



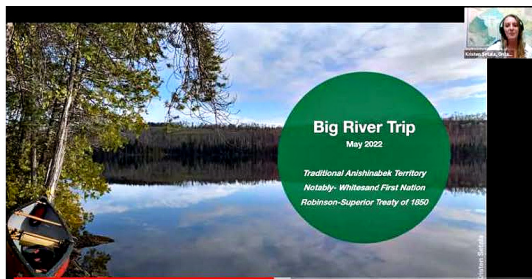
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**FOW Webinar -- "FOW Paddlers and the Atlas 3 Survey"**

**This Wednesday evening, Dec. 21st, 7 p.m. CST, 8 p.m. EST.**

**with Kristen Setala, Ontario Nature's Community Science Intern**, as she shares stories about conducting surveys for the third Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas and her spring FOW trip with Vern Fish and crew. ([Zoom Link here](#)).

**A drawing for our Bird Song Meter donors will be held for the CCS 10'x10' tarp at the beginning of this webinar.**

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**FOW News & Updates**



**Bird Song Meters for Wabakimi Provincial Park and the Atlas 3 Survey Project**

***Success! We raised \$9,371 CAD, enough to buy 10 new bird song meters for use by Wabakimi Provincial Park's biologist and rangers. Thanks to our 57 donors.***

***Past Projects:***

***2021: We raised over \$8,000 for our joint project to install a park kiosk to enhance the backcountry experience for visitors to Wabakimi Provincial Park. This Kiosk will be installed in 2023 as part of the Park's 40th Anniversary.***

***In 2020: We raised \$8,000***

**Our Expedition Committee is developing a list of FOW members who would be willing to answer questions from potential trippers looking for information about routes, access, etc.**

To this end, we will create a group email list of volunteers to which questions from potential Wabakimi trippers will be emailed for answering. Anyone from the group of volunteers can answer these emails (if they have some experience with what is being asked). If this is done in a Reply All fashion, volunteers will know the status of the answers and whether any other information is needed. We hope that this will prevent any delays of information to those seeking to plan trips to Wabakimi. In you can help us and/or would like to join the Expedition Committee: **Reply to [Info@wabakimi.org](mailto:Info@wabakimi.org)**

**Trip Reports needed!** [Hey paddlers, please write up your 2022 Trip Reports and submit to our Trip Forum along with your best photos.](#)

**Trip Planning [resources and links here!](#)**

**[in support of the Legacy Debris Removal Project.](#)**

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### **Mapping Issues and**

**updates:** FOW recognizes we need to improve on our canoe route planning and route maps. We hope to finalize plans for updates in the coming year. We're open to suggestions and specific portage or route clarifications.

FOW had a booth at the **Midwest Mountaineering Outdoors Expo** in Minneapolis in November.

We're planning to be at the [Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show Feb. 24-26, 2023](#). We're looking for local volunteers to help staff our booth and attend a FOW meet-up.

[Canoeconia, March 10-13, in Madison, Wisconsin](#). We'll be there along with our FOW Annual Meeting & Sat. night dinner gathering.

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### **Wabadowgang Noopming Forest Planning Update:**

Board members Vern Fish and Maurice Poulin attended two MNRF Issues Resolutions meeting in Thunder Bay on Dec. 5 & 6.; along with Bruce Hyer, and representatives of the forest industry, Whitesands and other First Nations, trappers, and recreational interests. [\(Our request\)](#)

## **Thanks to our Business/Sponsor members**

*We're pleased to welcome Cooke Custom Sewing (CCS, Dan Cooke and crew) and The Creative Company (Deena Kruger, Kevin Belmore et. al) as our newest FOW Business members! CCS is in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. The Creative Company is an art gallery and collective in Thunder Bay, Ontario.*



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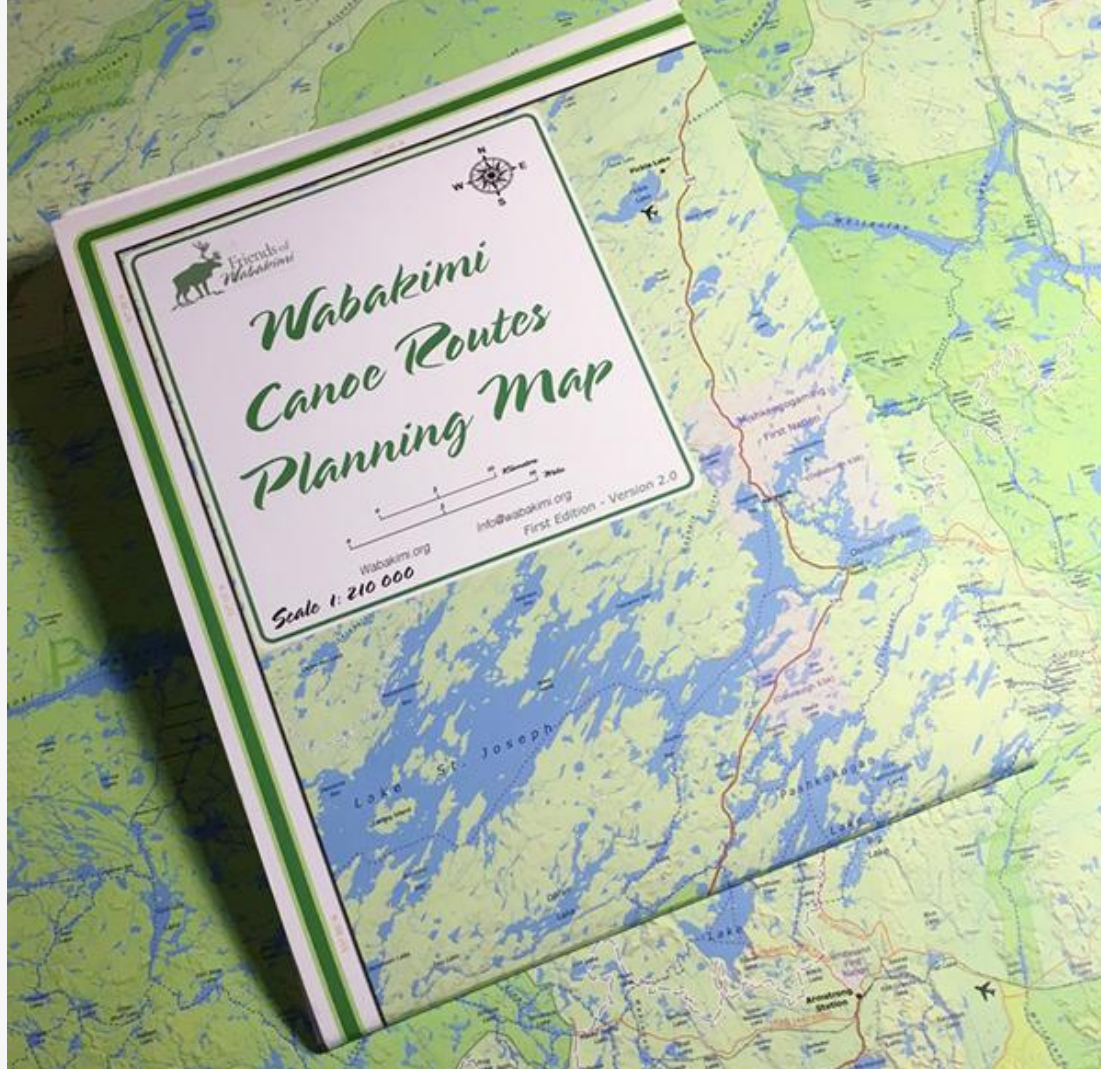


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