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Fall Fundraising Success!

We exceeded our Fall 2023 Park Project goal! Legacy Debris Removal/Park Ranger Added Capacity We've funded a large Otter float plane trip with its large capacity to haul unsightful debris out of Shabuskwia Lake and added 36 ranger working days to their spring and summer 2024 operating season for portage maintenance after the 2023 fires.

Thanks to our donors we raised \$11,355 CAD! A big thank you to Jason Long/Coffee Imports Inc for putting us over the top!

" Thank-you ALL! Another remarkable success that the FOW have achieved, thanks again to your organization for all the efforts for this fundraiser. Regards, "

-Evan McCaul, Assistant Superintendent, Ontario Parks -
Wabakimi Node

Let's keep the momentum in the shift to our next fundraising effort..

2024 Woodland Caribou Survey Project

Friends of Wabakimi is launching our ["Woodland Caribou Survey Project"](#) in 2024. This will be the first of a four-year survey effort to

collect data on boreal caribou in the Wabakimi area. (Full Project Description on our FOW Web Page here.)

While Wabakimi Provincial Park provides anchor habitat for woodland caribou, this wide-ranging species may use the ideal boreal habitat of surrounding five Crown Land Forests and other reserves. These lands are subject to forest harvest, road-building and other human impacts that may cause habitat fragmentation or disturbance.

The Project goal is to equip and guide community scientists to collect data on the potential presence of woodland caribou, with a focus on calving sites, in remote locations of the Wabakimi area.

The hope is that this data may provide important information to conservation professionals, scientists, and policy makers to impact conservation strategies in the future.



Our New Fundraising Goal:

We are looking to provide funding for a Project Manager for six months beginning March, 2024 to lead this effort.

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 CAD to ensure the success of our initial first year of surveys.

Bringing on staff is big move for FOW, as we've been entirely volunteer driven for the ten years since our founding in 2014. Our Project Manager will assist the Board in organizing and leading our projected volunteer expeditions. This will also leave us well positioned in the event our request for funding from the [Ontario Caribou Conservation Stewardship Program is approved](#). We are planning to proceed if the funding is not approved as well, to move forward with the urgent need for caribou data.



Blake Moynes on Breakfast Television: Boreal Caribou Need Protection

Conservationist and T.V. star Blake Moynes joined Sid Seixeiro and Meredith Shaw on [Breakfast Television](#), discussing boreal caribou and their need for protection.

Earlier this year Blake partnered with the David Suzuki Foundation and NRDC to travel across northern Ontario and film educational videos about at-risk boreal caribou. Maurice Poulin, FOW Board member and conservation steward, also collaborated with the team and is featured in the videos.

[Watch the last of the four Instagram videos here!](#)

This interview comes at a time of great pressure on policy makers to increase protections for critical caribou habitat. We commend Blake for using his platform to advocate for boreal caribou in northern Ontario, and Breakfast Television for hosting. We encourage our members to watch and enjoy!

[Watch Blake's Interview Here!](#)

**Watch the recording of our FOW Open
House: Decemeber 17, 2023**

Open House

Friends of Wabakimi

December 17, 2023



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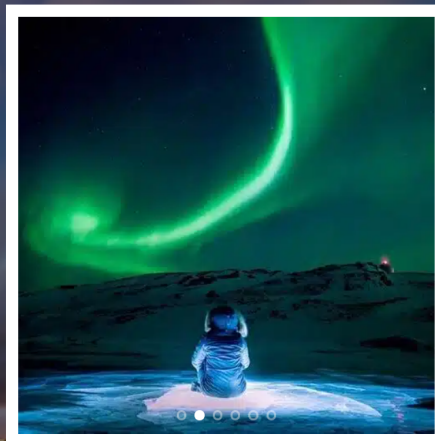
Welcome to our newest Business Member Voyageur Tripper

Ready for an adventure?

Welcome to **Voyageur Tripper**, one of Canada's leading outdoor blogs. My mission is to give you the knowledge and skills you need to take better trips outside.

On this blog, you'll find informative how-to articles, detailed destinations guides and a whole lot of misadventures – all written by ex-wilderness guide, Mikaela Ferguson.

[START HERE](#)



Mikaela, of Voyageur Tripper, has created an incredible array of blogs, gear guides, trip reports, and even a cookbook! We are excited to have her on board. Welcome, Mikaela!

