

# Wabakimi Trip Planning Basics

Presented by: FOW Exped Committee





# This presentation

- MJ will moderate while multiple people talk about the basics of planning a Wabakimi trip
- We will mute all except the speaker.
- You may need to focus in on the speaker by using gallery view
- Use the Chat area to send questions or comments! Beth will be monitoring the chat area for us.

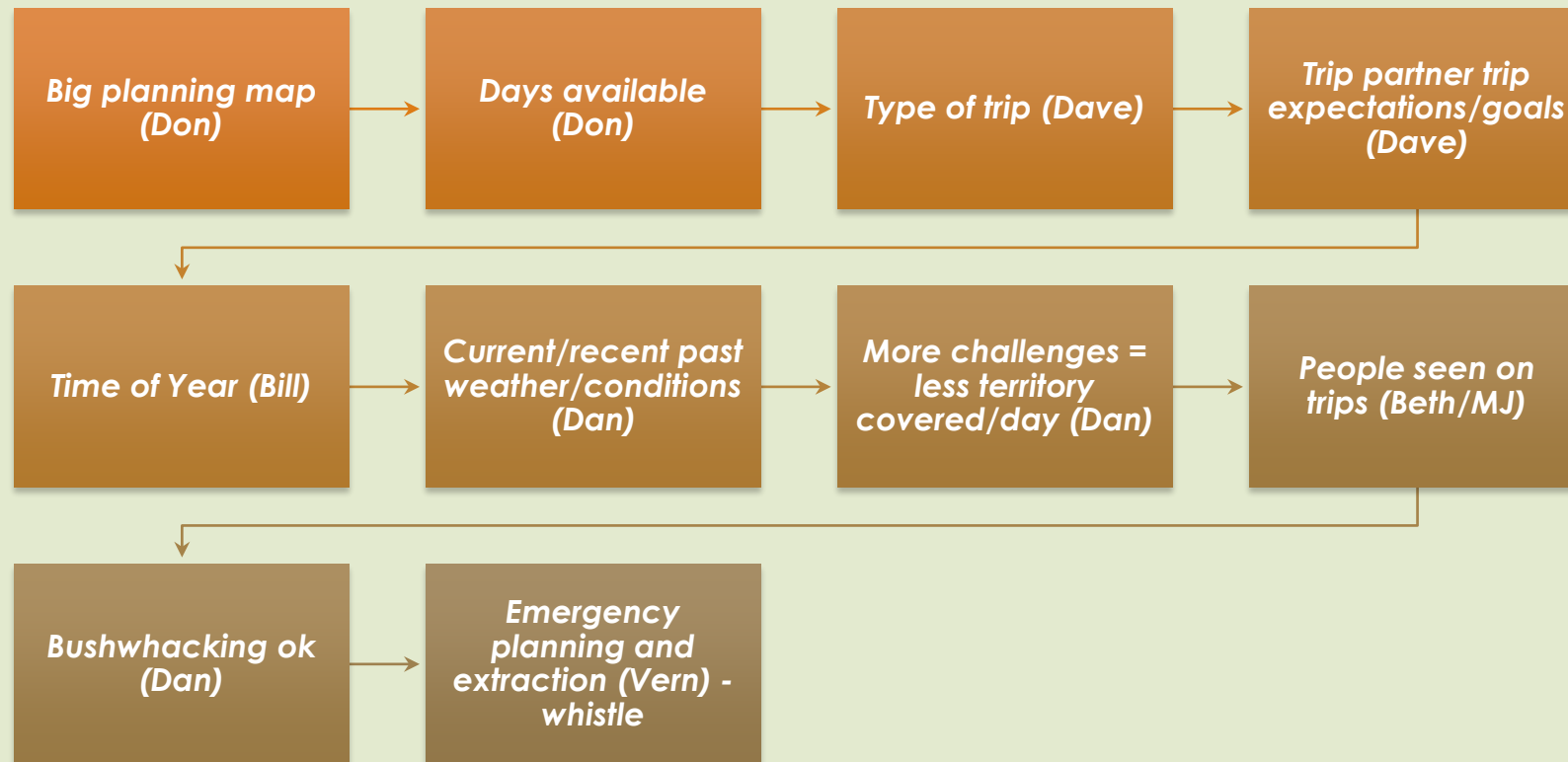
## TOPICS

- Firsts things to think about?
- Maps/Resources to use
- Entry/Exit Points & Access methods
- Suggested Self-Reconnaissance trips for 2023
- Q/A

