

## THUNDER BAY TRIP - 1960

Temagami to Lower Twin Lake (about 8 miles on rail line east of Nakina)

Carried supplies for 1st leg in canoes from KKK. Supplies for 2nd leg shipped to T Station on afternoon boat. Few other supplies on order at T Trading to be picked up in morning. Special baggage car arranged for to go through to Nakina. Excess baggage on canoes, and excess on 2nd leg supplies which went to Nakina and waited for us there in care of station agent. Baggage checks had to be made out for this excess which was being stored. Baggage car is difficult to enter until reaching Hearst.

Train left Temagami at 11:08 Daylight, to make connection with train from Hearst to Nakina which runs only on Wednesday and Saturday. Supposed to arrive at Hearst at 10:00 Daylight after changes at Porquis Junction and Cochrane.

Lunch and dinner on train by making sandwiches. Bring some fruit. Overnight at Palace Hotel in Hearst (about 2.50 or 3.00 per person write ahead for reservations. Hotel is on a side street to left of station and about 1½ blocks back of main street.)

Breakfast in hotel snack bar

Train for Nakina supposed to leave at 10:00 Daylight and get to Nakina at 5:50 Daylight. They did not stick to schedule too well.

Lunch sandwiches on train again. Baggage car will be open

Campsites - Wabun - on right at first point behind cedars about ¼ mile past cabin.

KKK - On island opposite this point. On north east point. Fair.

Lower Twin to Tooth Lake-

5 Portages:

1st - As marked on map around 3' rapids. Trail on left 200 yards good. No rapids or portages as marked on map before Braggan Creek. 2 level rapids after creek that can be run.

2nd - Around 12' Falls. Trail on right. 300 yards. Good.

3rd - At head of Wiggle Lake. Trail on right. Good.

4th - As marked around 7' rapids. Trail on left. 200 yards. Good.

5th - As marked around 5' rapids. Trail on right. 60 yards. Good.

Lunch - On first island in Wiggle Lake. Small, but good. Previously used by a fall hunting party.

Campsites - Tooth Lake - Wabun - On right just after entering lake. On east side of point, identified by a stand of tall poplar terrible, especially for bugs.

- KKK - on left about 1/3 way down Tooth Lake. Not much better, but bugs a little less thick.

Possible better sites - small possible site of right just as you leave Tooth Lake. Another, larger, on left just before Relief Lake. Neither would be too good since no wind will get at them to drive away bugs. Maybe an island or two in Relief might be used, but these were not investigated.

Tooth Lake to Tin Can Portage -

Running time about 3½ hours to Jackpine and then 2 more hours to Tin Can.

Rapids - 6' Rapids marked on map come in two sections. Both can be run, although if water is low 2nd part may run out on you.

3' Rapids marked can be run.

Lunch at Jackpine Portage - good level campsite at head of portage. Trail on left. About 1/4 mile. Portage trail goes left soon after start. What looks like main trail goes down to the rapids

Correct trail turns left at a 90° turn about 200 yards after start.

Rapids - Next two marked on map can be run, but are only fair with a lot of rocks. Holes may result!

Campsite - at head of Tin Can Portage. Site fair, but buggy. Portage about 1/4 mile. Good Trail. May be some trout in pool at campsite.

#### Tin Can to Bald Rock - half day

About 3 hours

No portages, one let down, all others easy shallow runs.

Campsite - on right on portage, about 25 yards, good flat site.

Fishing - should be good at foot of falls. Also in spring hole about 1/2 mile above campsite. Hole shallow and full of snags.

#### Bald Rock to Forks - half day

About 4 hours.

Rapids - one good one about 2½ - 3 hours down the river. The rest are all small, at the most 1' drops.

2 Portages - 1st About 3 hours down river on left. Good, a little damp in spots. 400 yards. About 150 yards from start a trail to the right goes to a pool between shoots, don't take.

2nd - about 20 minutes further down. 350 yards.

Landings poor at either end, canoes had to be walked out at lower end.

Campsite - A few yards below entrance of Wababimiga on left.

Fair, level site, but very buggy. Trail from campsite goes back into woods into a possible distant lake. Trail along shore goes about 400 yards around shoot.

#### Forks to Mud Lake - (long, hard half day; no place to stop)

About 3 to 3½ hours of hard going to 36' Falls. Only one falls, and therefore only one portage, not two as marked on map.

