



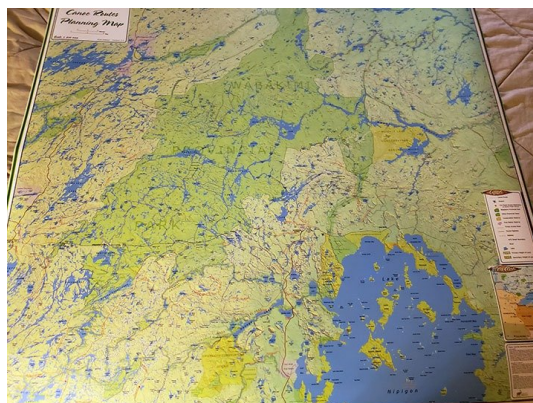
**2021 Members & Contacts Survey \* Zoom Open House-June 6th \* Ontario Protected Areas \* paddle4hunger (FOW member supports Food Banks Canada) \* Expedition & Cartography Committee updates**



**2021 Friends of Wabakimi (FOW) Members & Contacts Survey**

[Please take our 2021 FOW Survey.](#) Connecting with you is important because Friends of Wabakimi (FOW) wants to be responsive and help people enjoy this wilderness area. We want to know what people like you need from our organization. In addition, we would like to encourage you to consider ways you can help us, by joining or renewing your membership, by reporting on trips you make, or by contributing in other ways.

[To address these issues, we are asking you to take a short](#)



**Sunday, June 6th Open House and discussion**

Join us on Sunday, June 6th for an open discussion about Wabakimi for 2021.

[Here's our Zoom meeting link. \(phone access is available too\).](#)

- Will the park and surrounding areas be open for backcountry - exploration?
- What paddling plans do you have?
- How can we make FOW a stronger voice for habitat and conservation?
- What questions do you have?

**[From Ontario Nature:](#)**

[survey \(click here\)](#) (if you haven't done so already). You may choose to do so anonymously, but for us to answer your questions or to contact you, please consider providing your name and email contact information at the end of this survey. If a question is not pertinent to you, just skip over it.

More information about the Friends of Wabakimi, [current Strategic Plan](#), planning resources, maps and conservation efforts can be found at [www.wabakimi.org](http://www.wabakimi.org)  
*Thanks for your interest!*

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## **Boreal Forest**

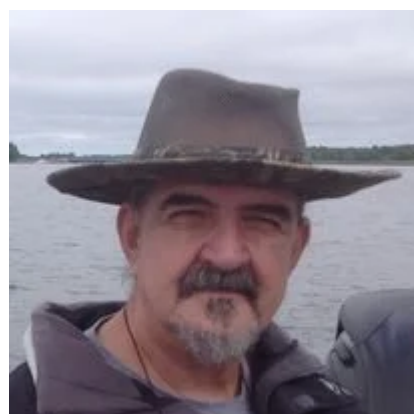
**"The world's boreal forest is crucial to the survival of the human race because its trees serve as The Lungs of the Earth, filtering greenhouse gases and storing carbon." Over near Red Lake, First Nations established the [Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Site](#).**

The Government of Ontario recently announced its [intention to protect more natural areas](#), it provided no public process for offering input on where or how protected areas should be established. To raise awareness and open up the conversation, Ontario Nature, the David Suzuki Foundation, the Wilderness Committee, the Carolinian Canada Coalition, CPAWS-Ottawa Valley and Environmental Defence have invited people from across the province to contribute candidates for the [Your Protected Places StoryMap](#).

[Ontario Nature Webinar, Thursday, May 27th recording](#)  
[Protecting Areas in Ontario conference, June 15-17, 2021](#)

*The challenge for FOW is identifying Wabakimi areas needing better protection; and gaining support for those proposals.*

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Inspired by the successful Canoe4Covid young men, FOW member **Borys Skoropadsky** from Etobicoke, Ontario, has launched a **paddle4hunger fundraising effort** to support the Food Banks Canada for Covid-19 relief.

Traveling by Via Rail to Flindt Landing, Borys begins a month long SOLO paddle on July 26<sup>th</sup> traversing through the lakes, wild rivers, tough terrain and bushwhacks that Wabakimi has to offer while documenting and videoing the entire journey. He will then board the train again in Armstrong, ON for the return trip to Union Station.

He plans to paddle the Flindt River system up to the Ogoki River, Palisade River and water levels permitting down the Mishekow to the Albany River on to Patte lake then up the Shabuskwia down the Attwood and up the Witchwood rivers back to the Ogoki River, and down to Caribou Lake/Armstrong (or alternate routes if water levels are low).

See links below for how to donate and more information. Friends of Wabakimi is happy to support this important effort!

<https://foodbankscanada.akaraisin.com/fundraise/paddle4hunger>

<https://www.instagram.com/paddle4hunger>

<https://www.facebook.com/paddle4hunger>

## FOW News & Updates

***The Expedition Committee*** [has an initial list of suggested routes.](#)

Many of these are in the Wabadowgang Nooping (Armstrong) forest, others are in the Caribou (west side) forest.

See our [2021 Trip Program webpage](#) along with some resources that will help in planning such trips.

***We now have a new downloadable FOW Trip Journal form for documenting your Wabakimi trip with greater ease.*** This journal also includes other resources to help in the planning of such trips.

We hope that FOW members (and others!) will consider taking self-guided trips into these areas and provide a trip report back to FOW for the purposes of improving our maps and other resources.

***Cartography Committee.*** Do you have info regarding routes, portages, conditions, that need to be considered for Map Volume updates? Let us know. To reach the Cartography Committee directly, email [cartographywabakimi@gmail.com](mailto:cartographywabakimi@gmail.com)

Interested in joining a committee? [Log in and edit your member profile](#) or send a note to [info@wabakimi.org](mailto:info@wabakimi.org)

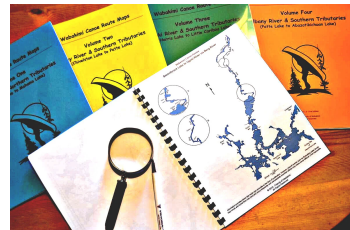
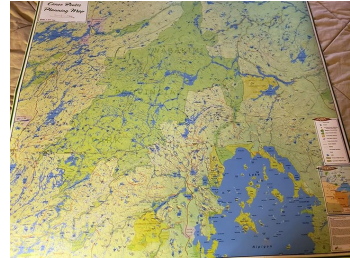
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## FOW's Vision

*“The Wabakimi Area shall be an exceptional wilderness recreation destination for the benefit of the present and future generation of visitors”*

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