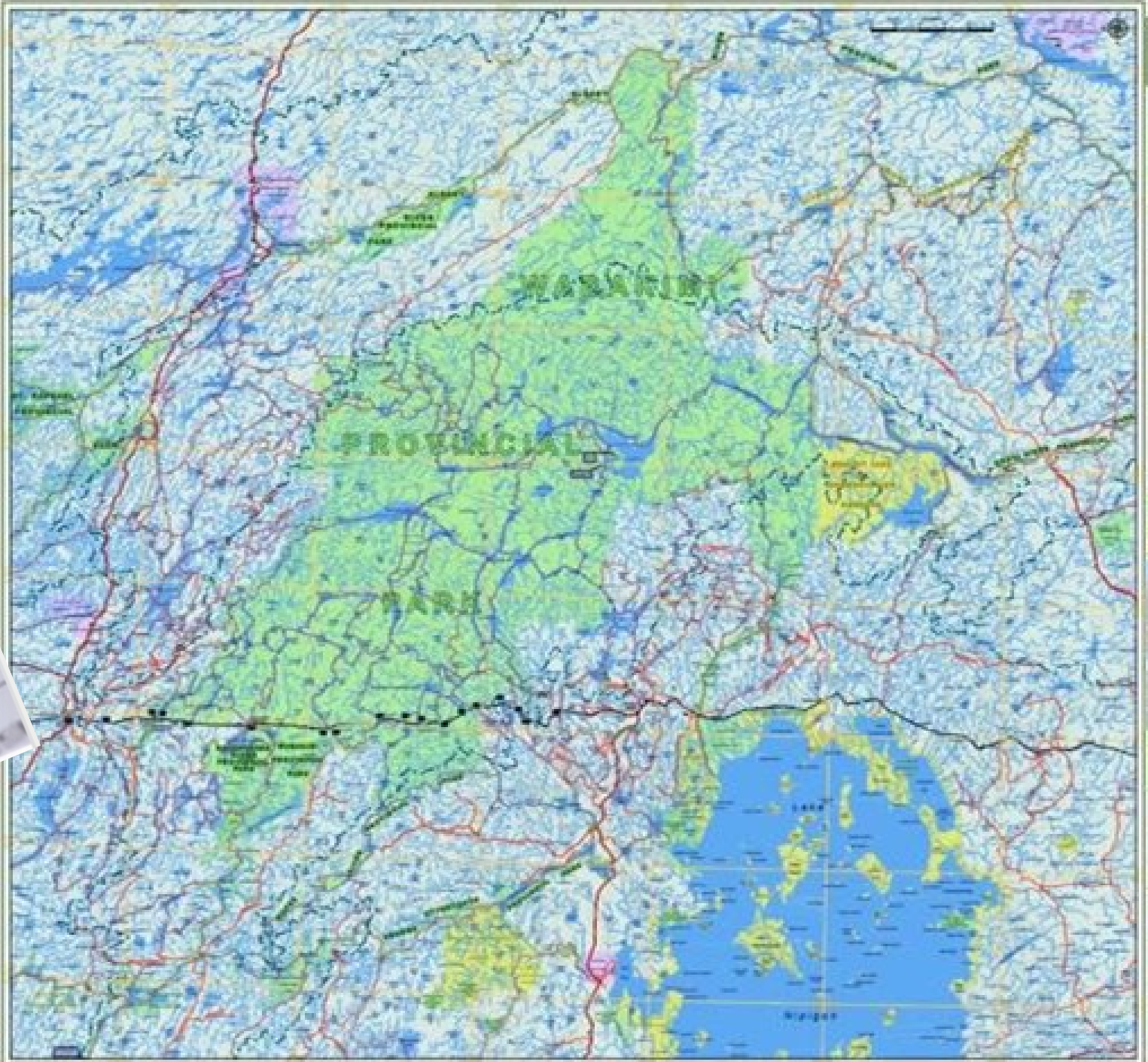
# Wabakimi Basics: Where is it?