Landing at start goes up steep bank; landings at either end good for only one canoe at a time. 300 Yards, Good trail.

2nd portage - about an hour further up around log jam. Trail on right. 20 yards.

Terrible going up to falls, mostly walking, try poles if you want to. Put logs in bottom of canoes to keep loads out of water before you start. After falls paddling easier, but several shallow places and beaver dams to pull up; plus wind falls and log jams!

Campsite - on Mud Lake on left just as you come out of river. Site ok, but swimming terrible. Lots of moose.

#### Mud Lake to Wababimiga Lake - long half day

River easy for a while, then beaver dams and shallow rapids again. Wet feet!

2 Portages - 1st - On left. 20 Yards. around a rapids that could have been pulled up.

2nd - 1½ mile. On left about 3 hours from Mud Lake.

Located at sharp bend in river, steep hill at start. Then good level walking mostly through jack pine. Comes out on sand beach.

Campsite - KKK - On right about half way down lake on mainland in birch and poplar grove. Used by hunters before. OK. Good pike just to west of campsite along shore and rock point. Water shallow.

Wabun - Far end of Lake on point just before river,

Fair site on top of rise, excellent pike fishing.  
Note: A campsite about 1 mile further down lake than the one we  
may be the best site. On right shore.

Wababimiga Lake to Cammack Lake - long half day

2 Portages - 1st - Takes out on right about 50 yards into a  
little creek. Some muskeg at start. 1/2 mile. Pretty well  
cut. Steep hill down at end.

2nd - 2 miles, about 45 minutes to cross. Some  
muskeg particularly at start, wind falls frequent and poorly  
cut, but walking fair nevertheless.

About 2 hours from here to Cammack following creeks and ponds  
with no portages.

Campsite - On west side of island just to right of entrance  
to lake. Site small and water very shallow. There is  
another possible site on west side of island just to left  
of entrance, but it does not look much better.

Cammack Lake to Cordingley Lake - long half day

4 Portages - Stay on right bank of Cammack to entrance to  
river.

1st - On left. 25 yards. Up over hill and back into river.

About 1/2 hour up Squaw.

2nd - On right. 250 yards around rapids. OK

3rd - Just a little way further on. Takes out on left just  
before pond shown on map is reached. 300 yards. Good  
except for a little muskeg.

4th - Lift over to lake rather than following tail end of  
river.

Stay on right of Cordinley to pick up narrows into campsite.

Campsite - on left just as you come out of narrows. Austin  
Airways just across bay. Road to town, 3 miles takes off  
from beach in middle of bay.

Nakina - Reoutfit -

Rides to town fairly easy to get, especially when some one  
from airways is going in.

Supplies shipped ahead waiting at station trucked out by  
outfitter for Austin Airways, Cote, who lives in house  
just off beach where his wife maintains a soft drink stand.  
.3.00

Mail waiting at post office in Nakina

Supplies needed purchased from Hudson's Bay store in town on  
credit. Letter sent ahead.

Extras for return left with Cote.

Cordinley Lake to Alph Lake - long, hard day with heavy loads!

4 Portages - 1st - In first deep bay after coming out of  
narrows. On right. 25 yards up hill. Easy.

2nd - From pond to Haskett Lake. 300 yards. Good  
trail. Easy.

Lunch on point on right about 1 mile down  
Haskett. Wind on lakes will be bad with heavy loads. Get  
an earlier start than we did.

3rd - 1/2 mile of muskeg and wind falls takes  
out on left in a bay just before end of the lake. Swamp at  
the end. Really rough, might do well to send people ahead  
with axes to clear trail, but will still be tough.

4th - takes out in little indentation just where  
map shows. Poorly marked, if at all, 1 1/4 miles of ankle

deep muskeg most of the way. Seems longer than it is because of the conditions and not much can be done to improve the trail.

Campsite - on east side of 1st island in Alph, to the right of the end of the portage. Poor spot, poorly cut out, poor landing spot in shallow rocks. A better spot could probably be found if we had not been so exhausted after the portage. There looks to be a better spot on the island to the left of the portage on a rocky bluff.

#### Alph to Esnagami -

2 Portages - 1st - 50 yards from pond at the north west end of Alph to next little pond. Trail on right at end of 1st pond. Easy, with slight muskeg at far end that can be avoided.

