

## 1976 WINISK RIVER

Central Patricia, Kapkichi Lake, Bow River, Bow Lake, Otoskwin River, Williams Lake, Morris River, Pipestone River, Wunnumin Lake, Wunnumin Post, Winisk River, Webequie Post, Winisk River, Winisk

Maps Required: 1:250,000 Series (Provisional Editions of some of these showed portages. Current Edition does not.)

Lake St. Joseph 52 O  
North Caribou Lake 53 B  
Wunnumin Lake 53 A  
Lansdowne House 43 D  
Winisksis Channel 43 E  
Clendenning River 43 L  
Sutton Lake 43 K  
Winisk 43 N

### 1:500,000 Series:

Attawapiskat 43 SW  
Pickle Crow - Armstrong 52 NE  
Wunnumin Lake 53 SE  
Winisk River 43 NW

Most of the route has probably also been mapped in the 1:50,000 series, but would not be particularly helpful except possibly in a few areas of the upper Winisk where portages have to be found around rapids which are choked with islands. There is also available at least for the river above Webequie a map of just the river produced by Ontario Department of Natural Resources on about a 1:50,000 scale that shows portages and possible campsites. We saw a copy, but did not carry one.

### KKK to Kapkichi Lake --

Departure from camp after supper by barge held over from morning camper arrival. Carrying 1st leg supplies and boxes to mail to Wunnumin Lake and Webequie. Prior communication with Hudson's Bay Company manager at both posts. Mail to both posts delivered on Tuesdays and Fridays. Wunnumin mail (POV 2ZO) starts at Central Patricia. Webequie (POT 3AO) via Nakina. Freeze dry supplies, etc. mailed to these posts. Normal items available at HBC stores purchased there. Bacon and cheese sent from camp 10 days before reoutfitting dates arrived on time in good condition.

Boat Line to North Bay by bus held over from camper arrival, deposited us at CNR Station about ten o'clock.

Rooms for the night at Empire Motel Hotel a block and a half straight ahead of station. \$28 for a room for four; \$22 for a double.

Baggage man came on duty at 11:00 and all baggage checked and stored in his shed on carts for the night. Our canoes had been trailered out previously, but Andy Smyth got two canoes onto our train and maybe we could get our's out the same way a couple at a time.

Train supposed to leave 6:10 am, was close to an hour late. Baggage went on easily, loaded by section. Train crowded because of air strike, so seating scattered. An hour stop in Capreol where Toronto section joined on about 9:00 am.

Lunch was picnic made up at camp. Breakfast and dinner money provided.

Crew change at Hornpayne and next one at Armstrong. Savant Lake reached about 5:45 am, about three hours late (they are on Central Time).

Met by school bus of Russ Haryson (spelling is wrong) from Pickle Lake. Plenty of space for baggage in rear, but seating really for only 13 -- we had 20 people and 3 dogs.

Road to Central Patricia being improved and should be much better in 1977.

Canoes brought up by Marshal Clunie a week earlier stored by Russ and taken to Kapkichi Lake the day before. Permission to do so having to be obtained from the mine that owns the land. Russ arranged permission, apparently without trouble. Waiver of responsibility had to be given to mine at gate in.

Landing on a sand beach at their pumping station for water.

Kapkichi Lake to next lake --

We cooked breakfast on sand beach; no chance of camping.

Current map does not show a break between islands to front and mainland -- but it is there.  $90^{\circ} 21' 51'' 28'$

Head for opening slightly to right of beach and keep straight ahead -- about a west or north-west course.

Pass west of island in main part of lake and creek is just left of it.

We tried to go up Mitaminatikoka Brook, but as it turns from west to north it becomes a shallow, gradual cascade with an ill used trail on right. Correct portage was on right just before bay narrows into stream on a grassy landing. Reasonable walker, goes up a slight rise and then gets wet on top. 800 yards. Lunch sites at both ends, but one at top is better with much deeper water at top landing.  $90^{\circ} 23' 51'' 29'$

Straight ahead to main pond, and over to north shore, followed to left into bay just before 2 small islands. Left side at entrance to bay has a rock shore and there might be campsites behind, but it looked steep. On left side just after bay is entered there is a jackpine stand that might be used.

We camped at start of portage out, on right side about 25 yards short of foot of bay. OK for a night, but nothing great. Small walleye and pike caught in front of campsite.  $90^{\circ} 25' 51'' 29'$

Pond above Kapkichi to 20 chain Portage on Bow River --

Portage out of campsite; 500 yards; good walker; drops reasonably steeply to water on little pond.

Next portage at end of pond takes out on left end of a very large beaver dam on creek leaving pond, not where old map shows it. Very wet unloading area for about 25 yards. Then trail is a good walker to a grassy landing at foot. 600 yards. A small Indian campsite on dry ground about 40 yards in from start of portage. Would be poor, but could be used in a dire emergency.  $90^{\circ} 25' 51'' 29'$

Portage to Bow River leaves pond on left about 25 yards from left corner of pond. Start and finish are wet -- as is landing at start. Middle reasonable walker. 700 yards puts into Bow River, not lake as old map shows. On last bend in river before lake there is a very shallow rapid that splits around an island. There is a poorly used trail on right. Would be 150 yards. The Indian has a narrow, shallow channel on right, easy to see, but foot has a couple shallow places where it

is necessary to get out and hand canoe through. 90° 23' 51° 32'  
An old Indian site of some sort on right point a river becomes  
lake. Channel in river had to be followed looking for areas  
not covered with grass. Indian site could not make a campsite;  
was not much of a lunch site. 90° 23' 51° 33'

Channel goes left of island in front before turning downstream.

Easy paddle to island bout 2 miles ahead, although shallows  
should be avoided. We took left side of island, which was  
probably right, but ran into very shallow area of eastern tip  
of island. Maybe stay right? An Indian fish trap or duck  
blind on left at narrows. 90° 22' 51° 33'

Instead of turning left as river goes smoothly along without  
seeing rapids, paddle straight ahead to a grassy landing about  
25 - 50 yards to left of right side of bay. Landing not that  
obvious. Trail 400 yards. Good walker. Trail portages 2  
marked rapids. 90° 21' 51° 34'

We camped at foot with kitchen on landing area at foot and tents  
up the trail 75 - 100 yards in a mossy area just before trail  
enters a dry creek bed. Not great at all. There is no point  
in looking at rapids, they are shallow rocky runs and no chance  
to put a canoe down.

## 20 Chain Portage on Bow River to Bow Lake --

River turns right and almost immediately there is a rapid whose  
top can be run easily, but river turns right again and foot  
cannot be run. Trail starts on right before any run is made.  
200 yards. Extremely wet for about 3/4 of the way, a little  
dry section, and wet at foot. Puts in on rocky shore. There  
seems to be a trail on left at foot of first easily run pitch.  
Trail would be maybe a little longer, but looks like it passes  
through a jackpine stand and must be drier and easier.

Steep Rock Rapids below (perhaps map maker got this one and Shoal  
Rock Rapids reversed). Lots of ledges separated by short  
calm stretches. Indian portage on right takes out well before  
any fast water -- maybe 75 yards up. If full Indian trail is  
taken, it is probably about 700 yards. We cut off 50 at the  
top by cutting through to trail -- easily -- about 25 yards  
above first white water. Good walker, very little wet. Indian  
has a put-in about 3/4 of way across with one ledge still to  
run. We went 30 - 40 yards farther and cut to river -- fairly  
easy, but only loading for one canoe. Then followed a  
succession of small rapids with obvious V's to run. Would  
have been fine in higher water, but we scraped in our water.  
Look at water just below Indian landing. If it is possible  
to run ledge or you are tempted to run ledge, water is good.  
If there is no hope or running ledge, water is too shallow.

Indian site with cache and strange looking fish trap half way  
between here and Shoal Rock Rapid. First tiny pitch run on  
right around right shore to a large rock in middle of river.  
Scouted 2nd little pitch there and ran just to left of this  
rock. Again a few scrapes in both. Then a bay and portage on  
main rapid takes out on right. About 150 yards, good walker,  
but loading area will take only one canoe at a time and  
canoes have to be taken about 10 yards farther down than where  
trail hits river, across some flat rocks and sand and under  
a couple cedars. 90° 18' 51° 36'

Another Indian fish trap on shore just below.

