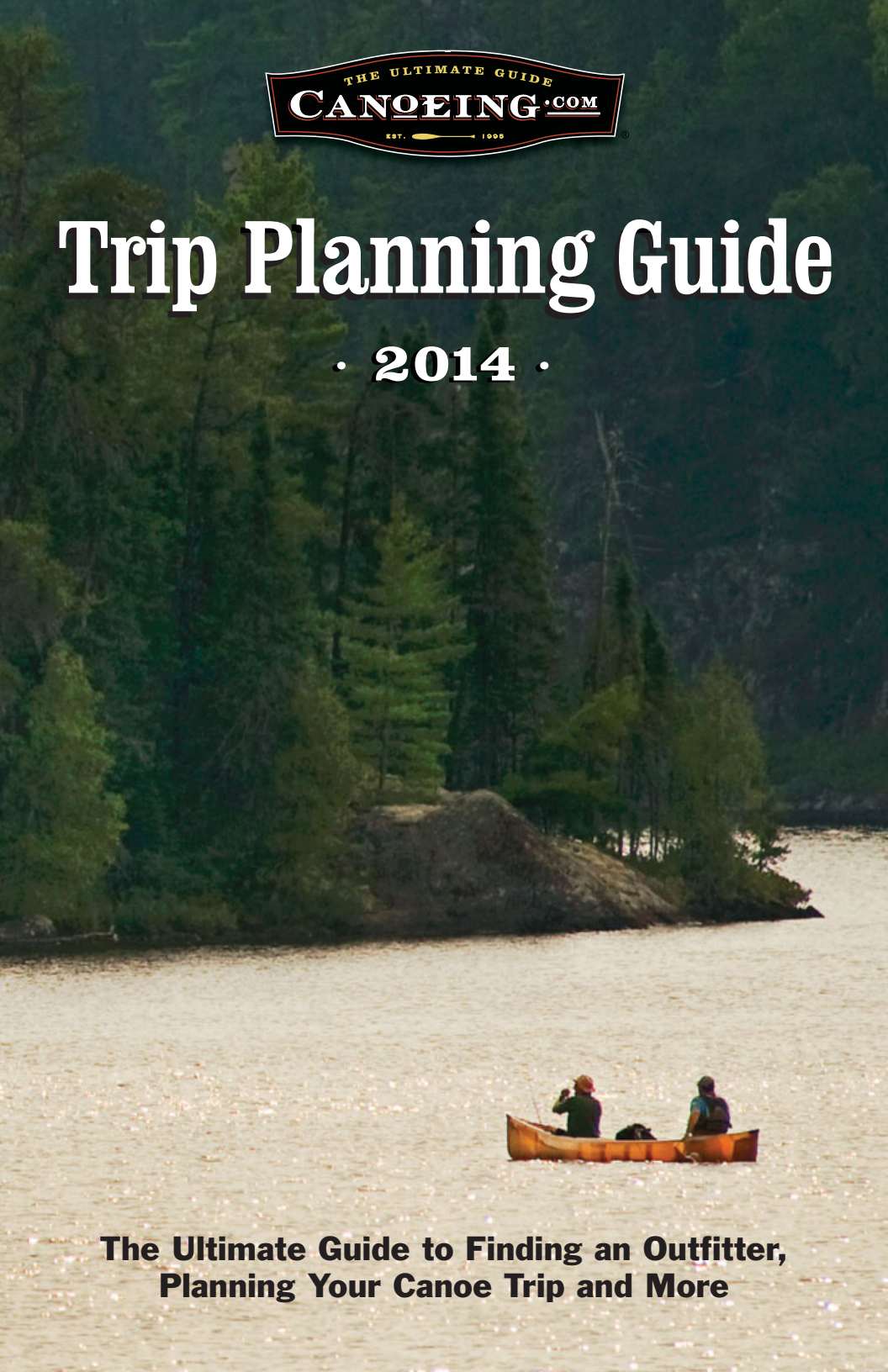




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Getting Started: Planning Makes Perfect

We all dream of the perfect trip—sunny, mosquito-free and water as smooth as glass. But even a weekend trip can bring rain, wind and (everyone’s favorite) bugs. There’s a lot to consider when planning a canoe trip, but a few simple questions will get your planning off to the right start:

Choosing a Destination Think about your group size, your combined skill level and your goals. Does your destination limit group size (in the BWCAW the maximum group size is 9)? Is the paddling suitable for the least experienced person in your group? If something went wrong, are you comfortable with the distance to help? Then look for shuttle services and outfitters to help you reach your destination.