[Visit the Voyageur Tripper website!](#)



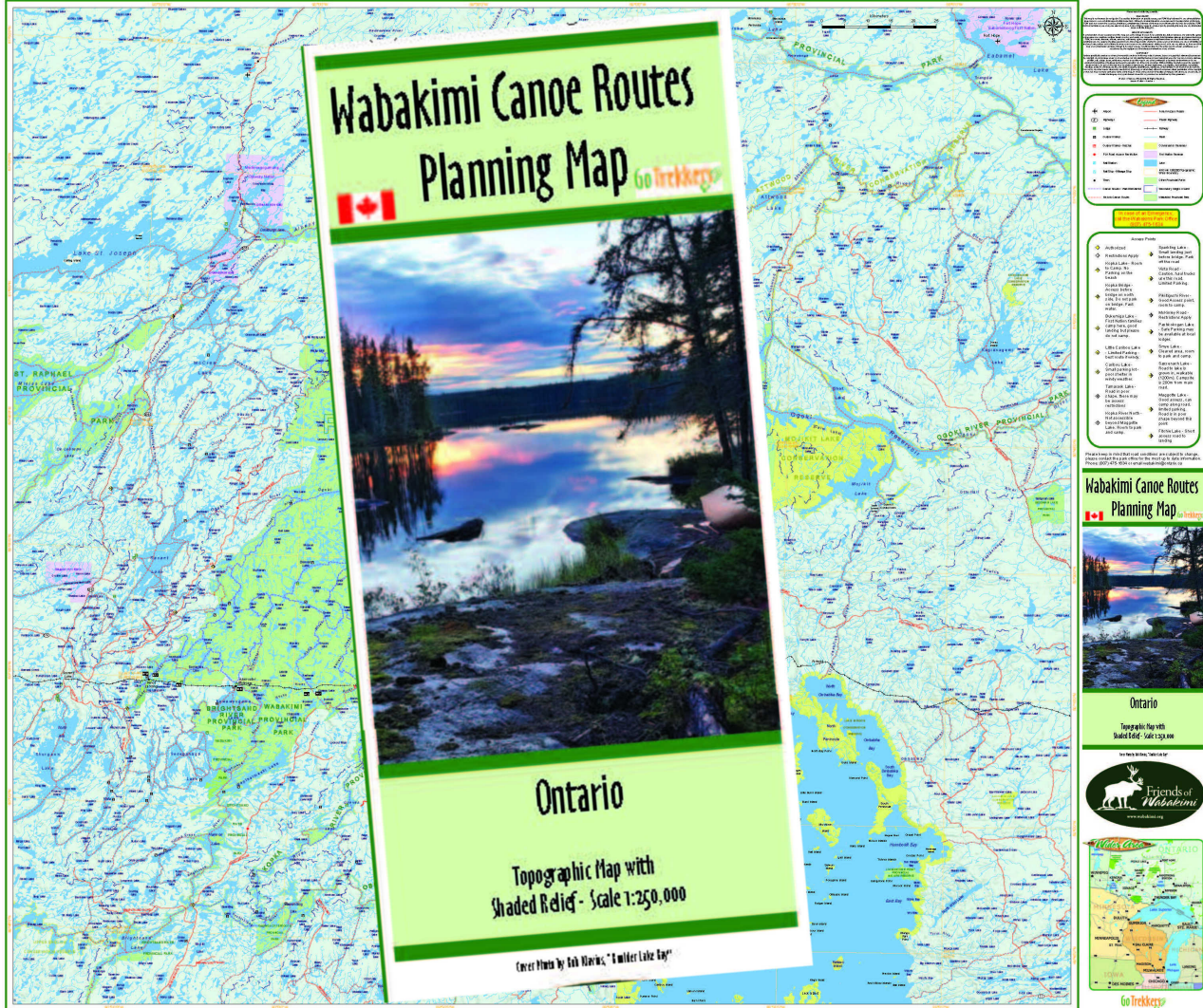
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Friends of Wabakimi wishes all of our members a safe and happy holiday season.

We look forward to the New Year and all the adventures it may bring.

Are you needing a last minute gift, or somewhere to spend your gift money? Remember FOW has a wide array of route/planning maps, among other items, [on our online store!](#)



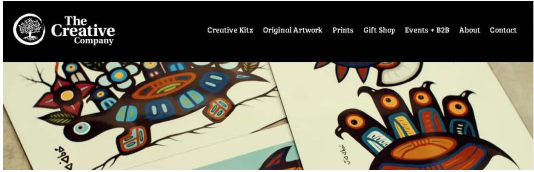
Wabakimi Paddlers - We need your Trip Reports!

Trip reports help others plan trips. We share portage updates with Laurence Mills, who then updates the route specific map sets.

[Trip Journal format here!](#)

Get involved! To join our Expedition Committee, email info@wabakimi.org

Big Thank you to all our Business/Sponsor Members!



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