Just before Deep Water Rapid there is a relatively small one with a straight run down middle in decent water. In decent water it would be possible also to let down right shore. We had to let down the center channel starting on the right and after about 15 yards hopping to the left and letting down half the center channel and then running out the foot, slightly left of center -- shallow, but it worked. 90° 19' 51° 36'

Deepwater Rapid has an Indian trail that goes past everything. About 800 yards, very bushy, wet, and poor walking. We ran first 2 pitches easily on right shore. Then a calm, then a large pond as river turns right. Third pitch was also run fairly close to right. Should definitely be scouted first. It's much more shallow than other two, but could certainly be let down. Landing for a previously cut portage takes out on rocks before next pitch. Trail is Indian part of way to some smooth rock. Indian trail goes left and probably puts into river with some untouchable rapids left to go. Our trail is very heavily blazed and goes right. Walking not as good, but workable. Intersects long Indian trail about 75 yards from water. Loading area on rocks. Shallows follow that are poor.

Just before bay off Bow Lake is reached there is a small rapid run on right through an obvious V with a rock on left at foot.

Don't go out too far. 90° 18' 51° 37'

Just into Bow Lake, after passing through a couple bays 90° 18' 51° 38' there were two rock landings close together on left. Either would make good campsites -- we took 1st one -- used by Indians. Good kitchen and good tent sites. 2nd not quite as good tent sites. Only problem is no swimming.

#### Bow Lake to Long Current Rapids --

Portage at falls above Bow 90° 16' 51° 41' takes out on a muskegy landing on left just after narrows in river above Bow. Falls are not really falls and river bends to left above and there is another rapid that gets portaged at the same time in the carry. '71 Attawapiskat notes say carry is 50 yards -- a O must have been dropped; it is easily 500. Walking at the start is soft, but not really wet.

Otherwise '71 notes are right except --

Swift after river turns from west to north (going up) is nothing and was easily paddled on left. 90° 19' 51° 41' 1st of two swifts in river section below Froats is about 1/2 - 3/4 of the way up and was very easily paddled on left. 90° 25' 51° 41'

Rapid at top that leaves Froats -- we puddled up right shore up right shore to top pitch and lined that almost to top and paddled rest. Our water was very low and maybe this would be very different in higher water.

Just before Froats becomes river 90° 26' 51° 42' there is a rock point on left facing north that might make a very good campsite. There are probably other places on Froats also.

Rock at foot of Long Current 90° 27' 51° 43' made an excellent kitchen with poor tent sites, mostly on green moss in spruce. Bathing, but no real swimming. Loads of walleye right off kitchen rocks -- and an occasional pike.

#### Long Current Rapids to Foxhead Lake --

Carry starting on rock campsite has two wet spots before reaching

put in if last section were run. Then up sloping rock; left trail at top is much better. Walking then is wet most of the way. There is a right-left split in trail about 1/3 of way over and does not make much difference. About 2/3 of way there is another split and left is definitely drier. They come together about 250 yards from end.

Cabin on Otoskwin  $90^{\circ} 28' 51'' 44'$  is on point to right of river as lake is entered. Lots of rock outcropping particularly on north side of lake. Abandoned canoe is on an island on south shore just before bay before Otoskwin River. Cross is still there on point after mouth of Otoskwin at '71 campsite.  $90^{\circ} 32' 51'' 44'$

About 1/2 mile before Lynx Head we could not paddle up a swift  $90^{\circ} 32' 51'' 46'$  and had to line on right about 40 yards -- easy.

Lynx Head Rapid  $90^{\circ} 33' 51'' 46'$  portage takes out on left just at foot of last part of rapid. Trail is wet in many spots -- best walking is just before end. Chrispy Crunch machine trail is about 100 yards from start and goes to left -- won't be noticed on way across, but might be taken by mistake on way back. About 250 - 300 yards down trail there is a split. Right trail goes near water and has two possible routes to water, neither of which look possible going up. After trails come back together about 125 - 150 yards to go before hitting water again -- 100 yards of this is best walking. We put in as soon as trail got to water -- it keeps going.

3 swifts before Foxhead. 1st was easy  $90^{\circ} 34' 51'' 47'$  and probably should not have been counted. Next one the run coming down is on the left, but as we looked at the shore (our right) there were too many trees sticking out from shore for it to be lined safely.  $90^{\circ} 35' 51'' 47'$  There is a rock ledge across left side. We paddled up left side, lifted over ledge, and waded the canoes to water deep enough to paddle and went up the rest on a paddle. After turn to north there is a 3rd. Deepest water is on left, but there is a cliff along most of that shore, so we waded again, often in knee deep water.

On Foxhead we tried a rock ledge campsite about 1/2 way up lake and rejected it to go on to '71 lunch site on left about 200 yards below rapids.  $90^{\circ} 35' 51'' 48'$  Not much, but it worked. 3 tents just behind kitchen area. One on green moss behind, and one on an excellent Indian tentsite about 25 yards north near shore. Swimming poor. Walleye in foot of rapids.

#### Foxhead to Williams Lake --

1st Rapid carried on left about 200 yards on an old trail that takes off just before river narrows going up to rapids.  $90^{\circ} 35' 51'' 48'$  Walking not great, but possible. Some windfalls had to be cut out. Puts in well above fast water.

2nd Rapid portaged on left on a poorly used trail. Starts about 15 yards left of rapids, parallels shore for a bit and then follows river. Less clearing needed. Puts in just below first small swift of rapids which we paddled up easily.

3rd Rapid portaged on right starting in a small bay to the right. 200 yards -- this one well used. A little over 1/2 way it intersects the line cut for the 11th Base Line, turns left onto line for 10 yards and then right back onto Indian trail. Reasonable walker but has some wet and some roots. Puts in about 25 yards above any fast water.

4th one not nearly so steep pulled up on right after dredging a path and cutting out some cedar branches.

Two swifts before bay off Williams. 1st needed a very short line and rest was paddled. 2nd just before bay was paddled on right with some effort.

We saw nothing in bay of even lunch site nature and went on to '71 campsite on east side of 1st long point on left after starting up lake. 90° 42' 51° 49'

We looked at islands in bay in middle of trip west toward last narrows and found nothing very good, finally taking tip of last point on south shore toward narrows. 90° 43' 51° 49' Shallow water, small rock kitchen, one good tentsite behind and rest on reindeer moss on knoll behind.

Andy's campsite on northwest island into large bay after narrows about a mile away 90° 45' 51° 48' We stopped too soon and should have gone on. Looked good from water next day.

#### Williams Lake to Kinloch Lake --

Narrow rock channel out of Williams to little bay where portage starts begins just left of end of sand beach. 90° 47' 51° 50'

Trail to Otoonabee starts in a grassy landing with reeds from wild iris about 25 yards from very corner of bay on right. 90° 48' 51° 50' One mile. Trail wetter than remembered from '71 particularly in middle section. Campsite at Otoonabee end would not be the best, but could be used. Probably better can be found on a rock landing in lake somewhere.

We poled our way down Obabika Narrows 90° 51' 51° 52' Not much water. Started on left and moved to center about half way up.

Large Indian (?) campsite area on small point on north shore on end of sand beach 90° 52' 51° 53' Lots of tent site possibilities. Old cabin in the process of falling down. Dock on sand beach on far side of point. But likely a rock campsite could be found in the area.

Narrows from Obabika to Kinloch are no problem. 90° 56' 51° 57'

Andy has a route from Upturnedroot part of Morris that takes a creek on north side of lake after Upturnedroot 90° 59' 51° 53' leads to a thin pond that runs from east to west and then portages 150 yards to bay off Kinloch. He has a rock lunch site on left after portage.

His 1st campsite has one rock on south side of large island just past finger point 91° 1' 51° 56' Maybe if campsite is left of high rock it might be there, but high rock looks poor and eastern end of island now has a newly built Indian (?) ice house of logs.

We camped on his 2nd site on southeast shore of lake opposite boxing glove point and behind a small island 91° 2' 51° 57' From a distance island blocks view of site and it looks as though you are headed for another high rock area. Tent sites fair --rest quite good. Spruce in area were hit by lightning some time ago and finding dry wood is not easy. People other than Andy have used the site. Obabika and Kinloch both very attractive lakes.

#### Kinloch Lake to Falls on Morris --

Andy's third campsite about 2 miles up did not look very good.

91° 2' 51° 58' on south shore

His cabin was on tip of last point on left on Lake St. Joseph

map 91° 1' 51° 59' Was occupied at least in February 1973. Well built with a sloping roof facing east, window on either side of small door on east. Stove made from 10 gal gas drum. Fairly neat but no sign of any great hunting success, only one beaver stretcher found.

