

# PLANES, PADDLES AND PORTAGES

**FALL 2023: Please Donate for Legacy Debris Removal and Park Ranger Added Capacity**

*Friends of Wabakimi (FOW) is working with Wabakimi Provincial Park to protect and promote this resource as a world class canoeing destination for the benefit of future generations as well as the local economy.*



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***Please help us support Wabakimi! This is our donation request for 2023. Giving Tuesday is only a few days away. Help us make a difference going into 2024!***

***We're asking for your donation to help support Wabakimi Provincial Park's legacy debris removal efforts and park ranger added capacity.***

***Legacy Debris Removal:*** *There's a big debris pile on Shabuskwia Lake that needs to come out. Help us fund an Otter float plane trip with its large capacity for this removal. (\$3,000+ CAD). This builds on [our successful 2020 effort](#).*

***Supporting Park Rangers:*** *We're shooting to raise \$7,000 CAD to add capacity to the Park's 2024 park Ranger season. [The Park's rangers do great work](#) clearing portages, and especially this year there's routes impacted by recent fires. It takes \$190 a day to fund these Rangers. **Meeting our goal would add 36 ranger working days to their operating season.***

**This is our Fourth FOW/Wabakimi Provincial Park fundraising effort.**

Last year (2022) we successfully raised funds to buy Bird Song Meters for Wabakimi Provincial Park and in 2021 we jointly funded the new Park Kiosk.

[Your DONATION NOW will help improve the Wabakimi Wilderness paddling experience and strengthens our partnership with Wabakimi Provincial Park.](#)

## [Donate Online Here!](#)

Donations may also be mailed to:

- Friends of Wabakimi, c/o 1060 Riverdale Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7J 1N2 Canada
- 3488 Kingswood Place, Waterloo, Iowa 50701 United States

Canadian donors can receive a charitable donation tax receipt for donations over \$25 by contributing directly to\*:

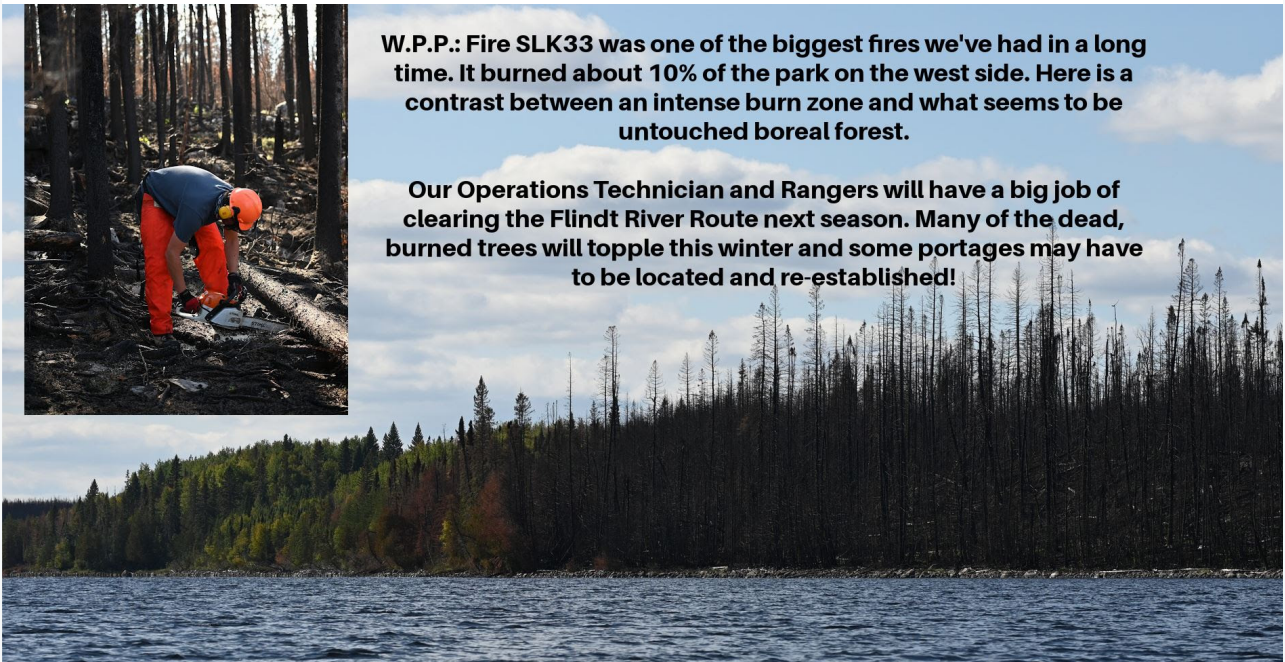
- [Ontario Parks, 300 Water Street, 6th Floor South, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 3C7](#) To make a contribution by credit card over the phone call [705-313-2462](#), 9-4 EST weekdays.\*
- [Online through CANADA HELPS to Ontario Parks for the charitable donation tax receipt\\*](#)

