your trip. Wildfires are the reality in boreal forests. Being prepared is smart and prudent to ensure your enjoyment and your safety especially when fire indices are high to extreme. Here are some points to consider:

- Know the current conditions – view Ontario's current forest fires reports at <http://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/forest-fires>.
- Leave a detailed trip itinerary with your outfitter, the park office, or a family member - carry maps of all route options should you need to alter your trip.
- A portable cooking stove should always be part of your gear... consider foregoing the traditional fire when conditions are dry or winds are high.
- Forest fire managers may declare a "restricted fire zone" in Northwest Ontario that includes the park... where open flame fires are prohibited, and portable stoves must be used for outdoor cooking.
- A means of communication is highly recommended to ensure contact if required (InReach, Satellite phone, SPOT, etc...)
- SPOT – SOS is not an exit strategy – it is a last resort
- Keep situational awareness at all time – be aware of potential new fire starts – have alternate routes or be prepared to end your trip short.
- Be mindful of the weather, winds, clouds, smoke, and smoke plumes.
- Do not venture towards active fires – resist the cool photo ops – fire personnel need you out of the area - respect route closures if imposed.
- Know your position on the map in relation to active fires – when selecting a campsite, use the lake as a natural boundary between you and the fire - fires have the potential to move very fast.
- If occupying a campsite within a past recent burn, check trees for stability as roots may have been compromised and may pose overhead hazard.
- Consider potential breathing or visual challenges associated with thick smoke, ash and haze.

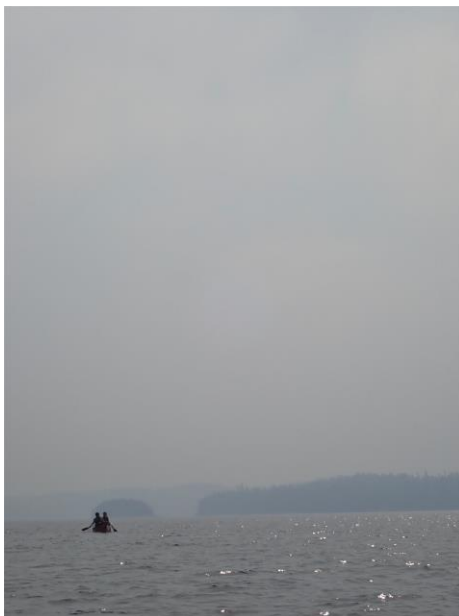
Remember, you are venturing into a remote area and must depend on your own skills for your safety and wellbeing. Be aware, be prepared, be fire smart.



Dogbane Leaf Beetle
with its shining armor of metallic green
For those who have a keen eye for details,
you will find many treasures like this.

Approved Campsites

Now in effect. How can you help maintain the ecological integrity of the park? By selecting your campsite from an inventory of approved sites, you will minimize your footprint. Stay tuned for the launching of an online program that will provide site details, photos, coordinates and more. Until then, please obtain your campsite map from your outfitter or from the park office.



Pack, Paddle, and Play

Here's the Way ...



- **Road Map:** Good road maps are all you need initially to reach caribou country. However, finer directions may be required once you leave the pavement on your final stretch to the park boundary. Your outfitter and the park office have current backroad conditions and can assist you in reaching the access point of your choice.
- **Ontario Park Office:** 227 Howey Street, Red Lake, (807) 727-1329 – use main entrance at back of the building.
- **Manitoba Park Office:** in Lac Du Bonnet, (204) 345-1407 or Winnipeg's toll free number (800) 214-6497
- **Canoe Outfitters:** Refer to the Bulletin Board in this guide
- **Park Interior Camping Permits:** Now available online @ <https://reservations.ontarioparks.com/backcountry>. Day Use and interior camping permits may also be obtained at Red Lake's Ontario Parks Office, at its self-serve station after business hours or through your local canoe outfitter. Woodland Caribou is not on Ontario Parks' Reservation System. No advance reservations are required... only a permit.
- **Canoe Route Map:** Available through your canoe outfitters, Red Lake Ontario Parks Office, MEC in Wpg, online at www.chrismar.com, and at a number of local outlets.
- **Ontario Fishing Licences:** Available @ most sporting goods stores in Ontario. Fishing licences may also be obtained online @ <https://www2.on.wildlifelicence.com/start.php>
- **Ontario Fishing Regulations:** For details on fishing seasons, limits, methods, licence costs, consult the [Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary](#), zone 2.
- **Current Forest Fire Conditions:** <http://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/forest-fires>
- **Current Weather Conditions:** <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/outdoors/parks/caon1535>
- **Border Crossing Info:** www.canadawelcomesyou.net

While you're in town...

Why not stay and visit for a while? The small frontier community of Red Lake offers much more than just a jump off point to your wilderness destination. Enjoy gift shops, a well-deserved dinner at a local restaurant, a good night's rest at a cozy motel, a stroll through the Norseman Heritage and the Centennial Parks, a good game of golf, and more. Consider planning your trip around one of our popular events -Norseman Festival (July) - Trout Forest Music Festival (August) – Canada Day Celebrations (July) - Fall Classic Catch 'n Release Fishing Derby (September). For more local events and attractions, visit <http://hwy105.ca/>. See you soon!



Artwork by R. Bobinski



Welcome!

from the Municipality of Red Lake

Gateway to...

- Woodland Caribou Provincial Park
- Pimachiowin Aki - UNESCO World Heritage Site




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