Next campsite on left after starting up bay toward river. 91° 3' 52° 0' Probably moose hunters. Canoe and square ended boat left on shore.

At north end of lake 91° 3' 52° 1' there seemed to be a fly or tent of some sort, but we did not go far enough to identify.

Entrance to river best made at west end of island 91° 4' 52° 1' Not really a rapid at start, but a rock dodging area.

Marked rapids look shallow, rocky, and flat at start. 91° 5' 52° 2' We did not look around the bend -- it was too far and trail is well traveled and a good walker. Starts 50 yards before rocky shallows, cuts bend in river. 400 yards. Goes up a small rise to an Indian campsite in middle -- no water nearby -- and down a shallow slope to west running river -- rapids still cannot be seen.

Possible lunch site in the area before river turns northeast. 91° 7' 52° 2' After that low land for quite a while.

River occasionally had mud flats, but easily paddled with some rocky areas needing some care.

Very small rapid just before stream from Creamer Lake enters 91° 6' 52° 4' Run pretty much down center for fast section and then over to left shore for shallows at foot.

Another minor rapid right after bend. Run on left. Read from top.

Andy's lunchsite-campsite on north side of long point where stream from St. Aubin Lake enters 91° 5' 52° 5' is a large moose hunters' camp which is not immediately obvious from water. Has a trail going back out of it, probably to pond to west.

Take right side of large island before falls 91° 1' 52° 6' -- slightly shorter.

Landing at falls on first flat rock area on left 90° 59' 52° 6' Trail excellent. 100 yards. Campsite on right of trail in jackpine and reindeer moss. Excellent, although swimming shallow. Walleye in river. Probably better to take a canoe across at foot of main drop. Falls drop maybe 15' total. Last falls on far side maybe 7' high.

Falls on Morris to Head of Rapids to Horseshoe Lake --

Nothing in river until an unmarked rapid at V in word RIVER about 4 miles below. 90° 55' 52° 8' River splits around an island. Left side in high water might be run near left shore; rest is high ledge. Far left is a low ledge, and did not have enough water for us. Right side of island is probably better in high water but was too shallow and we let down on right shore on this side.

Right below is a small rapid run on right.

A mile below is a longer shallow rapid. 90° 54' 52° 9' Andy says there is a 25 chain portage on right, but we did not look. Top section in higher water could be run, but rest is shallows. We let down right side -- probably taking longer than if we had taken the portage.

A mile down is a much steeper cascade-like rapid 90° 53' 52° 9'

portaged on right 250 yards. Landing in small V at top of white water. Wet for about 10 yards and then good trail. Puts in on rocks at foot.

Path to Kecheekagan is open. Turn left at T shaped river area 90° 51' 52° 10' --right leads to rapids with no portages. Map says straight ahead may be a narrow channel to lake -- no water in it at all in our level and probably no point in looking in any water.

Several rock lunch sites on way to lake. Take left side of large island when lake is reached. 90° 53' 52° 12' Right has a line of rock across it except maybe in very high water. Just north of large island there are two large sand beaches, eastern one has an Indian (?) campsite on it.

Paddle to eastern end of lake. Pass a pencil-like bay on left and portage is on shore straight ahead. 90° 51' 52° 11' Portage is in last bay in corner, on left side of the small bay on a rock shelf landing, although in our water we had a little bit of soupy muskeg to pull canoe through to get to rock. Trail well used, marked by orange surveyor's cloth when we went over. Drop to river fairly steep and near a cliff on right. 400 yards. Puts in on boulders in a back bay off river.

From here to Horseshoe rapids is open with sort of a gorge-like area to paddle through with rock walls rising on both sides, too steep and rocky for campsites.

We pulled in really too late to tackle going down the rapids and so looked at some of the left or larger channel and then found a stand of jackpine in a bay on south shore opposite western end of long island in last section. 90° 48' 52° 12' Tent sites not bad. Kitchen on too much broken rock to be good. Water shallow in front. Basically a place for the night --and protected from a predicted western storm, so it could have been worse.

Head of Horseshoe Rapids to Five Miles above Horseshoe Lake --

Our water was considerably lower than Andy's, but basically his route worked, and if not Indian, is at least used by prospectors -- lots of claim lines in the area.

We thought we were starting down right channel of the small water on right, but actually it was left channel. Reached an impass -- no water -- and lifted 10 yards across a rocky divider to a pond.

Paddled length of pond and portaged 100yards on left end of pond with fairly steep drop to water.

Andy's campsite was directly opposite; looked useable, but not good.

Then lifted over 20 yards of rock at end of very small pond when we ran out of water.

Paddled 30 yards and lifted over 5 yards again running out of water.

30 yards ahead on left portaged on good trail 100 yards to a small pond. Unloading on a steep hill and landing off an even steeper hill. Room for only one canoe at either end.

Ran out of water at end of this small pond and portaged 150 yards down a dry creek bed to pond off lake.

One large camping area on left shortly after entering lake 90° 45' 52° 12' Lots of sign of prospectors and/or moose hunters.

Andy said main channel looked like Great Bend -- it was only a trickle in our water. Lunch on right point as though going up to this water on a strangely cut site -- not much for camping. 90° 47' 52° 13'

Possible to camp all the way up Horseshoe although possible areas look better on southern half of lake. Lots of plastic oil cans used to mark passages

River runs straight with some current and sand beaches. We camped five miles from lake because it was late on left just at first edge of burn. 90° 40' 52° 17' Tents partially in growing over burn and some in jackpine. Nothing to recommend it, but a place for the night. Tent sites fine.

Five Miles above Horseshoe to 7 Chain Portage below Bridge --

Just before marked rapid 90° 35' 52° 18' there is a trailer park with access from road.

Marked rapid: 1st section run down center to an eddy on left. Middle section let down on left, and foot run on left through V very near shore.

Rapid less than a mile below unmarked 90° 34' 52° 18' lined on right.

Just below a marked rapid that bends to right. Easier to land on right before rapid -- very shallow take out on rocks and portage old road that intersects highway at bridge and put in directly across road. 150 yards. Sand walking. Andy shortened carry by coming down rapid on right and portaged from just before bridge; we would have had to line at best.

We then went straight ahead, then left and across river to left shore above a shallow rapid. Andy was supposed to have a 2 chain portage on right, but we did not see it and it looked too shallow to reach. We cut our own 150 yard portage on left, starting on a grassy-rock landing and putting in in a little bay. 90° 33' 52° 18'

Just below there was a rapid too shallow. 90° 32' 52° 18' Andy had a trail starting on a grass-sand landing on right that went for about 50 yards and put in -- only we had a dry creek bed and had to carry another 40 yards on rock before putting in.

Large island was passed on left and rapid started below it and before end of 2nd island. 90° 32' 52° 18' We did not find Andy's 4 chain portage to cut the point and ran the rapid around the point starting on right, working across to left where river bends left and then through break in ledge 1/3 out from left shore. Then back to right as river turns left again. Below was a rock wall where the water ran out -- we got through by scraping.

Below Andy was supposed to have a 1 chain portage on left which we could not reach through shallows 90° 32' 52° 18' We let down right side until it got too shallow and carried 150 yards on boulders to foot of rapid. Andy's lunch site directly across on left shore.

A small calm and we ran next swift in two sections -- strong eddy between -- 1st starting on left shore, but crossed to right and 2nd about 15 yards off right shore.

Just ahead on right 90° 31' 52° 18' was sloping rock for 7 chain portage at marked rapid. Pretty good kitchen area, but tent sites are terrible -- scattered was not the word for them.

Two miles below Bridge to Hunter's site before 30 Chain Portage --  
7 Chain portage was about 150 yards long; in our water we had  
to line 25 yards out of loading area -- too difficult to  
reroute trail.

River clear for next 2 miles to rapid with islands at head --  
rock islands. 90° 30' 52° 19' Andy ran left channel and then  
to right to portage. Right channel was nothing but reasonable  
current and main flow of river. Landing on rock on right of  
start of drop. 175 yards; reasonable walking. Unloading  
for one canoe; loading area for a couple. Top might be used  
as a campsite -- rock and jackpine.

