



True North Voyageur Brigade 2019



General Plan

For the second leg of our journey we will be continuing to follow the fur trade routes and exploring the history of the Native Tribes of each stop. Our starting point this year is in Matachewan, which started as a Hudson Bay trading post; Fort Matachewan B.311, est. 1867, then continued on with mining when gold was discovered in 1916. Early bird's have been invited to journey to the rail portage and trading post site, hosted by Mayor Ann Commando-Dube, the Legion and Curling Club are sponsoring us for our Sunday's events.

We then travel on to Elk Lake, to meet up with Mayor Terry Fiset who is a trapper. Elk Lake has a rich history with some well known people and surprising connections to other regions and incidences. It was already an established rest and trading spot for the Native Americans in the area well before the fur trade routes were set up later on. In 1909 they elected their 1st mayor, Jack Monroe, born in Cape Breton, NS. and has continued to grow through silver mining and forestry.

For our next day we are going into a small town of Latchford joining Mayor George Lefebvre who is highly involved with this regions history and a trapper. The community was named after Hon. Francis R. Latchford, minister of works, who turned the first sod for the railway in North Bay in 1902 and drove the last spike at Moosonee 30 years later. Latchford started as a railway stop in 1902, known for having the world's shortest covered bridge, smallest town by population among other interesting historical significance with the town's slogan being "The Best Little Town by a Dam Site!" Hudson Bay post est. 1888

Wednesday, starting at Mowat Landing on Lady Evelyn River we continue to Lady Evelyn Lake where we will be camping for the night on the south end. Then on to Diamond Lake to continue through to Lake Temagami for another night camping. For Friday at 10am we go on to Bear Island, N'Dakimenan Birch Bark Build - Canoe House, courtesy of Temagami First Nations we will be learning some history of this Island. Then on to our designated site for the weekend to participate and take in Temagami Canoe Festival meeting Mayor Dan O'Mara. Hudson Bay post B488 est. 1834

This is a tentative schedule subject to change

All departure times are set for 9am unless otherwise posted

Distances and times are estimated, like any outdoor activity weather conditions will play a roll in our daily schedule, water conditions in these areas vary and a need for short portages are required. There are places with various rapids and large lake wind and current considerations.

Friday, July 12th

Early arrival to Matachewan and site preparations

Saturday, July 13th

Paddling to rail portage and trading post, 20km round trip, Mayor's Welcome 5pm

Sunday, July 14th

Canoe and Water Safety Training, public rides available from 1-3 All participants must be registered by 4pm, catered supper and presentations 5pm, crew leaders meeting, bed.

Monday, July 15th

Paddle down the Montreal River to Indian Chutes and on to Elk Lake 45km, catered supper and presentations 5pm, crew leader meeting, bed

Tuesday, July 16th

Early start continuing to paddle the Montreal River, on through Mountain Chutes and to Indian Lake then onward to Mowat Landing; 50km. Catered supper and presentations 6pm in Latchford, crew leader meeting, bed

Wednesday, July 17th

Starting at Mowat Landing, to Lady Evelyn River, onto Lady Evelyn Lake 40km, crew leader meeting, bed

Thursday, July 18th

Lady Evelyn Lake, Diamond Lake to Lake Temagami 35km, crew leader meeting, bed

Friday, July 19th

Lake Temagami - All canoes to be gathered 10 am Bear Island, at 12:30 paddle to festival 25km, Temagami arrival 5 pm, crew leader meeting, bed

Saturday, July 20th

Camping on Island, take in festival or journey with Tim to Rabbit Lake, crew leader meeting, bed

Sunday, July 21st

Early closing ceremonies

All entries must be approved by Tim McDonagh and become members of the Voyageur Brigade Society before any final applicants can continue, once approved further directions will be given.

Crew Responsibilities are food which includes any snacks, drinks and meals not catered, gas, car to be transported or parked, spare paddle, bucket and safety line and all these arrangements fall on each crew chief.

This being the Temagami run the second year of five, the Temeskiming run will be the only time left open for entry to be able to participate in either of the final French River run and Severn Trenton Waterway run. By the 4th and 5th legs of this brigade, it will be closed to new entries. It will only be open to participants that have paddled with us for one of the first three legs during this specific brigade and with all final decisions by Tim McDonagh.

Kirk Wipper Voyageur Centre

<http://www.kirkwippervoyageurcentre.com>

Temagami Canoe Festival

<https://www.temagamicanoefestival.com>

Canadian Voyageur Brigade Society

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