## Things to think about when planning a Wabakimi Trip?



# FOW Planning Map & Days Available



Type of trip, trip partner expectations/goals



Dave

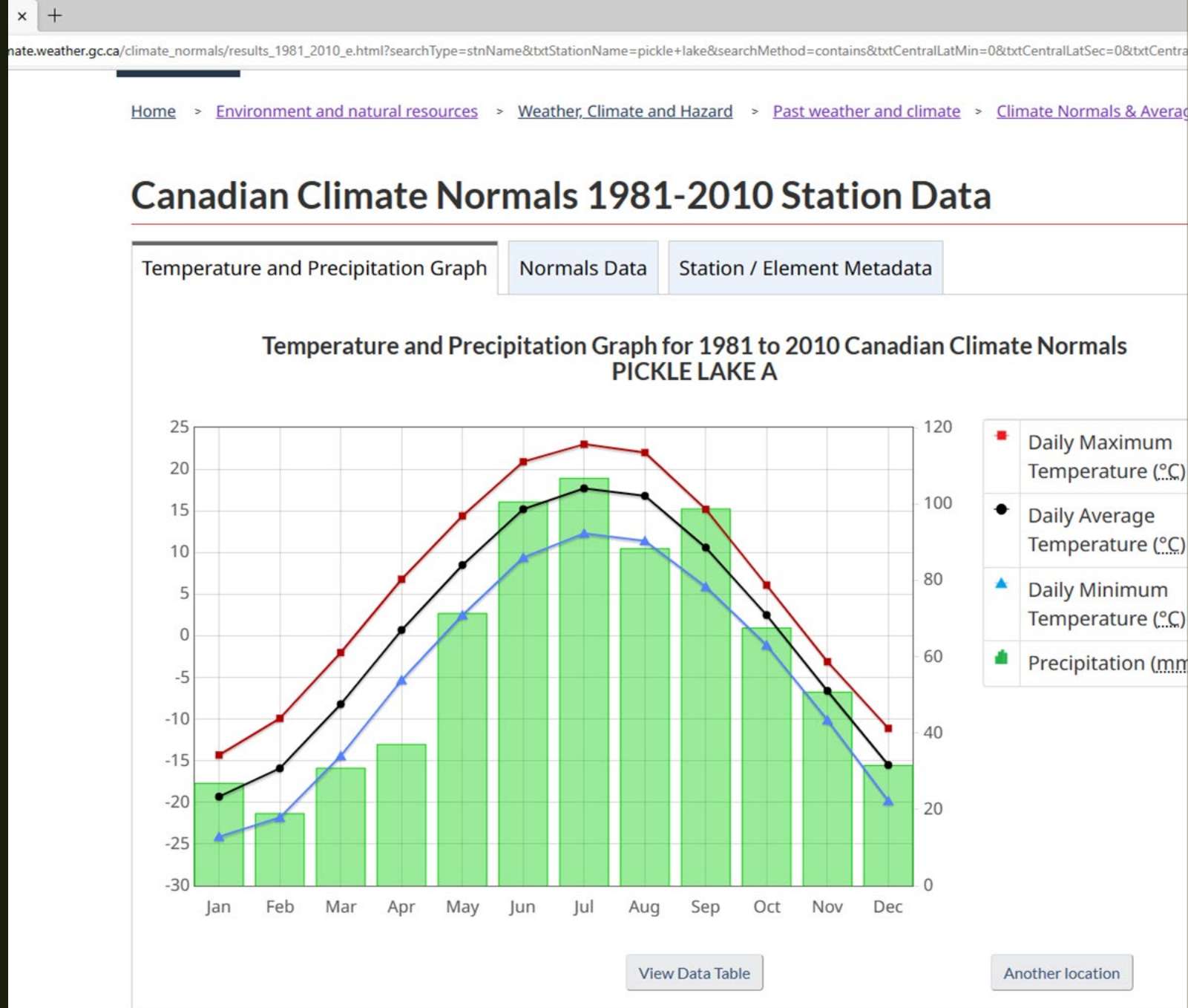
Time of Year



Bill

# Current/Past Weather Conditions

Dan







***More challenges = territory covered  
(Is bushwhacking ok for your trip?)***

Dan

Will I see people?