Do you need a permit? Certain canoe-friendly areas like the BWCAW and Quetico Provincial Park require permits for entry. And you may need a Remote Area Border Crossing Permit if you’re paddling across international borders.

What to Pack If you’re using an outfitter they’ll provide a list of the gear you’ll need to bring, or check out our guide on page 6. Always remember extra food—appetites grow on the trail—and remember, everything you bring has to fit in a canoe and be carried over a portage. Prioritize your packing choices, and think light!

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Canoe Trip FAQs

A few common questions answered courtesy of Sue and Andy Ahrendt from *Becoming a Boundary Waters Family* www.becomingaboundarywatersfamily.com

How do we get in and out of a canoe?

When shoving off, the person in front should get in first. Likewise, when landing, the person in front should get out first, stabilize or brace the canoe and remove the gear. If you pull the canoe up while a person or gear is still in the boat, the canoe can easily flip.

Can we take the kids canoe camping?

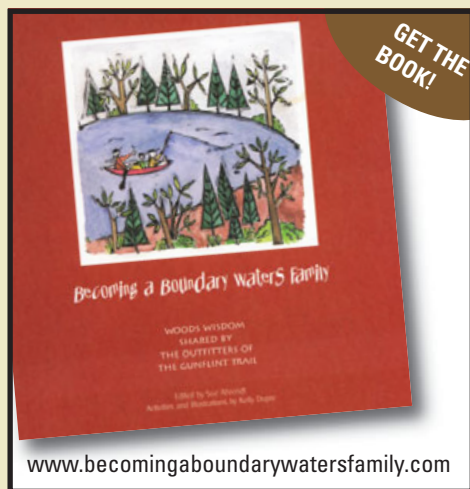
Yes! But they'll need your help, here are a couple of reminders: let kids paddle when they want to (expect them to get tired) and engage them in planning and map reading. Don't forget sunscreen and insect repellent, clothes with long sleeves and pants will help protect from scratches, insect bites and sun. Rain gear (and staying dry) is important – keep one set of clothes dry for emergencies. Always, always wear shoes, even when swimming. Have fun and be flexible, take time to explore together.

What's a portage?

A portage is a well-used, widely traveled path, often with clear people-footprints. If the path is narrow or overgrown, it usually isn't a portage. It may be a "false start" or a "moose path." Don't follow a trail that isn't obvious.

Who should be the navigator?

Everyone! In the evenings, take some time with your whole group to gather around the map and create a travel plan for the next day. Keep a relaxed and forgiving atmosphere so everyone can learn from each other's mistakes.



Canoe Trip Gear Checklist

Group Equipment

- ☐ Canoe
- ☐ Canoe chairs
- ☐ Canoe kit (bowline, tiedown line, anchor bag)
- ☐ Extra rope
- ☐ PFDs/life jackets
- ☐ Paddles (plus spare paddle)
- ☐ Thwart/bow bags
- ☐ Food pack (with rope and pulley)
- ☐ Portage packs
- ☐ Tents
- ☐ Tarps/ground cloths
- ☐ Campstove (tested)
- ☐ Camp saw/hatchet
- ☐ Collapsible water container
- ☐ Cooking pots/pans/coffee pot
- ☐ Cooking utensils
- ☐ Cups, silverware, plates
- ☐ Extra trash bags/baggies
- ☐ Fillet knife
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Folding shovel
- ☐ Fuel for campstove
- ☐ Lightweight plastic cutting board
- ☐ Matches/lighter
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Playing cards
- ☐ Scrubbrush/pad & dishsoap
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Meals/snacks/individually sealed packages
- ☐ Salt, pepper, spices
- ☐ Water filter or treatment tablets
- ☐ Compass/GPS
- ☐ Map(s)

Personal Gear

- ☐ Day pack
- ☐ Sleeping bag in stuff sack
- ☐ Sleeping pad
- ☐ Camp shoes
- ☐ Clean clothes for the trip home (in vehicle)
- ☐ Hat/gloves
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Pants
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Shirts
- ☐ Socks (wool)
- ☐ Sweater/sweatshirt
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Wet shoes
- ☐ Wide-brimmed hat
- ☐ Book, pencil & paper
- ☐ Bug repellent/headnet
- ☐ Camera equipment
- ☐ Camp chair
- ☐ Camp towel
- ☐ Fishing gear/license
- ☐ Headlamp/flashlight
- ☐ Multi-tool/pocket knife
- ☐ Money for food, souvenirs, licenses, etc.
- ☐ Sunscreen/chapstick
- ☐ Toothbrush/toothpaste
- ☐ Water bottle

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Last-minute Gear Tips

Sometimes the wilderness throws you a curveball, check all your gear before departure to minimize those self-inflicted surprises.