2nd - Exactly where shown on map, but hard to find because first 60 yards is in ankle deep water, if you are lucky. Trail was once corduroy, and logs are still there, but under water. Canoes have to be unloaded and loads carried up to firm ground. Rest of trail has muskeg in many spots, but is not as bad as yesterday. Trail does a great deal of winding. About 3/4 mile.

Lunch spot at end of portage.

Esnagami is a long paddle and would be bad in a wind. Look to be many possible campsites, especially on islands in the first part of the lake. Use care in approaching end of lake, bay is partially hidden by island in the entrance. On coming into bay for campsite there is a blaze on a tree on the island at the entrance and names written on rock on that island.

Campsite - On a rock bluff about a mile from exit portage on right shore. Wabun initials written on the rock. Good site with good swimming for a change. Water all around is pretty shallow except for this one spot. Hole for small walleye on 2nd point on right going toward exit portage. Walleye also back toward main part of lake on left shore going back. Also just into main part of the lake, although weedy and shallow. Pike here also. Walleye seem to run about a pound; pike about 3-5.

#### Esnagami to O'Sullivan -

2 portages - 1st - 2miles (or less) Portage starts on left a short distance up creek. Start slightly hard to find. Trail well blazed without too much muskeg. Walking pretty easy although there are a fair number of ankle to knee high wind falls. Landing at far end quite wet from dammed up beaver creek. Do not cross creek as map shows. Lunch at the far end of portage in the bog; not a good place, but nothing better to be seen. Creek can just be paddled. Usually you can not even see the canoe in front, the stream is so narrow and overgrown. About 100 yards down creek from portage take the right hand fork in the creek. Many beaver dams and logs to be cut out on the way down. Travel to the next portage takes about 4 hours.

2nd - Portage on Right. 1/4 mile, well cut, good trail takes you around rapids in stream. After portage paddling is better, but creek still winds a good deal.

Campsites - We camped on 2nd island to the left of the creek entrance, on west side of island on a gravel beach. Not very good.

Wabun site is supposed to be on west side of 1st big point to west of creek entrance. We never really looked for it.

There is an old trapper's shack on north side of a shaped island to west of this point. This is probably the best site.

#### O'Sullivan Lake to Gold Mine - very short half day

No portages - walleye fishing good all the way to gold mine. Supposed to be large pike, but we found none. Lake Trout in lake also, but we did not know the holes. Mine - cabins in good shape. Raspberries along the mine roads. Pretty good view from the top of the lift. Campsites - We camped on island just to north-east of the mine. OK, but tent sites crowded.

Wabun site on east side of larger island just to east of ours. On a steep rock bluff. Probably a better site.

#### O'Sullivan to Hauenstein - short day

Many possible campsites on O'Sullivan on the way up to Superb. Trapper's cabin on left side of Superb about 2/3 of way down the lake in good repair.

2 Portages - 1st - Takes out a short way past trapper's cabin in a cleared area on the left, not quite as far down as the map looks. Lunch on this side of portage. Portage about 3/4 mile to moose pond. First part of trail excellent. Last two-thirds fair with some dry muskeg and a lot of wind falls. Landing at moose pond quite wet.

2nd - Directly across moose pond at hidden creek. Takes out on right. About 20 yards. Landings wet at both ends. Then paddle or pole creek another 50 yards to lake.

Campsite - On right just as lake starts to widen out. Fair. Swimming poor. 2-4 pound pike fishing right in front of campsite good.

#### Hauenstein to Abamasagi -

3 portages - 1st - 1/4 mile at north end of Hauenstein, well cut, good trail, crosses road to Briarcliffe Iron Mine after about 200 yards. Terrier Lake looks to have better campsites than Hauenstein, particularly point where turn is made into bay to next portage.

2nd - Terrier to pond, 1/3 mile, pretty good trail. Start of portage just to right of where stream comes in to Terrier. Landing wet because of beaver. Lunch at far end, partially to try to allow time for high winds to die down.

3rd - On left where stream leaves pond. 300 yards, good trail, fairly dry. At end of this next wide stretch take rt. hand shore around last island to get into main section of lake. Left side quite shallow.

Campsite - Dinner eaten on point on left shore about two miles from main section of lake because of high winds. Forced to pull in to campsite on left just as the big water starts in a grove of poplar. Only an emergency. Seem to be more islands in lake than map shows.

