

WINDIGO RIVER

At six in the morning, a helicopter landing about 75 yards from our tent woke us up. Although we were still tired after a 24-hour drive to get to Windigo Lake in northwest Ontario, we got up to begin our canoe trip down the Windigo to the take-out point at Muskrat Dam Indian Reserve. The Windigo flows northward most of the time, which gave us, in late July, prevailing southerly winds and therefore a lot of sailing.

Campsites were hard to find along the river. The weather was not great and we had a lot of rain, accompanied by hordes of mosquitoes and black flies. There was much fire damage in the area along the river, and some of the portages were covered with fallen trees. It took us six days of hard but satisfying work to get to the end of the trip at Muskrat Dam.

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DAM DIFFERENCE

(Submitted by Larry Lemanski.)

What a difference a dam makes

The Magpie High Falls in —

— May 1976



— and in September 1991