About a mile beyond another rapid. 90° 29' 52° 19' Andy lists  
carry as 7c + 1c + 1c, but his trail put us out onto creek  
bed we could not put into, so we carried rock. One pond,  
probably his second showed up and could be paddled, but  
probably just as easy to walk around in our water. On  
reaching his campsite at end of his third carry, we could  
not put in and had to carry rock to bay below -- about 100  
yards to float canoes. In all carry is about 400 yards.  
Unloading was on a grassy landing 25 yards above any fast  
water. Trail in bush is only about 75 yards, rest on rock.  
Andy's campsite scenic -- good kitchen; we did not check tent  
sites.

From our loading spot a shallow run follows for 200 yards, mostly  
down center. In our water needs to be looked over. Stones  
all the way.

River now runs clear for 4 - 5 miles to split around island with  
good current.

We took right side as Andy did. A mile ahead 90° 23' 52° 22'  
Portage first marked rapid on island in middle -- right side  
of island. Grassy landing. 150 yards. Puts in at tip of  
island. Best to go to left tip of island in our water.

Swift 1/2 mile below nothing but current and some rocks.

1 1/2 - 2 miles ahead bay goes off to left with high rock sides.  
90° 19' 52° 23' Main river is very shallow, maybe duck  
into bay just slightly and take channel from bay that passes  
by next point with unburned jackpine. We camped here at  
fly-in hunter's site. Fireplace on rock. Tent sites fair  
Very shallow water in front.

Hunters' Site to 8 Chain Portage at Falls --

Hunters' site was marked too far ahead, and we went into bay  
on right by mistake. River clear to 30 chain portage on left.  
90° 18' 52° 23' River turns sharp right into rapid. Landing  
on clay area on left. At head, rapid looks like it might be  
easy, but river curves left again and rapid becomes a cascade.  
Trail well blazed; a good walker -- some of the narrow spots  
for canoes now widened. Andy ran last section of rapid, but  
we had to walk down shore another 50 yards to put in. 650  
yards.

Right below river swings right and another heavy rapid starts.  
90° 17' 52° 23' Portage starts in a deep bay after first  
small drop which in our water had to be run in center with  
lots of stone below. We ran one canoe and portaged rest  
across rock at top -- 25 yards. Portage is 1/2 mile, well  
blazed, good walker. Again trail was widened in spots. 2  
almost 90° left turns in trail -- both well marked; one at

start and second half way across. Unloading on clay bank; loading in shallows to left of trail exit. We then had to line a small pitch at foot of run off on left.

Just below a small swift to run  $90^{\circ} 16' 52'' 24'$  Then river flows with current for a mile -- good rock lunch site on right just after creek enters and current starts.

About half way to islands below a swift, long rapid, run blind.  $90^{\circ} 15' 52'' 24'$  Top is easy, but as river widens at foot throw is all right -- sand-gravel bar ahead. Finish is along right shore with some rocks to dodge -- about a 400-500 yard run.

At triple marked rapid  $90^{\circ} 14' 52'' 25'$  river swings left and then U's around a point. First portage is on right; really straight ahead, and goes up a very steep sand bank to a narrow level of jackpine and then down back side to water. 100 yards. We carried wannigans up slope but took the canoes up hand over hand. Back side is walkable -- just barely. Andy used this as a campsite. Runoff has to be taken from loading area watching rocks on way out.

We ran middle section -- more or less a straight run starting in center and finishing on left shore inside a couple rock in center. Andy says 'easy run, no rocks.' Maybe, in real high water!

Portage on third section on left on sandy landing well before rapid starts. Again river swings around a point and carry cuts point. 150 yards. Easy walking; drops slightly at end. Blazes very hard to follow, however -- blazed on poplar and hard to see. Loading area shallow. Had to follow left shore to follow run off.

River clear for 4 miles except for area around grassy island about 3 miles down where channels are shallow.

River bends right at rapid-falls.  $90^{\circ} 11' 52'' 29'$  Portage on left about 1/2 way between rocks on point and start of falls. Landing on sandy-clay. 150 yards; goes up slight rise and through level new jackpine. Loading on rocks below. We camped here because we had to. Kitchen up in jackpine because of poor weather -- no rood rocks to put it on anyway. Tent sites ok, but trees close together.

8 Chain Falls Portage to Falls below Karl Lake --

River clear for a mile to large falls.  $90^{\circ} 10' 52'' 30'$  Stop on island on left side for view of falls from top -- in our water possible to walk down rock to about half way down falls. Total drop maybe 30 - 40 feet. Portage trail on right shore diagonally opposite island about 30 - 40 yards before any problem with falls. Grass-clay landing. Small aluminum boat on shore. Trail in good shape, well used, good walker. Andy says trail was rerouted several years ago -- maybe trail to right goes to markop Lake for hunters? 400 yards. Steep drop to water which can be walked. Campsite area in jackpine just before drop to water. A miniature Basil campsite. Loading on sand-clay. View of falls from below even better than at top.

Just below river turns right.  $90^{\circ} 11' 52'' 31'$  We stopped on rocks, looked ahead, ran a small series of fast water into bay before falls. Portage starts shortly into bay. Good walker. 150 yards.

Andy shot next rapid 90° 11' 52° 31' We lined left shore around a corner starting at a big, high rock on shore. Ledge in center and too shallow on either side.

A mile ahead, Andy ran on left -- no problem. 90° 11' 52° 32' We took a shallow, rock dodging course near left shore and came through in good style.

We went left of island at start of next rapid and picked up Indian trail on right diagonally below island. 90° 11' 52° 32' Andy let down and ran right side cutting portage in half. We could in no way get through shallows. We cut out windfalls in first part of trail -- carries on green moss. Then about 25 yards through an area that would be wet in high water, but no problem in ours. Comes out on a short rock area -- watch blazes, and then continues on green moss. 400 yards -- reasonable trail -- puts in on rock area below.

River swings left and less than a mile ahead a nice falls of 15 feet or more. 90° 11' 52° 32' Portage starts on right just before rock area about 20 yards before rock cliff. 100 yards. Puts in on rock area below. Maybe could be used as a campsite. Good trail.

Just below a V through high rock on left. Pretty much in center. Andy ran left, but there is a ledge there.

2 miles ahead just before Karl Lake a very shallow rapid. 90° 10' 52° 34' We ran a course on left side, running out very close to left shore at foot. Taken very slowly. Andy had an easier run toward center -- too shallow and rocky.

As river leaves Karl Lake an OWRC aluminum shack on point on right. 90° 10' 52° 35'

River then swings right -- shallow rapid run down center.

River swings right again and portage takes out on left about 30 yards before a rapid starts in a rocky cove on left. 90° 11' 52° 35' Trail parallels river for twenty yards and then goes across point. 150 yards to a sandy-clay landing. Falls cannot be seen -- paddle back up to look. We camped here with kitchen in start of trail -- canoes had to go through to get out of road. Tentsites on hill about half way over portage -- not very good.

Falls below Karl Lake to 1 Mile before Asinne Lake --

Paddle back up from portage landing to see falls -- best view from left side of river going back up.

Swift about 2 miles below campsite run easily blind. 90° 12' 52° 36'

Swift at bottom of river before Wastayanipi was nothing. 90° 10' 52° 37'

Camping prospects from falls to Wastayanipi look poor.

Camping on Wastayanipi looks better, mostly on sand beaches. Rock areas are broken rock and boulders. We did not see anything on first two points on left as Andy did. Ice house on 3rd point where he camped just beyond island 90° 8' 52° 39' looked like it needed repair.

Exit from lake is through 1st marked rapid. 90° 4' 52° 42'

Comes in 2 sections -- scout both at once on left. We ran 1st just left of center and 2nd left of center staying out of most of swells at foot.

Directly ahead at end of 2nd V is start of portage around next marked rapid. Starts on clay area just before rocks and well

before rapid. Follows shore to start -- under a large windfall now trimmed so it is not hard. 200 yards loading on large sand-clay area. Lots of step-over windfalls and one section had previously been rerouted around windfalls.

3rd marked rapid Andy ran  $90^{\circ} 4' 52'' 43'$  we could not touch. Carried 75 yards on bank and rock to sand-clay loading area to right of rapid exit. Right side too shallow to line.

4th and 5th marked rapids are one.  $90^{\circ} 4' 52'' 44'$  We ran small swift at top to large bay on right, lined next section on right -- easy line. Paddled next bay to a pair of blazes. Carried 75 yards -- first 25 to a rock area on side of river (where Andy had lunch). Trail continues at end of rock area 50 yards to shore on a clay-rock area. Then we ran small channel on right shore exiting via a V at foot about 10 yards out from right shore.