Proper campsite on sand point on north side of channel into pond at end. OK spot, but water shallow. Other people were camped on east side of this point about 400 yards north of channel. Might be better. Lake quite shallow with choppy swell if wind blows up. Supposed to be good pike and wall eye, although water near campsite is really too shallow.

Abamasagi to Ara -

1 Portage - Takes out on right side of creek into Abamasagi. Start about 100 yards up creek. There may be another landing further up, but creek is too shallow to get there. Langing terrible with about 50 yards of very wet going to start. Then muskeg for almost the entire mile. About three pretty terrible spots. Landing at other end good. Coming back, about 300 yards from the start there is a fork in the trail, you stay to the left, right branch looks like it goes to possible upper landing on creek.

Lunch on left side of Meta on 2nd point before channel at site of an old trapper's camp. After passing through channel there is a large fishing camp on first point on the left after the channel. No one was there when we passed, but there are many buildings in excellent repair.

Campsite - Cut out on high rock just to left of portage out of Ara, not particularly good. It would be better to cut out a site on the main part of Ara before reaching the bay where portage is located. North shore looks inviting.

Ara to Stone - half day

1 Portage - Starts on right side of bay just where low marshy land starts. Walking good except for ancient wind falls. Very little muskeg. 1 1/4 miles long. Watch trapper's trail that goes off slightly to the right about the middle of the trip at the second patch of relatively rocky land. Real trail goes slightly left and is very hard to see. Landing at other end poor in shallow sandy ground.

Campsite - About 100 yards to right of Stone River on a sandy beach. Trapper's cabin next to site. Pretty good, sandy beach falls off fairly rapidly. Excellent walleye and some pike. Best near mouth of Stone River, but also all along front of campsite

Stone to Tennant - long hard day if any trouble in river

1 Portage to Stewart - Stone River very shallow with a good number of rocks that are hard to see both before and after portage. Portage takes out on left about 200 yards into stream. 100 yards long; good trail. Stewart has rocky places on shore that might be good campsites. Channel to river is about 100 yards; looks to be old campsite on left side on rising ground. First 5 miles of river wide and deep with clay or mud banks.

Rapids - 1st rapid short. Little shoot. Lunch on left shore at foot of rapid. 37' rapid starts almost immediately. Let down first part on right shore, very tricky. Might be much better to portage along rocks on left shore. Second part - portage on left shore at head of rapids. 150-200 yards, OK. Third part - shallow and canoes had to be walked through. Rapids from then on to Tennant are quite tricky and hard to run with lots of rocks to dodge. Hard to tell where rapids marked on map start and stop. Many more than are marked on map. Might be well to let down more than we did. We jumped all, with several troubles.

Campsite - First Wabun campsite on west side of first big point about 1/3 of way down Tennant on North shore. Terrible with very shallow landing. We cut one out on north side of narrows. Also terrible. Another site supposed to be further along on north shore. Can't be as bad as the other two. Suggested that if stopping on Tennant again campsite should be found further toward east end of lake where land looks better. Kapikotongwa and Melchett Lkaes look to be better for campsites than Tennant.

### Tennant to Briarcliffe - short day

River from Tennant to Kapikatonwa Lake has only about 4 or so shallow horseraces. Take left channel from Kapikatonwa to Melchett, no rapids River from Melchett to Briarcliffe starts behind island. Lunch on little island about in middle of Melchett. Islands look to contain good campspots.

1 Portage - Located on right hand fork of river for 11' Rapids. Starts about 50 yards down this little stream. Trail very good. 300 yards on right.

Campsite - On rocks on right shore just past where road comes in to meet lake. Tent sites good, but water shallow and poor swimming. Other possible site across lake at site of burned out Bay post. Also possible just past end of portage before reaching main part of lake. Lake not nearly as attractive as previous two. Pike and walleye fishing. Iron Mine located about 7 miles south of lake. Guarded by Pinkertons and difficult to get in to store, but a good sob story will work.

### Briarcliffe to Saga - half day

Couple little riffles from Briarcliffe to Nass. Channel to Durer hard to follow. Watch map closely. Durer pleasant looking lake, supposed to have an Indian campsite on it, but not seen.

