

WABAKIMI PROVINCIAL PARK

– RAIL ACCESS

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One of the most popular ways to access the Wabakimi Area is by train. [VIA Rail](#) provides tri-weekly transcontinental passenger service in each direction along the Canadian National Railway (CNR) northern line which crosses the southern part of the park between the communities of Armstrong and Savant Lake. Fares are quite reasonable and there is no charge for canoe packs, however, the surcharge for each canoe is \$100.00 per train trip plus applicable taxes.

With a minimum of 48 hours notice, VIA Rail will make unscheduled stops for canoeists on request. The only two conditions are that there must be visible evidence of direct access to a navigable waterway or a portage trail at the proposed drop-off location and the train crew must be given the exact mileage to the drop-off or pick-up point accurate to the nearest tenth of a mile west of Armstrong. There is no extra charge for an unscheduled stop. The fare charged for insertion at an unscheduled stop is what would be paid to the next scheduled stop; the fare for extraction at an unscheduled stop is what would be paid from the previous scheduled stop.

Space in the baggage car is limited and during the peak of the canoe season, the demand for this service cannot always be met. Advance reservations are strongly recommended and should stipulate the number of canoes none of which should exceed 18' in length. Loose items such as paddles and fishing rods should be securely lashed below the thwarts and seats as canoes are often stacked one on top of each other in the baggage car.

Please go to <https://www.viarail.ca/en/plan-your-trip/train-schedules> to access current, printable schedules for Toronto-Winnipeg-Jasper-Vancouver (Westbound) as well as Vancouver-Jasper-Winnipeg-Toronto (Eastbound) for up-to-date days/times. **Also as of 2/2/21, due to COVID pandemic, the schedules for these routes have been suspended until further notice.** Prior to the suspension the train schedule was:

East to West, Mondays & Thursdays

Armstrong 09:17
Collins ET / HE 09:47
Allanwater Bridge CT / HC 09:26
Flindt Landing 09:42
Savant Lake 09:59

West to East, Mondays & Thursdays

Savant Lake 08:14
Flindt Landing 08:31
Allanwater Bridge CT / HC 08:46
Collins ET / HE 10:26
Armstrong 10:57

Time Zones: During the summer months, Armstrong is on Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDST); Collins traveling west is on Central Daylight Saving Time (CDST).

The following chart lists the popular canoe trip insertion/extraction points with the known mileages along the CNR right-of-way from Armstrong west to Savant Lake.

VIA Rail Popular Insertion/Extraction Points

Mileage	Insertion Point	Connecting Waterway(s)
0.0	Armstrong	
12.3	Tunnel Lake	Wabinoash River, Rocky Island Lake
17.0	Canon Lake	Boiling Sand River, Collins River
19.3	Bath Lake	Boiling Sand River, Collins Lake
20.2	Collins	Collins Lake, Collins River
24.7	Shultz's Trail	Onamakawash Lake, Shawanabis Lake
25.7	William's Trail	Onamakawash Lake
29.3	Tempest Lake	Surprise Lake, Onamakawash Lake
32.3	No Name Lake	Lookout River
34.4	Aldridge Creek	Kopka River
37.4	Bingham's Trail	Lookout River, Baldhead Lake
44.1	Redhead Lake	Nemo River
44.3	Redhead Lake	Redhead Lake, Nemo River
54.6	Allanwater Bridge	Allanwater River, Brightsand River

62.5	Barrington Lake	Flindt River, Allanwater River
67.1	Flindt Landing	Heathcote Lake, Flindt River
67.3	Heathcote Lake	Heathcote Lake, Flindt River
73.2	Beckington Lake	Flindt River, Vanessa Lake
76.5	Chivelston Lake	Harris Lake, Neston Lake
	Savant Lake	