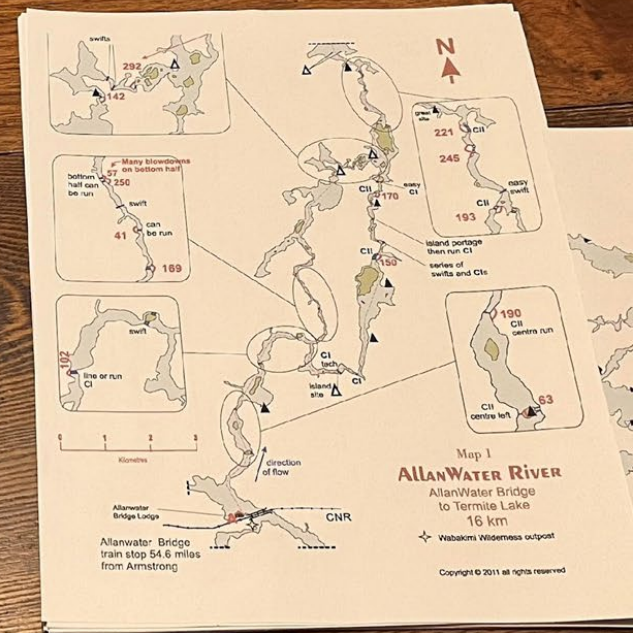
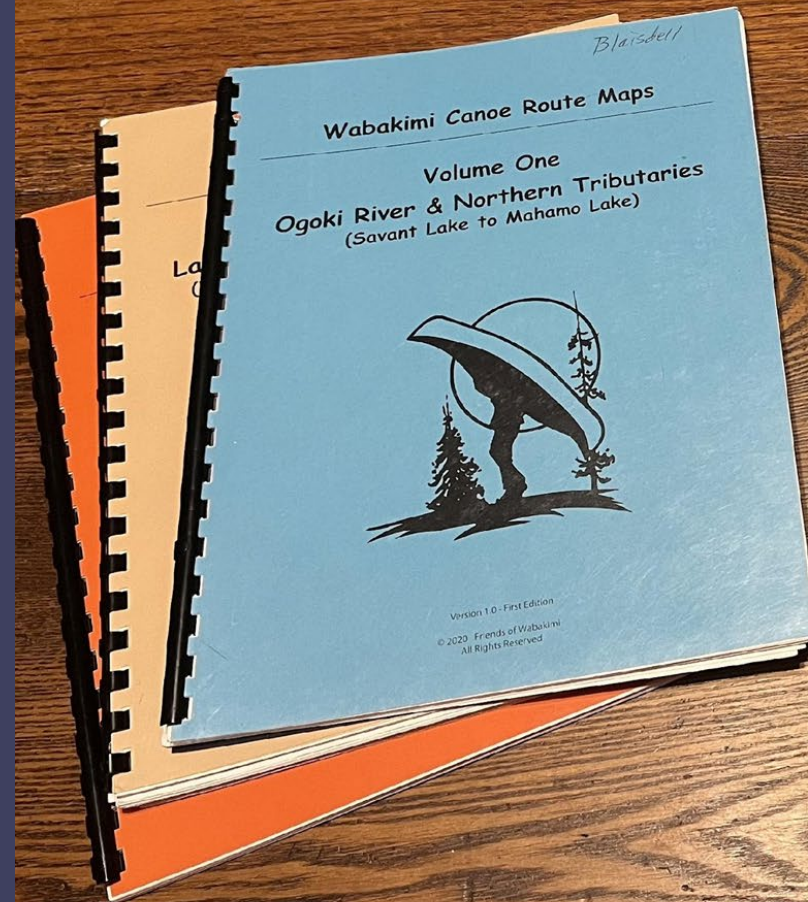
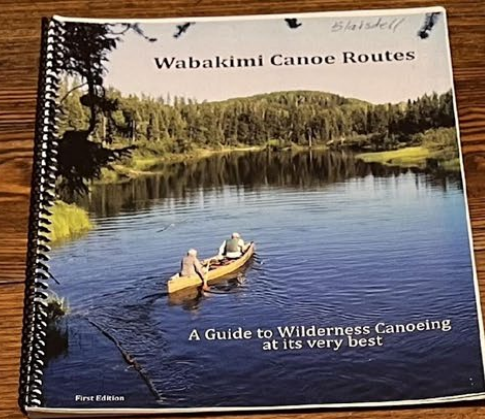