Rapids - 2 good ones between Durer and Saga. One right after other. Both have power swells. After first run stream curves left. Follow left channel in second, right one is blocked by rocks that you can not see until you are on top of them. Couple other horseraces following.

Campsite - About 1/4 mile to right of river outlet on sand beach on east side of lake. Poor tent sites and beach is very shallow. Good walleye in mouth of river. Better campsites are found by not going into main part of Saga, but following dead end bay that goes off to north east. One site on point on left if you make the turn into the main lake. Two or three others on right side of bay. Abandoned start to trapper's cabin on next to last rocky point before end of bay.

### Saga to Percy -

2 portages to Jungfrau - First rapid fairly easy. Portage takes out on right around impossible shoots. Trail follows shore line. Watch out for blazed mining claim line that goes off at right angles to trail and river just after start of portage. Portage could be started lower down than we did by running first part which does not look hard. 300 yards, good walking.

2nd - 200 yards on right around falls as marked on map. Rest of rapids to Jungfrau OK. Lunch on east side of Jungfrau about 1/4 mile south of river outlet.

Rapids to Percy - First rapid (10' falls) rough. Start on right side and then work to left shore. There is one large rock right in the middle of the channel in the white water at the foot of the rapid. Hard pull to the right to get around this rock. Rest of falls and rapids good swells of white water, all short, watch swamping in swells at feet.

1 Portage - Takes out on left shore above the bend in the river at the head of the rapids (we cut in from head of rapids) 200 yards, good trail. It makes no difference which side of island in quiet stretch before portage you take. After portage rapid is run on the right side, tricky with a lot of white water. Rest of rapids to Percy are all relatively shallow horse races.

Campsite - On Jungfrau on sand beach next to bluff rock about 1/2 mile south of exit of river. Lake looks interesting.

On Percy - On sandy point on right just past mouth of Little Current River. Tent sites back from shore with good fire place

on east side of point with benches built around it. Another good site on large island across from this point, on east point of island. Walleye at mouths of rivers. Little Current nice scenery, but no trout found. First small rapids can be portage on right shore through bush easily, can be run on the way down, but is shallow at the foot. Short stretch of alm water and another rapid. Up above appears to be a falls about 8' high.

Percy to Little Current Campsite - should be half day

No portages - Percy is pleasant lake all the way down. No better sites in evidence unless rocky point on right at exit of river might be used. About 4 miles from previous site lake narrows, take left side of narrows. Little Current has one small horse race to start with a few rocks, usually close to shore. Current pretty swift. Lunch on a small rocky point on left, but campsite can easily be made. Long series of horse races that all go together to make up the three rapids marked on the map.

Campsite on left just after end of horse races, around a sand spit that sticks out. Tent sites ok, but buggy, and water pretty shallow. Not particularly worthwhile. Fish were jumping, but none caught.

Little Current Campsite to Canyon Falls - half day

4 Portages - Easy going for about 1 1/4 hours to Betty Falls with a good part of the distance being shallow horse races. Portage around Betty Falls takes out on left very close to the top of the falls just before small rapid at the top. Stay close to shore and approach carefully. Campsite at the beginning of the portage has been cut out, not quite large enough for a section, but could be improved, and would be better than last night's. Trail 200 yards, well cut. Nice looking falls with about a 20' fall all in one drop.

2nd - Lift over about 75 yards just after Betty Falls on left over rocks across pool from foot of falls. Goes around rapid with steep pitch.

3rd - Very soon on left around 1st part of Canyon Falls 500 yards, good trail.

4th - paddle across little pool in middle of Canyon Falls. Take out on rocks on left and carry as close to river bank as possible until trail goes into woods. 250 yards.

Campsite - at lower end of last portage on rock about 10' above water. Very good site with deep water in front. Speckled hole on far shore across from campsite just at the end of narrows in the river.

Canyon Falls to Falls 8' - half day

3 Portages - Rapids to 7' Rapids are all horse races except for first one right after Canyon Falls. This was run on the right with no trouble at all and little water was taken in the swells. Portage at 7' Rapids is on left along the rocks on side of rough shoot. Easy, 40 yards.

2nd - Around 11' Falls. On right side, goes into woods and then follows close to shore. Poorly marked with fallen small trees in the way. Last part on dry creek bed. 150 yards 10' Rapids is all very wide river and very shallow horse races. Trapper's cabin on left shore about 1 mile above 8' Falls.