River clear and uninteresting to Asinne Lake. A rock area about a mile before 873 was supposed to have a campsite of Andy's on a rock point on right.  $90^{\circ} 1' 52'' 47'$  We could not find it.

Swift at 873 was easy  $90^{\circ} 1' 52'' 47'$  but watch rocks after swift is run.

About 1/2 mile onto Wunnummin Lake map was a hunting camp on left just beyond a large, ancient prominent jackpine.  $89^{\circ} 59' 52'' 48'$  Used in 1974 at least. Landing in clay is terrible and site could be cleaner, but it was late. Tent sites ok.

1 Mile before Asinne Lake to Canyon Gate Rapids --

From campsite through first part of Asinne very low country and uninteresting.

Freshly built house of some sort on right about 1/4 way down Asinne on high ground behind a sand beach.  $89^{\circ} 58' 52'' 48'$  Not a log cabin and not an ice house.

Old log cabin on right opposite point.  $89^{\circ} 56' 52'' 50'$  Looks in poor repair.

Andy ran rapids on U out of Asinne in about 5 jumps.  $89^{\circ} 54' 52'' 51'$  No way we could run top two -- probably not the third either and at foot everything ran out. There is a well used Indian trail about 250 yards to right of stream in a small indentation of shore that cuts across the U and misses all these rapids. 400 yards; good walker. Takes out on large pebble beach and puts in in soft muskeg-clay.

About 2 miles ahead another series of rapids start in narrow stretch.  $89^{\circ} 52' 52'' 52'$  We ran all of them in about 5 jumps with ponds or slack areas in between. We scouted the first one on right -- run was in center. Next three all scouted and run on left. After fourth we crossed to right shore because throw of river was that way, but ended up running the last one on the left, blind. Very slight drop to this one. Andy claims to have run the whole stretch blind.

About a mile ahead a series of shallow swifts start.  $89^{\circ} 51' 52'' 54'$  These we did run blind, the last one the only one posing problems.

We had lunch on Andy's 'only rock' on right shore as turn to east is made  $89^{\circ} 50' 52'' 55'$  As he said it did not look like much from water, but was fine. Drift wood for fire. The map gets confusing with many more islands, shoals, and

points than shown. At one point there was even a small rapid to run through a line of boulders across lake area. Portage at Canyon Gate  $89^{\circ} 46' 52''$  on right above any fast water. Reached across boulder area. 250 yards, puts in in canyon. We ran rapid easily -- only swells at top but these missed by running right side of V. Watch eddies. There is a large bay on left opposite portage end. We caught this and came across to the portage end. Campsite in Andy's area with tents in jackpine area overlooking the river. His kitchen was up there too. We had ours' just at top of last drop to water on trail. Not bad, especially since we needed protection from rain.

#### Canyon's Gate Rapid to Hilyard Lake --

Current down through islands -- we stayed left of islands with no problems.

Looks to be a campsite on finger point at turn to south in lake area beyond  $89^{\circ} 42' 52''$  We did not land, but looked used before.

Marked rapid 5 miles beyond -- there are two channels -- neither runnable. Portage starts in small bay on left just at head or rapid.  $89^{\circ} 38' 52''$  Trail very well cut and used, though we had to clean out start and foot. 150 yards. Takes out on pebble shore. Puts in in damp area, but just below rocks for rapids.

Unmarked rapid two miles below.  $89^{\circ} 36' 52''$  Top cannot be run at all -- Andy's run to left was almost dry. Portage is on right. A swift has to be run at top almost in center of river and then into bay on right. Portage well cleared and traveled. Takes out on pebbles. Puts in on rock area with sand behind. 75 yards.

The rest of rapid is run -- three sections, but all can be looked at at once on right -- mainly follow throw of river. Current continues to left behind last island.

One small swift just after river starts again after bay to north  $89^{\circ} 35' 52''$  -- looks to have a rock in center -- we ran left side of V.

A final swift coming into Hilyard Lake, nothing really but current.  $89^{\circ} 34' 52''$

Hilyard Lake and map do not agree. Easy to go straight from river to top of long thin point directly east and pass through narrows -- very small swift actually. Then follow left shore to a break to north. A very short way ahead channel splits -- take right. A short way ahead turn left that puts you going north and then will lead to north rapid.

We camped on Andy's rock point campsite a mile before rapid out.  $89^{\circ} 28' 52''$  OK Tent sites could be better but satisfactory.

#### Hilyard Lake to Before Wunnummin Lake Peninsula Portage --

We could probably have gotten through top of rapid out of Hilyard  $89^{\circ} 27' 52''$  -- no way to do the foot it turned out.

Indian portage for whole rapid goes across large island separating north and south channels. Takes off in bay south of north channel -- about 400 yards down shore. Right in corner of bay. Obvious landing when found. Trail very well

used. There is a boat trail with rollers which is like walking over continuous windfalls. People trail is wetter but much easier to walk. 600 yards. Small campsite at foot. Path clear to Wunnummin Lake. A good campsite on rock in a poplar stand  $89^{\circ} 23' 52''$  about 200 yards before end of point on right.

We went south side of Porter Island because of wind, but could not get to portage. Camped on point on right opposite Porter Island  $89^{\circ} 19' 52''$  on a rock site. Not bad. Water too shallow for swimming, but kitchen good and tent sites not bad.

Before Wunnummin Peninsula Portage to Island off Pepler --

Some kind of large camp north of portage across peninsula (we later learned it is sawmill for Post).  $89^{\circ} 18' 52'' 54'$

There is supposed to be a good trail from it to Post.

Portage across peninsula takes out on sand beach approximately in center of C-shaped beach just north of hooked point.  $89^{\circ} 17' 52'' 53'$  If going to Post, as we were, probably better to paddle west side of Bury Island and not use portage. If bypassing post, take portage. After 20 yards climbs hill and back down far side. 100 yards. Puts in on pebble beach.

Wind drove us into a tiny island not on map just off long peninsula of Pepler Island above hook point.  $89^{\circ} 13' 52'' 54'$  Tent sites cut out of nothing -- not bad, but no kitchen area -- out on rocks -- did not make much difference, we had little enough to cook. No one would ever use it again.

Island off Pepler to Map Location of Post and back to Wunnummin Post --

Wunnummin Post is not in Purdy Bay! Actually located on north of Wunnummin Peninsula just south of long thin esker island.  $89^{\circ} 18' 52'' 56'$  Bay Post on east end of settlement, village to west on slight rise of ground.

We camped on point east of HBC at end of curving sand beach just short of rock point. Not great, but it would do. Indians had been drawing trees out of area for firewood.

A post office opposite school in an Indian run store -- some prices higher than Bay, some lower.

Wunnummin Post to Head of Winisk River --

Aiming point approaching final bay into mouth of river is a high sand cliff of esker which is on right side of channel.  $89^{\circ} 5' 52'' 52'$

Some current where channel swings sharp left  $89^{\circ} 3' 52'' 51'$  with rocks on left side at point.

Old ice house on left about 1 mile down channel  $89^{\circ} 3' 52'' 52'$  to river. Cannot be used for anything.

We camped on right shore just where a sand peninsula joins right shore  $89^{\circ} 2' 52'' 52'$  with island before mouth of river, only because of wind. Terrible -- but useable.

Mouth of Winisk to Sennett Lake --

Indian portage around first 2 marked rapids and third marked rapid or the unmarked ones on channel that leads south is just opposite ice house of yesterday, about  $1/2 - 3/4$  mile south of our campsite.  $89^{\circ} 2' 52'' 52'$  800 yards. Very well cut and well used. Excellent walking except maybe last 75 yards

that are a little damp. Takes out on a rock beach -- tough in a west wind. Puts in on a rock shore. Both top and bottom have been used as campsites, but areas are small -- probably could be enlarged. In our water top rapid could not be run at least with eastern sun in our eyes. First two drops would have been ok on left, but as river curves right there was nothing but rock across river with no likely path. Next marked rapid 88° 58' 52° 53' First part is V run in center to a bay on left below. Second part is run on right -- much heavier. We had to walk all the way to the foot to scout mainly because of heavy wind.