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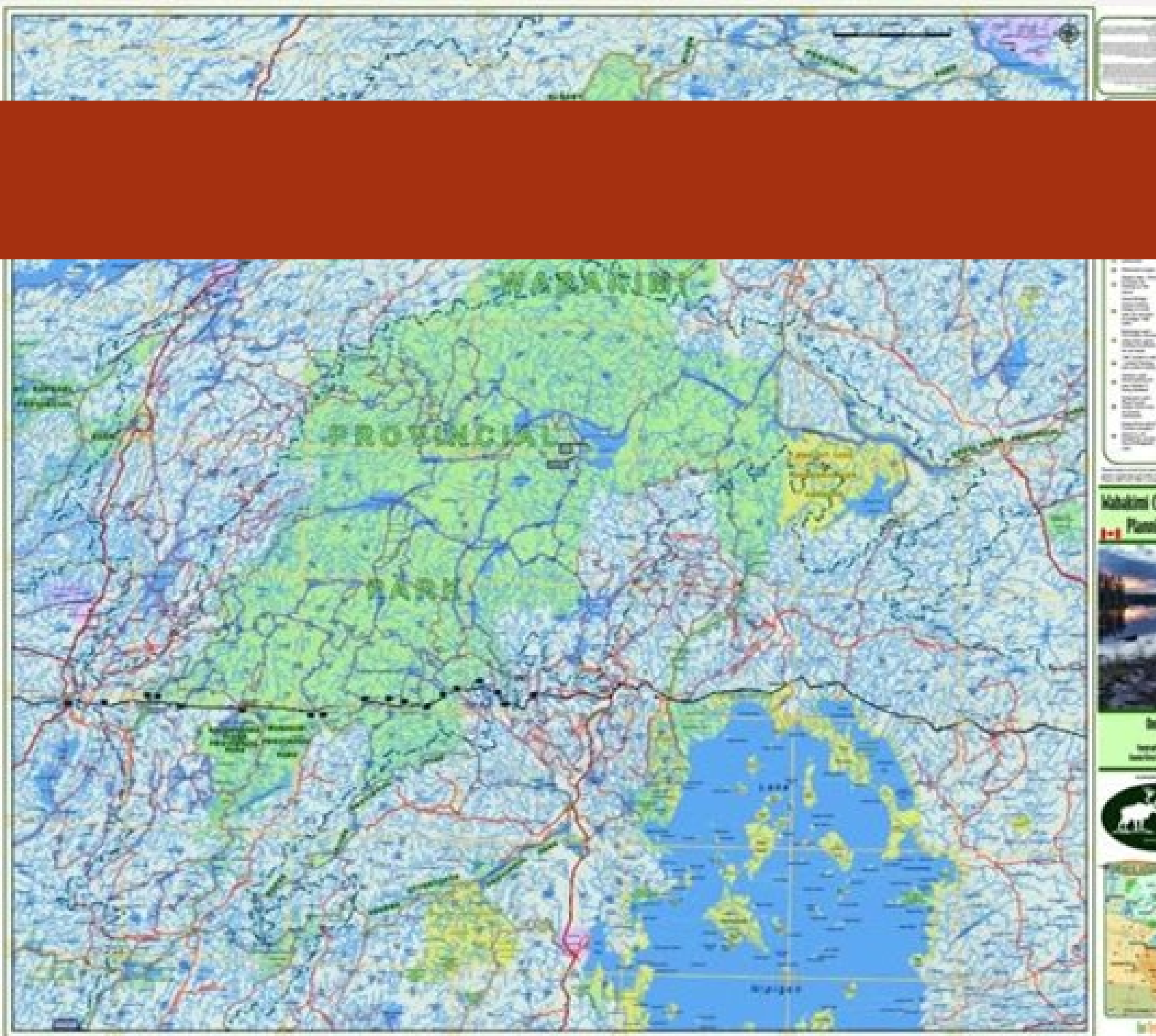


