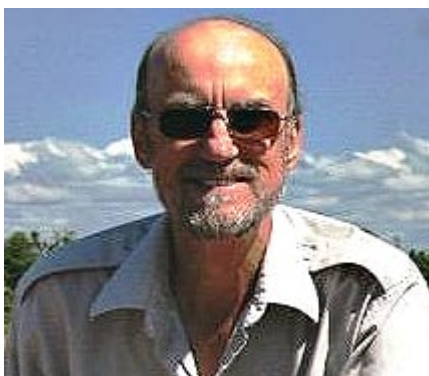




Shannon Walshe, W.P.P. biologist Webinar this Sunday; Canoecopia 2022 & FOW Annual Meeting, Laurence Mills honored with Phil Cotton Legacy Award



Laurence Mills honored with 2022 Phil Cotton Legacy Award

Laurence (Laurie) Mills was born in England and emigrated to Canada as a young man. After a 30 year career in financial services spanning various major international and trans-Canada postings, he decided it was time for something truly different and retired to Northern Ontario. Once there, a casual interest in canoeing quickly turned to passion for paddling in remote waters, and a deepening fascination with the remote wonders of Wabakimi.

Frustrated with the absence of reliable and comprehensive canoe route maps for the area, Laurie began creating and expanding detailed maps and



This Sunday, March 20th, Webinar, 7:00 p.m. CST, 8:00 p.m. EST

Shannon Walshe, Wabakimi Provincial Park Biologist ... (bio here)

Ecological Management Challenges Facing Wabakimi

[\(Zoom link here; phone-in info @ wabakimi.org\)](#)

The maintenance of ecological integrity (EI) is the priority in the planning and management of Ontario’s protected areas. What is EI exactly and how do we define this abstract concept? How do we manage for EI in a large wilderness park and where to start?

additional information based on his own direct experiences, leading to the creation in 2008 of wabakimimaps.com. His site provides comprehensive, user-friendly trip maps for fellow enthusiasts based on Laurie's twenty years experience throughout the area. Introducing others to this sparsely traveled and pristine canoeing paradise has in itself become a passion and led directly to the Wabakimi Canoe Routes Guidebook produced for the Friends of Wabakimi. Thanks Laurence for all you've done!

Protection is not enough! This webinar will cover EI, both aquatic and terrestrial aspects including fisheries, fire/vegetation and caribou habitat management. Recreational impacts to EI will also be covered and the webinar will end with an interactive discussion.

[\(See our previous interview with Shannon.\)](#)

Join Us this Sunday, 7:00 p.m. CST, 8:00 p.m EST

[FOW Annual Meeting - March 13, 2022 -- Video Report Here.](#)

Our Annual Meeting was well attended with in-person & Zoom participants. Thanks to all those who sent in their proxy votes. **Ray Tallent, Doug Blount & Mhairi McFarlane** were elected to new three-year terms on [our Board of Directors.](#)



Canoecopia 2022 in Madison, Wisconsin

We had a great booth with two display panels. Stickers, hats, Guidebooks, planning maps & our FOW Canoe Route Map Volumes. FOW members **Bill Pyle, Jeffrey Schimpff, Berlin Nelson Jr., Beth Rausch, Dan Otto, Doug Blount, Mary Jean Blaisdell, Hank Ostwald, Dave McTeague and Scott Pirsig** staffed our booth. **Vince Fiorito** assisted our annual meeting. **Ben Strege** demonstrated [Paddleplanner.com](#). **Bruce Hyer** ([Wabakimi Canoe Outfitters & Ecolodge](#)) gave two interesting talks on Wabakimi Provincial Park & another on Woodland Caribou. **FOW President Vern Fish** gave two Wabakimi presentations, including "No Voyageurs on the Ottertooth."



Registration is Now Open!

Wabakimi Rendezvous, Sept. 8-11, 2022

Thursday, Sep 8

Sleeping Giant Brewery in Thunder Bay – *brews, schmooze, & talk canoes (plus packs and paddles)*



Friday, Sep 9

[Fort William Historical Park](#) near Thunder Bay – take in some history & other activities, drive to Armstrong, fire pit gathering

Saturday/Sunday, Sep 10-11

[Wabakimi Wilderness Lodge \(Bruce Hyer\) in Armstrong](#) – presentations on Wabakimi and surrounding areas, woodland caribou, trip highlights, photography/adventures by [David Jackson](#), musical performance by [Shy-Anne Hovorka](#) and more to come!

[Registration for this first but likely annual event is now open.](#)

Make the trek to the area early or stay after to take a canoe trip into Wabakimi or surrounding crown lands!

Wabakimi Wanderings 2022 Photo & Video Contest

The theme of the photo contest is “*Wabakimi Wanderings.*” The photos should highlight the wildlife, camp life, challenges and/or natural beauty encountered when paddling in Wabakimi Provincial Park or the surrounding Crown lands.



Entrants may submit up to 3 photos and/or 2 videos to the contest to win prizes. Submissions must be made by July 1st. [See the contest Guidelines and forms here!](#)

First, Second and Third place prizes will be awarded separately for both the photo and video contests. First place prize is one volume of the Wabakimi Project Map booklets (5 to choose from), second place prize is a 1 year membership to FOW (can be added onto current membership), and third place prize is a new large FOW canoe sticker.

All winners will have their video/photo featured/posted on FOW website & FOW Facebook page, as will honorable mention entrants.

Don't miss this chance to share your fantastic photographs and vivid videos with others who enjoy the Wabakimi experience!

[Thanks to our Business/Sponsor members](#)

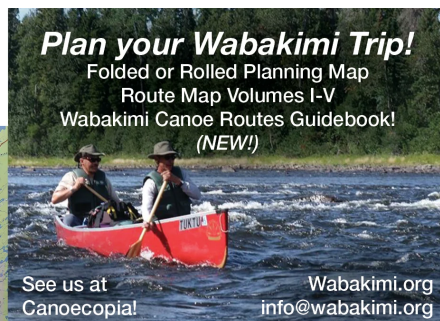
[New Trip Report from Dustin Van Heck](#)

[17 DAY/411KM SOLO, TRAIN IN/OUT TRIP - ALLANWATER BRIDGE TO BRENNAN LAKE TO WABAKIMI LAKE \(VIA ALLANWATER RIVER\) TO LOWER WABAKIMI LAKE TO SMOOTHROCK LAKE TO OUTLET BAY TO WHITEWATER LAKE \(VIA BERG RIVER AND OGOKI RIVER\) TO WHITECLAY LAKE \(VIA OGOKI RIVER\) TO RAYMOND RIVER SYSTEM TO CLIFF LAKE \(VIA PIKITIGUSHI RIVER SYSTEM\) TO PIKITIGUSHI LAKE TO MUD RIVER STATION \(VIA PIKITIGUSHI RIVER\)](#)

Thanks for using our FOW Trip Report format. This can be found at [our 2022 Trip Program page](#).



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