

RIVIÈRE DUMOINE

Author: Hap Wilson
 Publisher: Northern Concepts, Temagami, 1987
 Reviewed by: Toni Harting

Hap really has done it again! This rare and precious combination of gifted paddler, guide, outfitter, illustrator, writer, and environmentalist, has produced a terrific little gem filled to the brim with delectable goodies on canoe tripping the Dumoine River in southwestern Québec. (Some advice on the Kipawa River is also included.) His irresistible collection of maps (who does it better than Hap?), information (so much, so good, so helpful), and photographs (many of them featuring the WCA's very own Smerdons) truly brings the Dumoine to life. If you have already been on this marvellous but demanding river, the book will make you want to do the trip again, and again, and maybe again. And if the Dumoine is on your list of trips-to-do, studying this 32-page booklet will surely compel you to immediately pick up the phone to book a bushplane flight to your starting point. If all the river guides Hap is working on are as good as this one, we can look forward to a most interesting and useful collection.

The book costs about \$10.00 and can be obtained from many sportstores and outfitters catering to the canoe tripping public, and from the publisher: Northern Concepts, P.O. Box 100, Temagami, Ontario, POH 2H0.



NOTAKWANON RIVER - Simon Rivers-Moore
 (Honorable Mention, Wilderness and Man; WCA 1988 Photo Contest)

CHALLENGE THE WILDERNESS

Author: Clayton Klein
 Publisher: Wilderness Adventure Books, Fowlerville, Michigan, 1988

The story of George Elson, who guided the 1903 and 1905 Hubbard expeditions into the unknown interior of Labrador, is presented in the form of a historical novel. The 440-page book contains five maps and dozens of authentic photographs.

COPPERMINE RIVER, JULY - AUGUST 1986

This is an extensive report, written by Blair Richardson, of a 27-day canoe trip down the Coppermine River in the Northwest Territories by six paddlers. It contains much useful information on trip planning, schedules, equipment, food, first aid, expenses, clothing and personal gear, etc., and also a daily account of the trip itself. A 44-item list of reading materials is included. Copies of this private publication can be obtained for \$12.75 (postage is included)

THE CANADIAN CANOEING COMPANION

Author: Alex Narvey
 Publisher: Thunder Enlightening Press, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1988. (\$19.85 in Canada; \$14.95 in USA)
 Reviewed by: Toni Harting

This large softcover book, subtitled "An Illustrated Resource Guide to Paddling in Canada's Wilderness," certainly is a most useful piece of work. It presents a well-produced collection of information covering a good variety of subjects dedicated to safe recreational canoeing--safety for the environment as well as for the paddler. It grew out of the author's attempt to create an outtripping manual for the wilderness program of a summer camp, and is intended to provide a stepping stone to the many aspects of canoeing and canoe tripping.

Although primarily aimed at the leaders and organizers of the kind of lake canoe trips (no whitewater techniques in this book!) that camps and outdoors education programs conduct, it also presents much information that can be used to great advantage by the novice as well as the more experienced individual canoeist. The many illustrations, especially the diagrams, are clear, simple, and effective (with the exception of the rather amateurish painting on the front cover). The writing style is to the point and relaxed, but proofreading and punctuation might have been a bit more accurate. The contents of the book are well organized and the Index makes finding a particular subject very easy.

An impressive amount of up-to-date information is presented in four sections: The Environment (controlled impact camping), The Skills (paddling, travelling, portaging, planning, rescues), The Equipment (care and maintenance, home-made gear), The Resources (bibliography, organizations and schools, sources). The last section, Resources, is truly amazing: about 35 pages filled with names, addresses, titles, and other useful information. The best collection of resource material published anywhere.

This book is an important addition to the canoeing literature and deserves to be studied closely by all recreational paddlers, especially instructors and trip leaders, active in the world of canoe tripping.

COME FRY WITH ME, COME FRY AND FRY AWAY

Harvest Foodworks has come up with an interesting and most useful new item: powdered shortening, consisting of hydrogenated vegetable oil. It is packaged in a small, reclosable plastic bag, and does away with messy oil, margarine, or butter containers on a camping trip. It works like magic: once the frying pan is warm, the white crystals melt into an oily film and you're ready to fry. This clever product will surely find a place in my kitchen box this summer. It is available at camping supply stores for approx. \$2.50 per 50 g package.

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