# Safety: Specific Gear

*PFD (*Required by Canada)	*Whistle	*Bailer / Bilge pump	*Heaving Line 15m
Extra dry clothes	Waterproof packs	Food barrel	First Aid kit
Trip Plan to others – color of tents/canoes/car color/license		Spare paddle	Maps
Tracking lines	Rain gear/wind breaker/hat/gloves	Pin kit – (rope/pulley system for rescuing pinned canoe)	Work Tools – Folding hand saw, axe, Folding Bow saw

# Maps & Resources

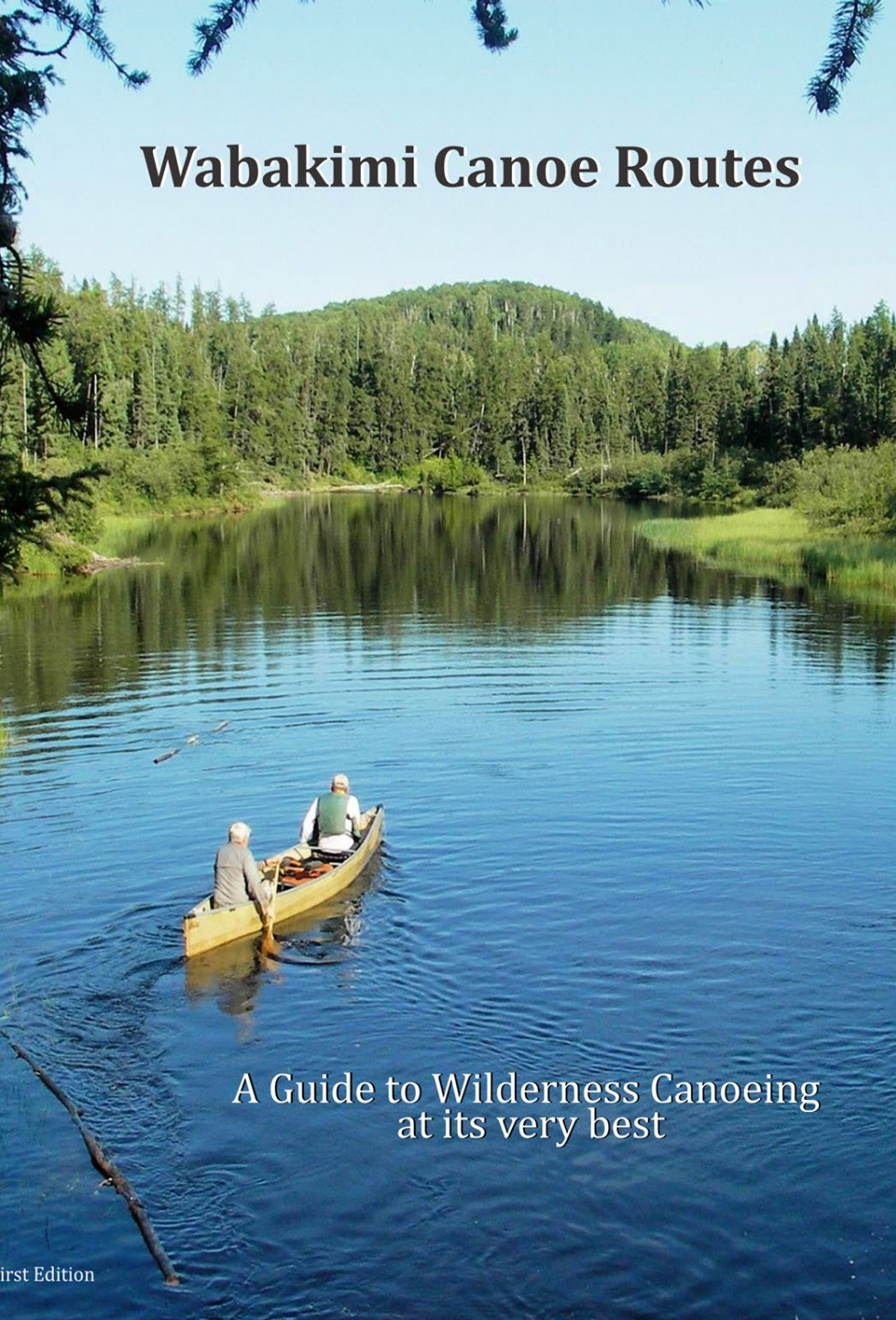




❓ FOW Planning Map

MJ

# Wabakimi Canoe Routes



A Guide to Wilderness Canoeing  
at its very best

## Wabakimi Canoe Routes Guidebook

☐ This book contains specific narrative descriptions of routes in addition to maps and other valuable information for your planning.