Next marked rapid 88° 56' 52° 53' has a pair of heavy swifts in a C to the right. First run down center letting river carry you toward left shore for second. Then a calm for a moment. Main rapid breaks left of an island and cannot be run -- ledges. Go right of island into a bay behind island and a channel leads to foot of main rapid. We could not run because of two stones in foot. We let down right side -- pretty easy except for a pair of rocks to pass outside at the foot.

Andy camped on rock tip facing north of large thin island at end of wide stretch 88° 54' 52° 52' looks like there have been many blowdowns since he was there. Go left of island -- there's no opening on right in low water.

Just below rapid breaks around rocky island. 88° 54' 52° 52' Scouted by landing on island. Andy ran right side; much too shallow in our water. Left center has ledges. Maybe there is a run left of ledges, but there are also several stones in foot of run. We lined left side of island to ledge and with six people to a canoe lifted them over loaded, and then paddled out of eddy.

On turn to right there is a swift with one rock in middle 88° 53' 52° 52' Andy says there is a ledge; he must have wrong rapid. We went left of stone. Just ahead river curves left into Sennett Lake. We ran center to right shore and back to center to run out. Stones in the foot to avoid. No scouting done on either of the last two.

We went and looked at unmarked rapid out of Sennett. 88° 52' 52° 52' There is a ledge in this one in center and a path just right of the ledges, but top is very shallow and getting into run would be tough. Afterwards river curves left and could probably be run. Instead we went south on Sennett Lake looking for portage around this and the next two marked rapids -- and found it in a swampy bay.

Camped on west shore just south of portage on a rock area -- 2nd one south of portage bay and largest on that shore. 88° 51' 52° 50' Kitchen good; tent sites not so hot; had to be cut out of spruce forest mainly.

Sennett Lake to North of Nibinamik Lake --

Portage found last night starts about in center of swampy bay -- no markings -- just right of what looks like a stream that might reach dry land but does not. 88° 51' 52° 50' Pretty well has to be walked to find trail, though there is one through swamp. Aiming point is a chicot about 50 yards in from landing, but probably will not be there for next party. Trail is 1/2 mile; first 400 yards starts very wet and gets

slowly drier -- second loads had to be taken in 150 yards to get to safely dry land. About half way there is a stretch of dry walking. Last 350 - 400 yards is often muskeg though not as bad as start. Puts in in a very shallow loading area. Getting out of bay and back onto river is also very shallow 88° 50' 52° 52'

Unmarked pair of islands 2 miles ahead 88° 48' 52° 52' has a small rapid or swift. Right channel, narrow and very shallow. Middle, wider but shallow. Left best side with V roughly down center. A few stones to watch out for in process.

Marked rapid 4 miles down 88° 46' 52° 50' has a very powerful set of swells in center. Left is too shallow to run. We ran starting in center and then to right of swells just outside rocks on right shore -- scout first. Then kept on into bay on right and after stopping in bay we took V in middle that angles to left shore, let current carry us in a C around left shore and out on left -- 2nd part done blind.

Narrows north of Penn Island deep enough to get through even in our water. 88° 41' 52° 49'

We did not stop at Andy's campsite on island with pebble beach just south of sand beach 5 miles above Penn Island in bay before south turn is made. 88° 34' 52° 52'

INCo site on left in narrow stretch 2 miles below 88° 34' 52° 51' had an old cabin and a couple tent frames standing. Area pretty well skinned for wood and did not look inviting.

After turn to northeast is made 88° 35' 52° 48' there are no campsite possibilities all the way to top where turn south is made.

We camped on left shore just into wide area just before two islands on a rock area with a small poplar stand. 88° 30' 52° 51' Kitchen on rock was fine. Tent sites crowded. Would be fine for 3-4 tents, but not 5. Just behind two islands is an aluminum cabin with dock and several tent frames on hillbehind. One tent in pieces, but still there with a skidoo in it. Probably a fishing camp from Webequie. Plenty of room for tents in high grass and weeds, but kitchen would be poor. We rejected it.

North of Nibinamik Lake to Wapikopa Lake --

Leaving campsite north channel of river entrance is just north of large island shown on map, but there are many islands in addition to those shown on map. 88° 29' 52° 50'

Rapid starts very soon after sharp turn to south. 88° 28' 52° 50' Two parts to it. Top run on right of swells into a sort of bay below. Careful of rocks after rapid is over that are just under water and stay right. 2nd part run left of swells. Andy seemed to think swells in bottom section were larger -- not much to choose. Both sections run by looking from top.

At end of rapid directly across large bay the Indian portage takes out 88° 27' 52° 49' and cuts across the island to the south channel at a bay just below first marked rapid which must come in two sections -- one where marked at island at top of south channel and 2nd part at narrows just below. After portage only 2nd part can be seen, but it drops in a cascade 15 feet or so. Portage is very wide and very well traveled. Landing at a grassy area. Puts in in a wet sand-

clay beach. 1/2 mile. Must have been cut wide enough to bring in supplies for fish camp of yesterday.

Nothing in river to next marked rapid which must drop more than 10 feet -- looks like you are approaching a falls from drop of trees. 88° 25' 52° 49' Takes out in bay to right of rapid -- maybe 50 yards. Goes up a hill and then drops very gradually and final drop to water is gentle. 400 yards. Very wide, well traveled, and extremely easy walker. Puts in on a pebble-sand beach.

Andy says possible campsite on sand beach 2/3 of way down wide stretch that follows. 88° 20' 52° 50' Did not look very good except maybe one spot where there might be tent sites on an esker-like area about 6 feet above river, but new growth of trees looks thick.

2 miles of narrows with current 88° 18' 52° 51' and attractive area with rock particularly on right. Andy suggested campsite might be cut behind rock, but looked questionable.

Andy camped on north shore maybe 3 miles past narrows. 88° 13' 52° 52' We traveled south shore and did not see it.

Fishing camp on west side of final point before Holbeck Island. 88° 9' 52° 53' Aluminum house. 2 log buildings (ice houses?), dock, and Indian tent sites just south of buildings.

Another ice house on southeast end of Holbeck Island 88° 8' 52° 53'

At top of rectangular island past Holbeck and extending up east shore 88° 4' 52° 56' there are frequent rock outcroppings with jackpine. Goes up to small bay just east of south end of peninsula that forms narrows. We camped on last available such area -- trees turn to spruce and poplar afterwards. 88° 3' 52° 56' Tent sites basically in reindeer moss, mostly behind site. Kitchen on small flat rock area. Good site, but earlier areas would probably have been better.

Wapikopa Lake to West of Brett Island --

Rapid south of Tuttle Island (just at change in map sheets) 88° 0' 52° 57' is a very fast moving, heavy rapid. We ran in two sections after scouting whole run from left -- there is a fireplace on high ground at start of rapid and what looks like a winter tepee about half way down. We ran top left of swells and bulled into bay or eddy on left afterwards to get a new run at second section. Crossed run off from top section and ran out toward right shore in a sort of C run.

2 1/2 miles ahead rapid between Wapikopa and Chipai Lakes 87° 56' 52° 57' is a long shallow run not particularly fast. We scouted whole rapid again from left and started in center, worked to left in middle, and ran out in center. Main problem is shallows and therefore rocks.

Just ahead river splits -- Andy ran south channel which he says was smaller and had rocks to avoid. We did not look and ran north branch as he suggested for low water. There is a ledge across most of river, but an easy run on right side following curve of shore.

After leaving north channel there is a point directly ahead with a small island shown south of it -- 87° 53' 52° 58' go south of small island; no passage between island and point in low water.

There's another Indian fishing camp on next large island to east of Howson Island  $87^{\circ} 52' 52^{\circ} 57'$  on east side.

There's a rapid between Cotter Island and long thin island east of it.  $87^{\circ} 50' 52^{\circ} 54'$  Run is on left shore and has two parts to it. 2nd V cannot be seen easily from top without scouting.

We camped on Andy's site on south side of square inland with peninsula just west of Brett Island.  $87^{\circ} 48' 52^{\circ} 53'$  on east side of the south shore in a stand basically of spruce with kitchen just in tree line and tent sites behind on moss -- not very good, but nothing in the area after a possible sand beach bay on island east of Howson Island. Shore line is almost all dense poplar with a few birch and spruce thrown in. No rock outcroppings.

West of Brett Island to Webequie --

Kanuchuan Rapid about 7 miles ahead  $87^{\circ} 41' 52^{\circ} 58'$  of last night's campsite is a very heavy, long run. We ran relatively small pitch at top more or less down center and caught a fairly shallow period of calm on left shore and walked all the way to the foot -- not a mile as Andy said, but long. Run was pretty much down center to start, slide toward left, following black water where possible, and between two swells left of center at foot with run off bearing back to center. A rough run!

