



Greetings from Friends of Wabakimi & President Vern Fish:

What a year! See our 2022 accomplishments and goals for 2023. We're planning improvements to our planning map and need your Donations for that project. We'll be providing a webinar and resources to help plan your Wabakimi adventures in the coming year. [Kevin Belmore's "Wabakimi" art print is now available for purchase directly from The Creative Company \(our newest Business member\).](#)



2022 Accomplishments

Your support for the Friends of Wabakimi helps protect this world-class canoeing area, canoe routes, habitat and wildlife. We're growing as an organization to support eco-friendly exploration and advocate for expanded protection.

We invite you to [Donate to our 2023 Project fund](#). In 2022 we:

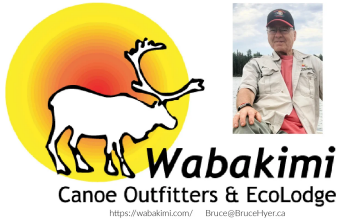
- Provided Wabakimi Canoe Routes Guidebook, Planning and Route maps, and advice to plan canoe trips
- Raised funds to buy 10 Bird Song Meters for the park's biologist and rangers
- Held the first Wabakimi Rendezvous gathering in Thunder Bay and Mattice Lake
- Provided numerous informative webinars
- [Participated in Wabadowgang Noopming Forest planning process in FOW map Volume Five area](#)

- [Advocated additional protections for the Ottertooth and Misehkw Valley areas.](#)
- Had a Canoecopia booth with presentations, membership specials and Annual Meeting (in-person and online).
- Had a booth at the Midwest Mountaineering Outdoor Expo
- Grew our Trip Report Forum with more reports
- Published numerous newsletters & updates
- Grew our membership to 300 active members, including family memberships and [new Business/Sponsor members.](#) (see below)
- Honored Laurence Mills with the Phil Cotton Legacy Award

Donate to FOW 2023 Planning Map Project

In 2023
your Donations and Membership are needed to:

- ***Upgrade our Wabakimi Canoe Routes Planning Map! ([Donate Here!](#))***
- **Continue our partnership with Wabakimi Provincial Park (Debris clean-up, new Kiosks, Bird Song Meters & the next project TBD)**
- **Prepare for the [Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show \(Feb 24-26\)](#), [Canoecopia \(Madison, WI, March 11-13\)](#) Booth volunteers needed. [And FOW Annual Meeting.](#)**
- **Schedule informative webinars about trip planning, conservation, and protected areas**
- **Update and improve our detailed canoe route maps (Cartography Committee)**
- **Research and Advocate for expand protected areas in the greater Wabakimi area. (Wabadowgang Noopming Forest Planning; Misehkw Valley, Ottertooth)**
- **Develop our comments for the Draft Park Management Plan**
- **Encourage self-directed trips to document routes and improve portages**
- **Grow our membership to 350 or more**
- **Promote planned giving opportunities to FOW**



Our Vision

The Wabakimi Area shall be an exceptional destination for wilderness recreation activities for the benefit of present and future generations of visitors.

Our Mission

Through volunteer stewardship and collaboration with other stakeholders, the Friends of Wabakimi will participate in the planning processes to advocate for protection and preservation of the diverse natural, cultural, recreational and historical resources of the Wabakimi Area.

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