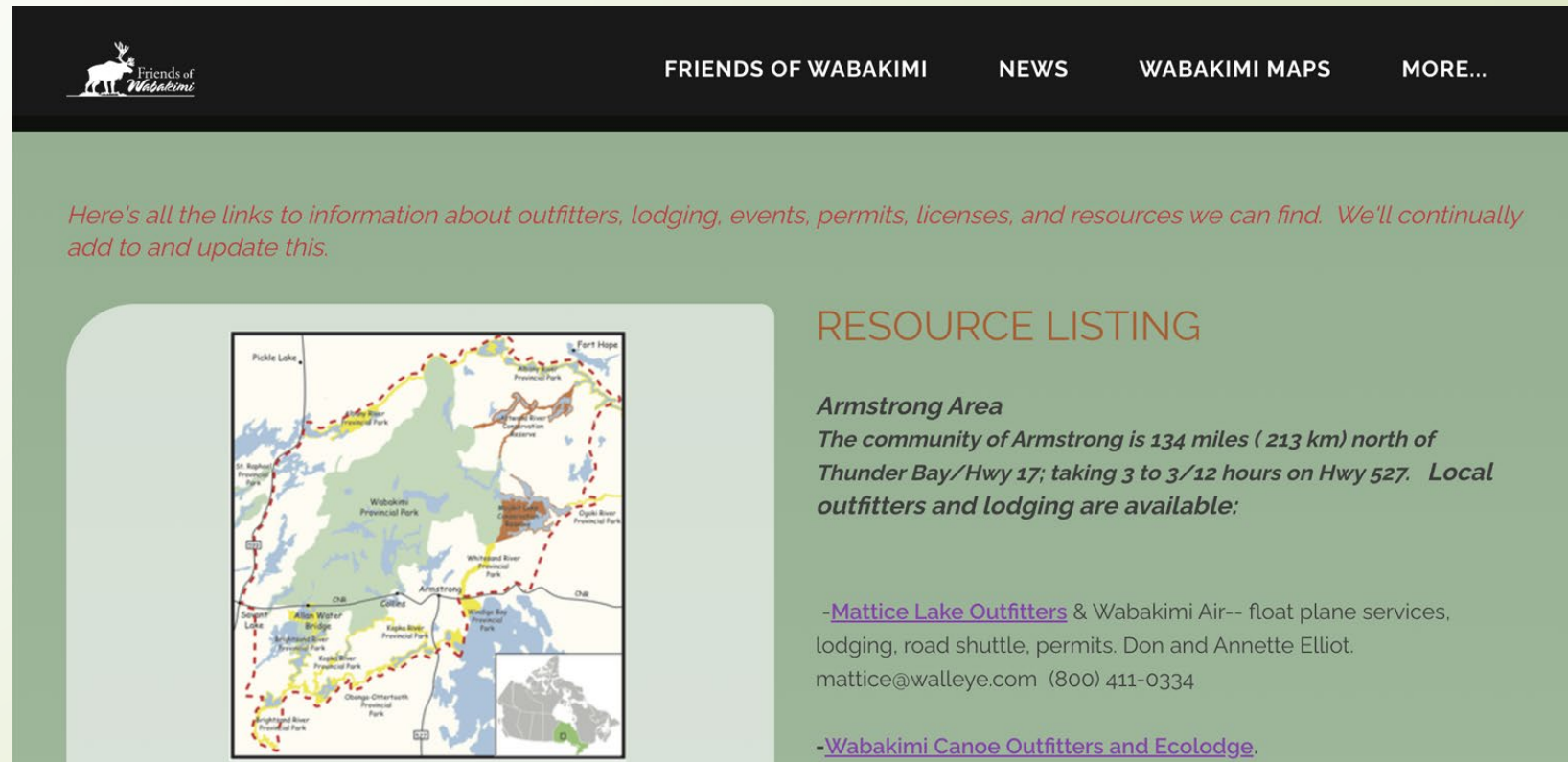
# Paddle Planner




<https://www.paddleplanner.com>

Video: [www.youtube.com/user/PaddlePlanner](https://www.youtube.com/user/PaddlePlanner)

# Outfitters – FOW Website page



 FRIENDS OF WABAKIMI NEWS WABAKIMI MAPS MORE...

*Here's all the links to information about outfitters, lodging, events, permits, licenses, and resources we can find. We'll continually add to and update this.*

**RESOURCE LISTING**

**Armstrong Area**  
*The community of Armstrong is 134 miles ( 213 km) north of Thunder Bay/Hwy 17; taking 3 to 3/12 hours on Hwy 527. Local outfitters and lodging are available:*

- [Mattice Lake Outfitters](#) & Wabakimi Air-- float plane services, lodging, road shuttle, permits. Don and Annette Elliot. mattice@walleye.com (800) 411-0334
- [Wabakimi Canoe Outfitters and Ecolodge](#).



