

WCA TRIPS

20-21 June **WHITEWATER COURSE AT PALMER RAPIDS**

Hugh Valliant, Anmarie Forsyth, Jim Morris, Debbie Sutton; phone Hugh at (416) 699-3464, fax (416) 699-3847; book before 1 June.

We will meet at Palmer Rapids on the Madawaska River for an exciting and instructional weekend. The emphasis of the course is on the strokes and techniques necessary to safely negotiate a set of rapids. Palmer Rapids is considered class 2. In this controlled and structured environment where the pace is slow, there will be plenty of time to practise and perfect your strokes. You will learn how to control a canoe in moving water so that you can go where you want to go (most of the time). The river will no longer control your canoe (all of the time). To feed your hungry appetites, there will be a group bbq on Saturday night featuring a real salad, real steak, and real potatoes using real charcoal. A deposit of \$15 is required. Open to experienced flatwater, novice, or beginning whitewater paddlers. Preference to first-time registrants. Friends are more than welcome to the Saturday night's festivities; just let us know beforehand. Limit eight canoes.

3-5 July **ALGONQUIN PARK MOOSE HUNT**

Joan Etheridge, (416) 825-4061; book before 26 June.

This trip will start Friday from the Opeongo dock. We will take the water taxi to the north end of Opeongo Lake. From here we will make a number of portages through a chain of lakes where there is a high probability of seeing many moose. Limit four canoes.

4-5 July **LOWER MADAWASKA RIVER**

Hugh Valliant, Anmarie Forsyth, Jim Morris, Debbie Sutton; phone Hugh at (416) 699-3464, fax (416) 699-3847; book before 22 June.

This is a continuation of the Palmer Rapids weekend. We will meet at Palmer Rapids on Saturday at 9 a.m. sharp. From there we will travel to our put-in point. We will take out at Griffith. This will be an excellent opportunity to practise and further refine our whitewater skills in a tripping environment and in more challenging rapids. In addition there will be plenty of opportunity to learn and practise our river rescue and waterproofing techniques. At summer water levels the lower "Mad" is suitable for novice or beginning whitewater paddlers. Preference will be given to those who attended the Palmer Rapids weekend. Limit eight canoes.

11-12 July **KILLARNEY PROVINCIAL PARK, GREAT MOUNTAIN LAKE**

Richard Culpeper, (705) 673-8988; book immediately.

This trip will cover a fair distance. Lightweight canoes are essential to facilitate single portaging in mountainous but beautiful country. The journey crosses two heights of land. Limit four boats.

12 July **BURNT RIVER**

Bill Ness, (416) 321-3005; book immediately.

Join us on a lazy summer paddle down the Burnt from Kinmount to the village of Burnt River. This is a flatwater trip with a few riffles and easy portages. A good trip to bring the kids on. Limit six canoes; novices welcome.

13-17 July **KILLARNEY, BYNG INLET**

Gerry O'Farrel, (519) 822-8886; book before 1 July.

A very picturesque corner of the Great Lakes. The aim is to paddle and explore around Phillip Edward Island, Collins Inlet,

Bustard Islands, and any other places that attract our interest. Travel will range from 35 to 40 kilometres a day. Gerry will either be in a tandem canoe or solo sea kayak; both types are welcome on the trip. Sunny and calm conditions are expected but the wind can rise quickly and paddlers should be prepared for gusty weather. The route lies within the Thirty Thousand Islands so there is some protection. The trip is suitable for confident novices. Limit four boats.

18-19 July **LOWER MADAWASKA RIVER**

Duncan Taylor, (416) 368-9748; book immediately.

This will be the classic summer weekender from Latchford Bridge to Griffith. We will have a leisurely paddle down the river with plenty of time to play in the rapids and go for a few swims. Limit four canoes with intermediate crews. Singing optional.

18-19 July **TEMAGAMI RIVER**

Richard Culpeper, (705) 673-8988; book before 10 July.

Delightful whitewater, a pool-and-drop trip with rapids from class 2 to class 3 with enough riffles to make an exciting trip. All the major rapids can be portaged safely. Limit five canoes with experienced crews.

25-26 July **MINDEN WILD WATER PRESERVE**

John Hackert, (416) 438-7672; book before 17 July.

The Gull at Minden eats boats and people. This man-made whitewater course offers an extremely challenging experience. The course was originally designed for closed boats but is increasingly being used by open boaters. The course is difficult but the runout at the bottom is an excellent spot to develop your whitewater skills. Boats must be properly outfitted with airbags and paddlers must wear helmets. Limit six canoes with keen intermediate paddlers.

1-3 August **OTTAWA RIVER**

John Hackert, (416) 438-7672; book before 20 July.

The Ottawa is a high-volume whitewater river with several serious rapids. Some of the rapids on the main channel can be expected to have class 4 sections at least. All boats must be fully outfitted with floatation and paddlers must wear helmets. Limit five canoes with paddlers who are experienced in whitewater manoeuvres, including raft-avoidance skills.

8-9 August **RIVER RESCUE CLINIC, PALMER RAPIDS**

Roger and Sandy Harris, Ken Coburn, Bill Ness, (416) 767-5845; book before 31 July.

THIS CLINIC IS SPONSORED BY THE WCA OUTINGS COMMITTEE. This will be a mutual learning experience during which we will practise various rescue techniques. Rescue equipment, rope handling, boat rescue, and survival skills will be covered. Advance reading of the book *River Rescue* by Slim Ray will help. Bring all your rescue equipment, rope, and enthusiasm. This clinic may be especially valuable to trip organizers. See note at end of trip schedule. **ALL PADDLERS WELCOME.**

5-7 September **OTTAWA RIVER**

John Hackert, (416) 438-7672; book before 24 August.

As mentioned above, the Ottawa is a high-volume whitewater river with several serious rapids. There are now probably less rafts to avoid and the water should be a bit lower than the August trip, but paddlers should still be prepared for heavy whitewater. Some of the rapids on the main channel can be expected to have class 4 sections at least. All boats must be fully outfitted with floatation and paddlers must wear helmets. Limit five canoes. Suitable for experienced intermediate paddlers.