

WCA TRIPS

3-4 October LONG LAKE AREA

Dale Miner, (416) 693-2067, book early.

Leisurely flatwater trip in scenic country. Two short portages take us away from the cottagers. Good campsites and a route through the fall colors. Limit four canoes.

3-4 October ALGONQUIN PARK, SOLO

John Winters, (705) 382-2057, book before 27 September.

We will be doing an easy weekend trip in the northwest corner of Algonquin Park. A leisurely pace will permit us to enjoy the scenery. Those looking for a gruelling workout will be sadly disappointed. Solo paddlers only please. Limit of six canoes; novices welcome.

4 October ELORA GORGE

Dave Sharp, (519) 621-5591, book before 27 September.

The Gorge is always a good spot to spend a day practising your whitewater skills. Often September rains will bring the water levels up sufficiently to make this a good workout for novice to intermediate paddlers. Limit six canoes.

10-12 October PETAWAWA RIVER

Diane and Paul Hamilton, (416) 877-8778, book before 2 October.

From lakes Traverse to McManus we will enjoy Thanksgiving weekend amid the wonderful scenery of the Petawawa valley. Experienced cold weather trippers will enjoy the challenge. Limit four canoes.

17-18 October BEAUSOLEIL ISLAND

Herb Pohl, (416) 637-7632, book before 12 October.

This flatwater trip involves open water on Georgian Bay and the exploration in the Beausoleil Island area. A base camp will be established at Oake Campground. Canoeists should be prepared for cold weather and strong winds. Limit six canoes.

17-18 October GANARASKA TRAIL HIKE

Rob Butler, (416) 487-2282, book before 9 October.

Three fit backpackers are invited for 45 rugged kilometres on the Ganaraska Trail from Victoria Bridge on the Black River to Lutterworth Lake Landing, west of Gull Lake. Car ferry arranged.

17 October GRAND RIVER

Doug Ashton, (519) 654-0336, book before 9 October.

A gentle flatwater trip suitable for novices. The trip will be from Cambridge to Paris through farm country. Hope for sunshine but prepare for inclement weather. Limit six canoes.

18 October ELORA GORGE

Anne-Marie Forsythe & Stuart Gillespie, (416) 881-5145, book before 14 October.

The water level in The Gorge can rise in the fall and this makes an exiting whitewater trip. The cold water makes this a trip for experienced paddlers in properly outfitted boats.

Wet or dry suit and helmets required. Trip subject to water level. Limit six boats.

24-25 October HIKING IN ALGONQUIN

Doreen Vela, (416) 463-9973, book before 16 October.

A mystery hike! At the time of writing route and location of camp(s) are still to be confirmed. A chance to wind down from the canoeing season and exercise your legs. Hikers need cold weather clothing and camping gear.



24-25 October SOUTH GEORGIAN BAY AREA

Hugh Valliant, (416) 669-3464, book before 5 October.

The annual trip! This could be your last chance to canoe this season. A flatwater paddle suitable for novices. The exact route will be decided later. As you may notice from the previous listings, the weather could be cold and paddlers should prepare for this. Limit four canoes.

24 October BURNT RIVER

Bill Ness, (416) 321-3005, book before 16 October.

The Burnt is a quiet river with a few mild riffles and some easy portages. The scenery is excellent and this is a great trip for family canoeing. Travel is from Kinmount to the village of Burnt River. Limit six canoes.

1 November GRAND RIVER

Steve Lukasko, (416) 276-8285, book before 24 October.

A flatwater trip from Cambridge to Paris on the Grand. November chills encourage brisk paddling or warm clothing or both. Limit five canoes.

22 November NORTH PICKERING HIKING TRAIL

Bill Ness, (416) 321-3005, book before 14 November.

An easy day hike in the wooded West Duffin valley, weather permitting.

PARTNERS WANTED

Coppermine River in summer 1993? Call Peter Verbeek, (416) 757-3814.