Camp stoves:

- test the stove (always outside!)
- refill fuel bottles (dump out the old fuel, it doesn't burn well)

Tent check-up:

- a sheet of plastic cut to fit the tent floor and placed underneath will help you stay dry and protect the tent from wear and tear (just make sure to tuck the edges under the tent)
- set up the tent, check all poles and straighten any bent stakes (this is a great team building activity for new groups: setting up the tent without instructions)
- treat exposed tent seams with seam-sealer and lubricate zippers with ski wax

Other gear:

- replace batteries in headlamps, UV pens, etc. always bring an extra set of batteries
- backflush and/or replace water filters
- replace your matches—matchheads soften with age
- restock the first-aid kit
- untangle the lines on your tarp
- sharpen knives, saw, ax blades
- stow digital cameras, devices in waterproof bag or box
- put everything in your pack and try it on for weight
- if your boots are new, break them in before your first portage



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There are 59 paddling entry points between Cook, Ely, Tofte, Isabella, and Grand Marais for your BWCAW adventures. Some entry points may change in 2012 as a result of the recent Pagami Creek Fire. Work with an outfitter in the town nearest to your preferred entry point for the most current information and best service.



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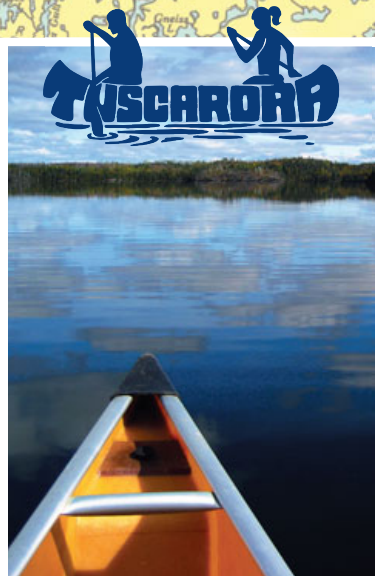
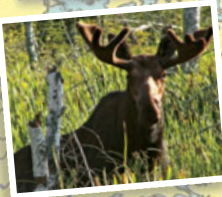
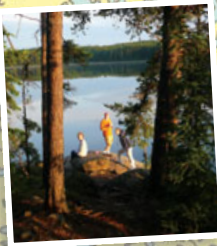
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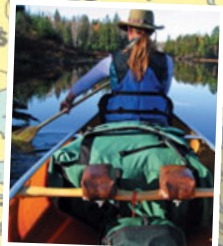
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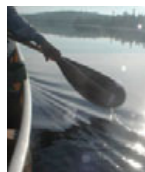
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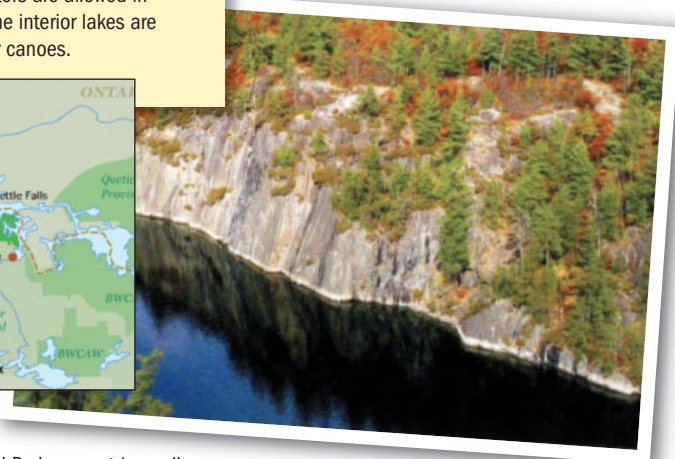
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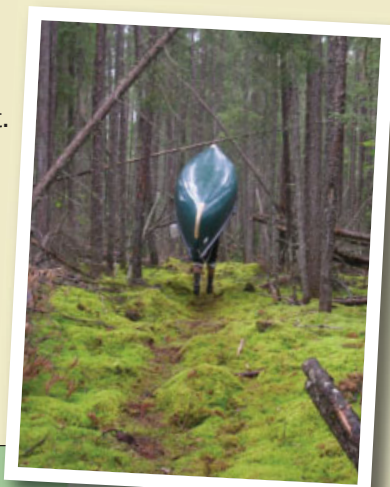
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Tips for Boundary Waters Trips