*\*Specify [FOW/Wabakimi Provincial Park projects](#) to be credited towards this FOW/WPP project. Pleas also email [info@wabakimi.org](mailto:info@wabakimi.org) with your amount, so we can credit it to our running total.*



**W.P.P.: Fire SLK33 was one of the biggest fires we've had in a long time. It burned about 10% of the park on the west side. Here is a contrast between an intense burn zone and what seems to be untouched boreal forest.**

**Our Operations Technician and Rangers will have a big job of clearing the Flindt River Route next season. Many of the dead, burned trees will topple this winter and some portages may have to be located and re-established!**



*Upcoming Webinar*



## Emergency Paddling Preparedness

December 3rd, 2023

6:00 pm CST / 7:00 pm

EST

**Paddling Emergency Preparedness (PEP) - Are you ready?** Have you ever had to deal with a serious injury on a canoe trip? Have you ever been truly lost in the “wilderness”? If it breaks, can you fix it? Have you ever had to make either an emergency or a non-emergency exit? Do you carry whistle and are you PEP’ed and ready? Experience an emergency exit and see the value of a satellite phone. Dig into my first aid and repair kit and tell me what you carry. In the past five years I have had to do one emergency and three non-emergency exits. Together, we can both learn how to prepare for these unplanned adventures.



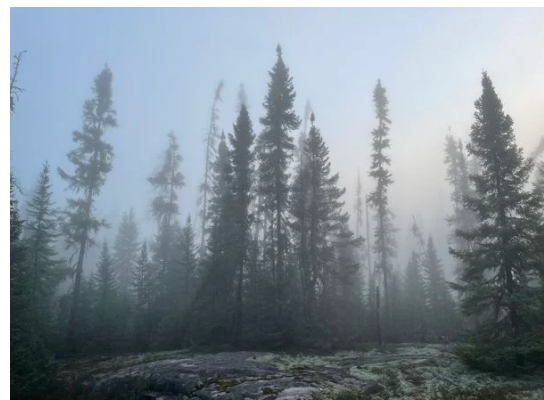


## Conquer the Untamed: Canoeing the Majestic Kopka River in the Heart of Canadian Wilderness

*This new film from Canoe the North Takes you on a beautiful trip on the Kopka River. Keenan McClevis, of Canoe the North, was our 2023 Photo Contest Winner.*

*"At the end of summer in 2023 I (Keenan) decided to head up to one of my favourite places to canoe and explore the wilderness in the Wabakimi area. In particular, I wanted to canoe the Kopka River, famous for its awe inspiring waterfalls and extremely rugged portages. All I will say is that this route is absolutely amazing. With pictographs, wildlife, rapids and huge dramatic waterfalls, I was in disbelief at points on this trip! What a magical place this is. And one we are so lucky to have living in Canada. This trip would be one of the most beautiful trips that I had ever been on!"*

[Watch Here!](#)



**Forests with Multiple Tree Species are 70% more**

## effective as carbon sinks than monoculture forests, study finds

To slow the effects of climate change, conserve biodiversity, and meet the sustainable development goals, replanting trees is vital. Restored forests store carbon within the forest's soil, shrubs, and trees. Mixed forests are especially effective at carbon storage, as different species with complementary traits can increase overall carbon storage.

Compared to single-species forests, mixed forests are also more resilient to pests, diseases, and climatic disturbances, which increases their long-term [carbon storage](#) potential. The delivery of other ecosystem services is also greater in mixed species forests, and they support higher levels of biodiversity.

[Find a link to the full article here!](#)



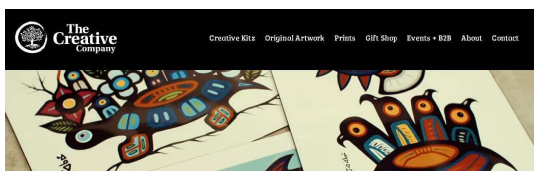
## ***Wabakimi Paddlers - We need your Trip Reports!***

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](mailto:info@wabakimi.org)***

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