# Other Resources

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## Trip Report Forum

FOW members can log in to post to our interactive Trip Report forum. Other friends, feel free to submit trip reports, video links and pictures to [info@wabakimi.org](mailto:info@wabakimi.org) (but we'd sure like you to [join us!](#)). We can post for you as Friends of Wabakimi. Our goal is to make this the most comprehensive collection of Wabakimi Area trip reports. (If you log in and need to exit your Profile, [click here](#) or on the Headline above to get back to the Trip Reports. You can Subscribe or Unsubscribe to Forum update emails.)

**Wabakimi Trip Report Forum**  
Please share your trip report files or web links. Please give us a description of your route and highlights, portage conditions, and any useful information.

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## Paddling Forums

Canadian Canoe Routes (CCR) - [myccr.com](http://myccr.com)

-Canoeing.com - [canoeing.com](http://canoeing.com)

Song of the Paddle

- [songofthepaddle.co.uk](http://songofthepaddle.co.uk)

Paddling.net - [paddling.net](http://paddling.net)

Outdoor Adventure Canada

- [outdooradventurecanada.com](http://outdooradventurecanada.com)

Ottertooth.com - [ottertooth.com](http://ottertooth.com)

Quiet Journey - [quietjourney.com](http://quietjourney.com)

Wabakimi Forum - BWCA.com

## Paddling Blogs

Ramlin Boy (aka True North) blog -

[albinger.me/2016/04/10/wabakimis-top-six-places-to-see](http://albinger.me/2016/04/10/wabakimis-top-six-places-to-see)

Charlotte and John's Travels - [charandjohntravels.com](http://charandjohntravels.com)

Dave/Beth

# Entry/Exit Points & Types

## Access Points

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|---|--|
| ◆ Authorized Restrictions Apply   | ◆ Sparkling Lake - Small landing just before bridge. Park off the road                                       |
| ◆ Kopka Lake - Room to Camp. No Parking on the beach  | ◆ Vista Road - Caution, haul trucks use this road. Limited Parking.  |
| ◆ Kopka Bridge - Access before bridge on north side. Do not park on bridge. Fast water.         | ◆ Pikitigushi River - Good Access point, room to camp.   |
| ◆ Bukemiga Lake - First Nation families camp here, good landing but please do not camp.         | ◆ McKinley Road - Restrictions Apply   |
| ◆ Little Caribou Lake - Limited Parking - best route if windy.                                  | ◆ Pashkokogan Lake - Safe Parking may be available at local lodges   |
| ◆ Caribou Lake - Small parking lot - poor shelter in windy weather.                             | ◆ Smye Lake - Cleared area, room to park and camp.   |
| ◆ Tamarack Lake - Road in poor shape, there may be access restrictions                          | ◆ Sassenach Lake - Road to lake is grown in, walkable (1200m). Campsite is 200m from main road.              |
| ◆ Kopka River North - Current condition grown in, not suitable for access beyond Maggotte Lake. | ◆ Maggotte Lake - Good access, can camp along road, limited parking. Road is in poor shape beyond this point |
|   | ◆ Fitchie Lake - Short access road to landing  |



- **By car...**
- Road conditions might require high clearance
- May not be safe to park and paddle
- Shuttle services through outfitter/others to your entry point.
- (photo from video by Dave McTeague)

- **By train...**
- 18 drop off points between Armstrong and Savant Lake at popular insertion/extraction points. [Rail Access Information](#) (gives distance from Armstrong and Waterway access.
- [ViaRail](#) for schedules/fares
- (photo from [wabakimi.blogspot.com](#))

- **By Plane...**
- Out of Armstrong, Savant Lake, Pickle Lake
- At least \$500+ US per person each way
- [Wabakimi Fishing & Canoeing Outfitters](#) (Thunder Bay/Armstrong)
- [Wabakimi Air \(Mattice Lake Outfitters\)](#) (Armstrong)
- [Rusty Myers Fly-in Outposts](#) (Savant Lake)
- (photo by Jim Kerler)

Dave/Dan/Beth



Enjoy Wabakimi!



Questions?