Kitchie Baratek (Big Rapid) about 2 1/2 miles ahead is almost a falls.  $87^{\circ} 38' 53^{\circ} 1'$  Portage on left on a bald rock well above white water. 500 yards, reasonable walker, but a lot of roots. We cleared windfalls at both head and foot. About 100 yards from end trail goes by a bald rock at river side that Andy used for a campsite. We had lunch -- good view -- very scenic. Puts in on boulders at foot with a small runoff we took to left; could be done to right also (there's an island below rapid). Loading area very shallow. Andy went down left shore and took a shorter portage to his campsite. We thought it very unwise in our water and his trail would have been hard walking also.

Rapids from here on to Webequie which were run were done by looking from top with only short pauses to look over -- no walking.

Rapid 2 miles beyond at turn to southeast  $87^{\circ} 36' 53^{\circ} 2'$  (unmarked) run to left side of swells.

Makadamidgiga (Black Rapid) -- double marked rapid  $87^{\circ} 35' 53^{\circ} 2'$  was exactly that with a small run at top on right, then a black, fast moving section with a couple stone we passed to right into a bay on left shore, since rapid turns right and foot cannot be seen from top. Bottom is heaviest, run right of swells with some good bounces.

Unmarked rapid in next narrows heading east  $87^{\circ} 33' 53^{\circ} 2'$  was run left of swells, but still some good bouncing.

Kasavanigajung (Lots of Islands) (unmarked)  $87^{\circ} 31' 53^{\circ} 1'$  is short and bends to right with two pitches -- run between south shore and islands. V through top section was toward right shore and easy to see. 2nd section run outside an island and very difficult to see. An Indian family ran a freighter up it while we were there, but we could not be sure of route. There was a well used 75 yard portage on

right in a small bay at top, so we took portage to save time since looking it over would be rough. Takes out on a few boulders to grassy landing. Puts in on boulders, but walk on them is short.

From here on in at almost every narrows there is some current at least if not an actual swift or rapid. None need be walked, but need care in selecting route.

River splits after Lots of Islands  $87^{\circ} 31' 53'' 1'$  and north channel rejoins about six miles north of Webequie before first rapid. We took south channel of course.

There is a reasonable rapid at heel of boot peninsula.  $87^{\circ} 31' 52'' 59''$

Last rapid is Aay-H-cunning (Ice Chisel).  $87^{\circ} 27' 53'' 1'$  Run started left of swells, left side for two small V's both left of heavy water and then across right to run out in a C fashion on right shore. Done by looking from top after pausing, but could be a problem rapid.

From here on several swifts at narrows, but no more rapids.

Final marked rapid  $87^{\circ} 25' 53'' 2'$  does not exist, just good current between narrow sides of river.

HBC dock 1st on east side of Webequie island  $87^{\circ} 22' 52'' 59''$  We camped in front of warehouse. Water drawn from hose tap in front of manager's house.

#### Webequie Post --

Sawmill south of HBC establishment. Indian coffee house just north of sawmill with 'Craft Shop' just inland run by HBC clerk who has house on top of hill with garden and apparently buys and sells everything. School farther south and then some newer houses. On top of hill in middle of point two churches -- both Anglican -- south one newer than north one. Village on top of hill was once surrounded by a picket fence about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet high only parts now standing. One old gate left on west side. Newer houses also on west to south of old part of village. Another craft shop inland of previously mentioned one -- run as a coop apparently with higher prices -- don't pay what tag price says on clerk's goods -- drop at least 25%.

#### Webequie to Bear Head Lake --

Just before 1st large rapid  $87^{\circ} 20' 53'' 7'$  there is an island in river with shallow rapid on either side. We went on left in very shallow water and got through. Deeper water on right in all probability, but we had wind and poor visibility and could not see the best way through.

Cabin of some sort on right before rapid. We were too far away to see more. Andy says it could be a campsite if wanted.

Portage around large rapid on left on a clay-sand landing with a large cleared area behind. Well above any white water, but some current. Andy said there were benches, tables, etc. here, but all have disappeared. Would make a nice flat campsite with good tent area, but fishing from top would be difficult. Trail 300 yards to rocky-clay landing in bay to left of rapid or cascade. Trail has some windfalls that require a couple detours. Be careful not to follow a fishing trail. Possibly there is also a portage on right?

Just below an island.  $87^{\circ} 19' 53'' 8'$  We looked at rapid on left

side -- there is a ledge across at least part of it, but we did not scout and went to right side of island. A larger or worse ledge here. Maybe there is a way down left shore tight to island, but very difficult to scout and we lined the right shore instead of paddling back to look at left side of island more closely. Just after we got through two Indian freighters ran straight down middle. Quite possibly they had also run the top rapid which seems impossible, or they were hidden somewhere as we went down. They went on to fishing camp on Bear Head Lake.

Next rapid a mile below taken on left  $87^{\circ} 19' 53'' 8'$  -- Andy says no swells?

Just below an island with most of river going to right and tight to island  $87^{\circ} 19' 53'' 9'$  Andy ran left side of island -- dry when we went down. He advised running right shore -- it is too shallow. So we carried dry channel where Andy ran over rocks. 50 yards. Walking not bad for rocks. Unloading difficult in shallows. Loading in a deep bay.

Just below a large island. Left side is clear, but rapid on that side is at end of island and very steep and impossible. We went right and landed on right shore and walked rapid -- it's a long way. About half way down on right is a nice camping area -- but about impossible to reach. We ran left side of this channel on island side staying to left of swells. There is one rock just after 1st large swell on left. Wise to know where it is -- run is outside it and inside swells so left shore cannot be taken tight. After 1st swells are passed a little point off a small grassy island has to be left on left, and at foot of island another one. Then a sharp left to run to left shore of river with throw of river (channel from left side of island comes in here). Then around left shore watching rocks, and slightly out from left shore at foot. Last part after left channel comes in was run blind.

Current down to next rapid quite good.  $87^{\circ} 17' 53'' 10'$  Rapid a mile below at turn east was run following throw of river, which was difficult to follow because of strong wind blowing at us, basically follow right shore until river widens and then follow flow of river -- lots of shallows -- we stayed pretty much on right shore. Wind made reading difficult.

Small swift left of island  $3/4$  mile below.  $87^{\circ} 17' 53'' 11'$

Current and swifts in turn to west before Bear Head Lake.  $87^{\circ} 18' 53'' 12'$

At next narrows with point on left some current. We camped here  $87^{\circ} 19' 53'' 13'$  in a rain, wind storm. While not used as a campsite, Indian had been drawing wood off point. Worked in an emergency. We did not want to go ahead to Indian fishing camp a mile ahead -- weather was terrible and camp was occupied already.

Bear Head Lake to 2 Miles below Bear Head Rapids --

Fishing camp a mile ahead of last night's site has four or five substantial cabins -- on a sand beached point.  $87^{\circ} 19' 53'' 14'$  Rest of point quite clear and looks level. At least 3 and perhaps more men in the camp as we went by. Two freighter that had passed us yesterday were on beach.

First set of islands at head of rapids after lake.  $87^{\circ} 19' 53'' 15'$  Andy said to take left channel and then go right behind

islands. There was not enough water for us to do this, so we ended up in right or main channel and ran with no problem. We worked through second set of islands following current with no problem.

From there we worked to right shore.  $87^{\circ} 19' 53'' 16'$  Andy's islands, etc. were impossible to follow exactly, but somehow we got too far right. Following right shore as much as possible we ran successfully until we came to a three-channel section between an island and what seemed to be the right shore. Run near island looked too heavy and had rocks in foot. Middle run had too many stones, and run on right too shallow and full of stone. We carried on rock 50 yards and put in where a side channel went right into a calm bay. Since this would require another portage or poor lining job, we paddled 10 yards across it and lifted over rock point 10 yards and kept going to run into an island. Here we went right into bay we would otherwise have reached -- which was a mistake. We probably should have gone left -- still not on right shore and could have run down next to the island on left side and likely found Andy's portage. Instead we could not follow the rapid around the end of the island, had to go up in the deep bay, portage 150 yards on rock to a small side channel that came in below the rapid that blocked our way. Here we line two little pitches on right with a small period between in the canoe and then carried final drop 100 yards mostly on rock. Find out next time how Indian does it in a paddling canoe! Our method was terrible, and even so we were not on the right shore!