- In the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, motors and visitors are restricted to help protect its unique landscape. Permits are required, and some entry points are so popular that reservations fill up months ahead.
- The Gunflint Trail, Ely, and Grand Marais, are the most popular jump-off points for Boundary Waters trips, but Tofte, Isabella, Cook, Orr, and Crane Lake can offer more opportunities for solitude.
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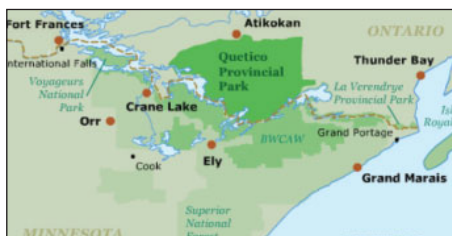
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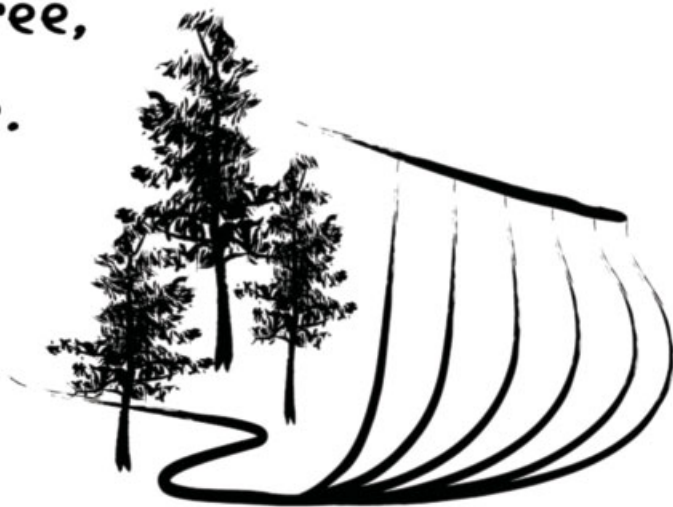
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- All canoes—tighten thwart and seat bolt nuts.
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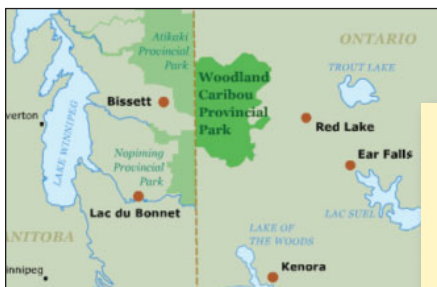


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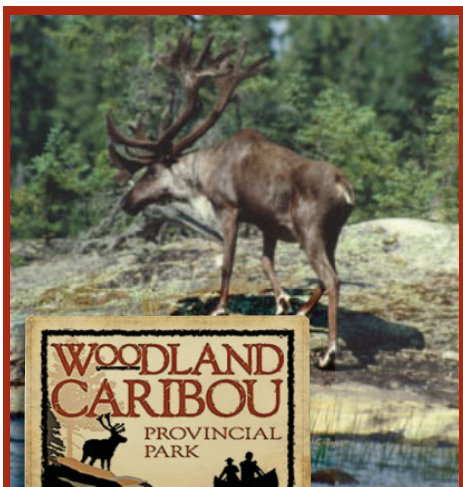
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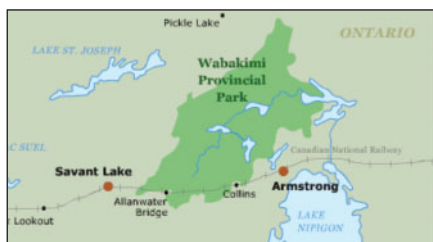
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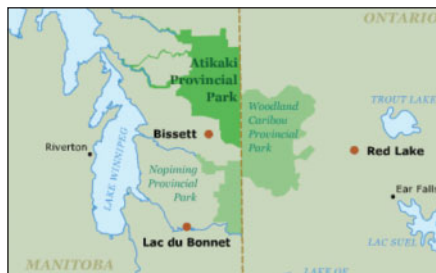
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- Carefully inspect the canoe and ask questions.
- Put the canoe on your shoulders. Make sure the canoe yoke is in the right position and that the pads are comfortable. The canoe should feel slightly stern (back) heavy.
- If you are a kneeler, determine if there is room beneath the seats for your feet—get in the canoe!
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Choose the right canoe for you:

- Lift two or three different canoes and choose the one that feels best on your shoulders. Your outfitter may have more than one brand and style of canoe to rent.
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Less is More

by Rob Kesselring

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