3rd - Around 8' Falls. On right over rocks. 50 yards. Campsite - on left side of river at foot of falls. Very good site.

Good swimming from rock point at end of campsite. A few speckled. Walleye in pool below falls, caught by casting from campsite.

#### Falls 8' to Forks with Squaw- half day

1 Portage - Carry around Louella Falls starts about 500 yards downstream from Falls 8'. Takes out on right (take right side of island in river just before portage, although not really necessary to get to portage) Carry about 600 yards, very good walking although start is muddy. Ends on rocks at foot of falls. Nice looking falls. Campsite cut out in middle of portage, but not too good or big enough. Would be nice to cut one out at end of carry, but might be hard to do. Rapids after portage horseraces with one or two fair drops, but nothing serious. 7' Rapids is a straight shoot which could be carried on rocks on left, but we ran it. Large swells of white water with one rock at foot which can be easily avoided

Campsite at Forks - On left in a grove of poplar about 100 yards before Squaw comes in. Another possible spot on sand point at actual forks. Also trapper's shack on left about 5 minutes up the Squaw. None good, but first one seems best. Better idea would be to start up Squaw rather than waste half day at any of them. There is a good thin stand of poplar about an hour or two up the Squaw that looks as though it would be possible to use. Other places also, one is about as good as another.

#### Forks to Little Squaw - hard day

No Portages - About 7 hours travel. Mosquitoes are terrible, especially if the day is rainy or overcast. Many shallow spots that have to be walked. After about 3 hours water generally becomes deeper and going between shallows is a little easier, although current is still pretty rapid. About half an hour before Little Squaw there are several places where there are rocky rapids to pull up - at one place there is a rocky shoot to paddle up, which is not hard, but might be used for something other than a clay campsite.

Campsite - About 100 yards past Little Squaw on right on a high bank. River will have doubled back on itself so that if you walk 50 yards back in the bush you will see the stretch of river you were coming up 15 minutes before. Good tent sites, but poor landing and terrible water.

#### Little Squaw to about 2 miles above falls above Feagle -

Going is better than previous day, but there are a lot of places that have to be pulled up, or rather walked up. Papoose Creek comes in about an hour after starting. 2nd creek on map comes in about an hour later. Feagle Falls is about 2 hours more. There are two real rapids to pull up. The last one is quite long and comes out at the foot of Feagle Falls. Falls not much to look at, is not particularly high and has no attractive fall of water at any point. A lot of logs stuck in it. Campsite on right at foot of falls. Fairly deep pool at foot of falls; campsite is not good, but ok if wanted.

2 Portages - 1st - Around Feagle Falls on right through camp site. 100 yards. Takes out on sand beach and puts in on good rocks at top.

2nd - Around falls above Feagle about 1/2 hour up river. One shallows to walk up just before falls. This falls is a good looking one, but no campsite available

since everything would be on the side of a hill. Trail on left, well cut. 75 yards. Takes out and puts in on rocks. Campsite - We cut one on right on high bank about 2 miles above falls. Nothing to get excited about. River from falls deep enough to paddle to this point.

#### Campsite to Joyce Falls - Rough day

Current not too bad just above campsite, but gets swifter as you go up. Shallower although there are sections that can be paddled. It takes about 4-5 hours to get to next falls, which are much further up river than map shows. Stream shown on map comes in about 2-3 hours before you get to falls. Last mile or so is all walking in rapids up to falls. Walk starts in a section of rocky rapids with rocky shores. As you approach falls it becomes obvious, especially on right shore that area has been burned over recently

3 portages - 1st - around falls. Starts on left, about 1/4 mile through burned over area, smny wind falls, trail very poorly marked, starts just before rapids are over and falls are still not in sight. Trail goes pretty straight across a point of land to river above falls. Wet at beginning. After portage current still fast and fairly shallow to next falls, although not as much walking as before. Next falls is about 3 miles up.

2nd - Around falls on left. 200 yards over burned area. Hard to follow again with windfalls. Follows shore about 50 yards and then goes left up hill.

3rd - Lift over on left around logs just before Joyce. Current here ok and water fairly deep until pull up just before Joyce. Joyce thin falls, nice to look at, with pool at bottom supposed to have trout, but we were in too late to try.

