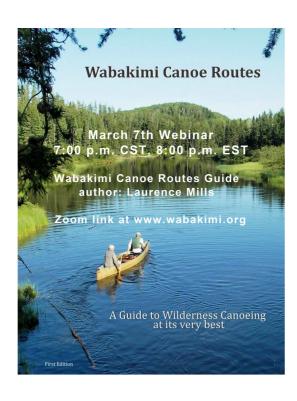
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## Wabakimi Canoe Routes Guidebook Webinar with author Laurence Mills Sunday March 7th, 7 pm CST, 8:00 pm EST







# Webinar Invite! Author Laurence Mills will discuss the new Wabakimi Canoe Routes Guidebook.

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

## **Zoom Link Here!**

The very first Guidebook for Wabakimi Provincial Park and surrounding parks, conservation reserves and Crown lands, all with networks of historic canoe routes.

Laurence Mills has spent decades exploring this area and producing his own line of excellent route maps (www.wabakimimaps.com). He is a FOW member and worked closely with our Guidebook Committee.

Wabakimi Canoe Routes provides a wealth of valuable information to help you select the route that best meets your needs. Whether you are an experienced white water enthusiast or seeking a less challenging route in this fabled canoeing paradise, this practical guide provides what you need to know to make the most of this once in a lifetime destination. Featuring:

- \* Wabakimi what to expect
- \* Access How best to reach the put-in
  - \* Planning your own trip
    - \* Featured canoe trip
- \* Trip summaries, maps and alternatives

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We're offering this Coupon as part of our **Canoecopia** and **Go Adventure Planning Guide (Toronto) Virtual Booths**. *Your membership supports our canoe route restoration and conservation efforts*.







Virtual Canoecopia 2021, March 12-14. FOW will have a virtual booth providing information and live interaction. This will feature our five minute Explore Wabakimi video introduction. FOW President Vern Fish has a 30 minute scheduled presentation.

Canoecopia Tickets and Exhibitor information!

## Go Adventure Planning Guide (Toronto)

See our FOW page with this new Canadian outdoors guide associated with the Toronto Outdoors Adventure Show.







#### Our previous webinars can be viewed on our website.

**Planning a Wabakimi Trip:** (Mary Jean Blaisdell, (FOW Board member) **Five Top Skills for a Wabakimi Trip:** (Rob Kesselring, canoe/outdoors guide extraordinaire)

**The Greenmantle River: A Wabakimi Gem** (Vern Fish, FOW President) **Wabakimi Provincial Park - Into the Future** (*Shannon Lawr, Park Superintendent*)

### **FOW News & Updates**

Vern Fish, President

**Cartography Committee.** This is a new committee chaired by board members Ian Curran and Victoria Steeves (Canmore, Alberta). This committee will explore our mapping needs with an eye to a digital future that integrates our knowledge of the landscape with improvements and updates. (There's still some routes on Uncle Phil's to-do list!)

**Expedition Committee.** Chaired by Mary Jean Blaisdell, this committee is hard at work refining our <u>Self-Directed</u>

<u>Reconnaissance program.</u> We're asking folks to help us explore key Wabakimi routes to reconfirm and document routes, especially those not covered by the Park's portage maintenance or in areas of concern (i.e. the Wabadowgang Noomping Forest).

Joint Committee Meeting. We're planning a joint meeting (by Zoom) of all our committees (Expedition, Guidebook, Conservation & Cartography) in conjunction with Canoecopia on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. This discussion is open to any interested person. Help us prioritize routes for our Self-Directed Reconnaissance program.

Interested FOW members can let us know by email if they're interested in serving (<a href="mailto:info@wabakimi.org">info@wabakimi.org</a>) on any committee; or they can update their membership profile to indicate such in <a href="mailto:our Wild Apricot membership system">our Wild Apricot membership system</a>.

If you're not yet a FOW member, now's a great time to join with us. We currently have a great Membership Package Coupon offer.

Protecting Canoe Routes in the Wabadowgang Noomping Forest (formerly Armstrong portion of the Nipigon Forest).

Our comments have resulted in increased buffers around canoe routes and campsites. Forest planners have noted that

this area is rich in recreational resources. A temporary two-year plan was just adopted. It defers the critical issue of where proposed logging roads go to the 10-year forest plan process. Along with area outfitters (such as Bruce Hyer), we're suggesting proposed logging roads avoid areas important for caribou habitat, canoe routes and existing outposts. A special meeting of their Local Citizens Committee to address the road issue is planned.

Join FOW Today!







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