Campsite - On left at foot of falls not very good. (There was a possible campsite at start of carry around second falls)

#### Joyce to Vanderlip - half day

2 Portages - Around Joyce. Starts at campsite. About 300 yards. Poorly marked with windfalls as before. Puts in right before a pull up. You could carry around pull up, but not worth it because you are going to be wet again soon. Mostly paddling, but a few pull ups to next portage.

2nd - Takes out on right just before first real looking rapids rather than mere shallows you have seen so far today. Supposed to be 1 1/2 miles around 3 miles of rapids. Fairly well marked except in one place about 2/3 of the way over. Trail wet with a fair number of wind falls, not easy, but not as hard as some. About 3/4 mile of relatively deep water to Vanderlip.

Campsite - Far end of portage around Vanderlip. Takes out at start of rapids before falls on left side. 150 yards of good trail. Campsite at far end. Falls can be heard but not seen from site. Good place, except that you have to go through bush to fish or swim. Trout at head of falls, in pools in falls and maybe at bottom. Falls small, narrow, tree lined, no great single drop of water. Best trout hole was on far shore at top of falls, reached by casting into pool from near shore. A few taken from the 1st pool down the falls and the 1st pool down on the little side falls off to the right. None taken at the foot although they are supposed to be there. Best swimming at foot of falls.

#### Vanderlip to Campsite on Squaw River - Short Day

River is mostly ok to paddle; one or two places where one person

has to get wet, but not very often. Some places where the current gets pretty swift in paddling up. Few places where logs are across river.

- 8 Portages or lift overs - 1st - log jam, carry on right 25 yards.
  - 2nd - Log across river. Unload and lift over
  - 3rd - Beaver dam. Unload and lift over.
  - 4th - Carry around log jam on left. Carry goes across a point of land and puts you back in river on other side of a series of jams. Cuts off a little of the river. Not well marked, but has been used before.
  - 5th - Rapid. Unload and carry canoe over rocks on right.
  - 6th - Right after 5th. Rapid. Unload and carry canoe over rocks on right.
  - 7th - (after lunch) Around rapids on left. 400 yards. Not well marked. 400 yards. Trail pretty well follows shoreline. Wabun lunch site on far end of portage. Wind falls and rough ground.
  - 8th - Around rapids on left. 400 yards. Trail fair with wind falls at end.
- Campsite - at end of last portage. OK, but not great. Trout in rapids. Best spot in narrows about 2/3 way back down where water is deep, but trout in pools all the way down.

#### Squaw River to Squaw Lake - long half day

From campsite to Squaw Lake takes about 2 1/2 to 3 hours, with a lot of rapids to pull up, paddle up, or walk up. 15 counted. Last one is Squaw Rapids. Map is pretty accurate here. Last night's campsite was probably at bend in river west of Bodkin Creek where series of 4 rapids is marked. We walked up rapids we were supposed to portage. Marked portage is about 300 yard on right bank about 1/2 to 1 hour after leaving campsite. There is supposed to be a campsite at the upper end of this carry, but we failed to see it.

Campsite - About 1 mile down on left from trapper's cabin which is on 1st rocky point after coming into main part of lake. Trapper's cabin would be good, but is short of tent sites. Wabun site ok, but water is shallow and too rocky for swimmin. Supposed to be pike fishing.

#### Squaw Lake to Nakina -

Follow map closely coming down lake. River going out has a narrow opening which could easily be missed. There are many more islands in lake than map shows. Portage on map is supposed to be wet, uncut, unused. Pull up rapids fairly easy except that canoes had to be walked up some of them. There are 2 or 3 to go up before pond shown on map and one after pond just before John Bill Lake

Portage - Carry out of John Bill to Cammack starts about 150 yards past where river comes in on left. Good trail. Campsite near end, but would not be too good. 500 yards

Cammack to Cordingley as before, only water lower and muskeg pretty well dried up.

#### Nakina to Temagami -

Truck to Nakina obtained through Bay Post too small - only 3/4 ton. Would be better to get Cote to use his truck, but a bigger one could do it in one trip. Train is supposed to pull out at 12:15, but finally left at 5:15. Is never supposed to be on time. Leaves only on Sunday and Thursday. We loaded on at 2:45. Palace Hotel for night. Breakfast at Northwoods Hotel across from station. Lay over in Cochrane and change in Porquis Junction. Arrive T Station 9:10. Night in Station.