Less than a mile below current picks up running over shallows.  $87^{\circ} 18' 53'' 17'$  To begin we followed left shore, but had to go to center briefly when current dictated and then followed left shore at foot, mainly because low western sun made a glare on water and reading difficult.

We camped on left shore at end of bay on right just past a small stream entrance.  $87^{\circ} 18' 53'' 17'$  Old Indian winter site in spruce with poor tent sites on moss, but it was well past camping time.

2 Miles below Bear Head Rapids to Onegen Rapids --

Rapid just below campsite  $87^{\circ} 18' 53'' 18'$  Andy shot close to left shore which was too shallow for us. We ran right side with no problem.

Just below we came down to island as Andy did and went around island to right. He lifted over 1st small rock island ahead. We could not get to it nor shoot after it. We went to right shore and portaged right shore on rocks, but fairly easy. 50 yards to foot of drop on that side and then ran out shallows.

Andy's rock campsite a mile ahead on left  $87^{\circ} 18' 53'' 19'$  looked good from water, but we did not pass close enough. At island 1 mile ahead  $87^{\circ} 17' 53'' 20'$  We ran right side of island while Andy ran left. Run came in two parts, neither difficult, though we scouted both. Andy's left side looked rougher when we finished.

From here for next four miles follow throw of river through rocks and shallows, not difficult, but you have to be careful. Andy has a rapid marked at 560 --  $87^{\circ} 17' 53'' 24'$  which we ran

easily, but as it enters lake area, ahead was a much larger one. We pulled up at a high rock on right and looked and ran right center between two swells -- looking was wise. We did not investigate Andy's suggested campsite  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles ahead on left.  $87^{\circ} 17' 53^{\circ} 26'$

Fishing lodge on north end of island before river narrows  $87^{\circ} 17' 53^{\circ} 28'$  at least a half dozen cabins. We went right of island to get there because left side looked blocked.

Andy had a rapid marked just before wide area before Wye Rapids  $87^{\circ} 15' 53^{\circ} 29'$  which was just fast current as it had been from fishing camp on down.

We had lunch on a rock point on right just into wide area which had been used as a campsite -- tent sites would be on grass and crowded, but good. Dry wood would be a problem, however.

At islands before Wye Rapids  $87^{\circ} 15' 53^{\circ} 30'$  we took channel between 1st island on left and 2nd. Channel to left of 1st island looked shallow, and after we did our break through we saw channel between 2nd and 3rd come in over bare rock.

As Andy advised we then followed current to right, stopping once below the shoe-like island to scout, but no problem with direction or rapids.

In wide calm below  $87^{\circ} 14' 53^{\circ} 31'$  we had no problem picking up side channel on right -- main channel would go either side of a small island -- Main channel is supposed to require a portage.

Even in our low water we ran everything except one rapid about 100 yards long just before island which was let down on left. Stopping before it was a very quick job since we had been running everything the rest of the way. At island we followed left side -- scouting first. Just below island another one that went around a bend to the left needed scouting also and had a very narrow run. Entrance into main river was shallow, but passable.

Andy followed main river and says rapids are run for a while on right and then an ill-used 300 portage is needed on right.

Andy's rapid by the 2nd I in Winisk was quite easy.  $87^{\circ} 13' 53^{\circ} 33'$  (at 500 ft elevation contour line)

Next one  $1/2$  mile below had ledges from right shore -- which is smooth rock. We ran left. Scouting difficult because of a grassy island in way of view -- best view comes from right side, but getting to run is difficult.

Less than a mile below  $87^{\circ} 12' 53^{\circ} 34'$  is another set of ledges starting on left shore -- probably easily cleared on left in high water. We ran right staying closer to right at foot than we should and getting into very shallow water.

Ongen Rapids  $87^{\circ} 12' 53^{\circ} 35'$  quite soon below -- Andy identifies by a high rock bluff that is on right shore. Portage is on left in a small bay just before rapid starts to veer slightly right and has to be approached through 30 yards or so of swifts. There is a preliminary bay on left that looks as though it should have the landing and does not.

We camped at the top of the portage with kitchen just into trees from water. Tents strung out along trail and sites poor at best. Main problem is a very wet area for about the first 25 yards of trail. Trout in top of rapid at least.

### Onegen Rapids to Tashka Rapids --

Portage trail at Onegen is an excellent walker except for first twenty yards after our kitchen area and just before end. At beginning just after wet area there is a fork to right which leads to water in middle of rapid -- fishermen? Puts in on a rocky loading area with clay-sand beach to left. 350 yards. Trail continues around bay and next bend, again fishermen?

Trees too close together in spots to carry a canoe, but makes a good way to scout next pitch which is part of run off? From landing we went through shallow stretch, just left of a tall rock out of water and headed for sand-clay cliff on far side, staying just left of a rock throwing water and the major part of the run off just left of center. In high water left side can probably be run easily. In out water there were many stones just under surface -- impossible to see from above, but on trail was easy. We then caught a bay on left just before start of drop in next rapid.

In bay at start of rock point there is a short portage trail around first drop.  $87^{\circ} 13' 53'' 36'$  75 yards -- needs to be widened for canoes. Andy lifted over this one probably on rock.

Paddle a short bay and lift over middle section on rock point -- 50 yards.

Another short bay and Andy lifted over again. We let down small channel just inside a grassy island -- walking poor on both shore and island. Then very slowly through shallows at foot angling toward main current. Lots of stone once main current is reached.

At bend to right  $87^{\circ} 12' 53'' 36'$  there is a heavy rapid on left; we followed right shore around bay which then curves left and then toward middle of river to avoid shallows.

Just after river straightens there are ledges all the way across river. We looked at right and did not like what we saw, but apparently group ahead of us got through. We paddled back up and crossed and let down first ledge in a team-work fashion -- getting over actual ledge was difficult. Then paddled a small bay and lifted over rock at 2nd ledge -- 5-10 yards.

Tashka Rapids ahead approached on right side.  $87^{\circ} 10' 53'' 37'$  Large fishing camp with cabins, etc, on rock point at top of first part of rapid. Old portage trail, which we followed, to right of camp about in north center of bay. 400 yards. Trail quite wet most of the way. Landing on soft mud. Fairly steep drop to water at foot. Loading on rock-sand-clay.

We camped at end of portage because we got caught by weather. Kitchen at top of trail. Tents back along trail -- very poor.

New trail probably starts at camp dock, goes through camp and is much better walking and better used. Andy's site on point below fishing camp to left of this trail would be OK, except there are really only two tent sites, but better than where we ended. Trail probably ends on rock at start of bay at end of rapids on right. Old trail puts in about 75 yards farther down around bay. Trout just above end of this trail.

### Tashka Rapids to North of Gneiss Rapids --

Run off from Tashka was started on right down to rock ledge on right which was lifted over about 5 yards -- lining was a possibility, but looked dangerous to canoes. Going out in

center looked like it was full of stone, but Minnesota group must have done it.

Small bay then paddled to next rock ledge, portaged about 30 yards to bay at foot and rest of run off taken out.

Next rapid just below at narrows  $87^{\circ} 10' 53'' 37'$  we started down right shore, but soon worked toward center with throw of river -- no problem.

Small swift in narrows approaching Baskineig Falls.  $87^{\circ} 8' 53'' 28'$

Baskineig Falls comes in two sections -- top is more of a falls particularly on left side. Portage for first part takes out on right just before start of falls -- we unloaded on a clay beach. You are probably supposed to go forward another 10 yards to rock ledge, but too shallow in our water. Trail parallels shore for a bit and then cuts across point just inside trees. Puts in on rock area below. 50 yards -- well used.

We then crossed and took longer portage on left. There is supposed to be another 50 yarder for second part on right with poor walking. From below it looked as though a swift would have to be run first to landing. Easy crossing in bay except maybe in very high water. Trail starts at a blaze on a poplar about 50-75 yards before any action except current on a rocky landing. Trail goes up a small hill, is an excellent walker except for one bit of wet toward end. 300 yards. Puts in off of large bald rock area, Campsite at foot is the best we have seen on the river. Old tables and relatively flat tent sites. For once no real run off.

River below has high sand-clay cliffs in parts.

2 miles below a heavy rapid that goes over two ledges is portaged on right 150 yards starting on a rock point and going into bush just at highest point.  $87^{\circ} 5' 53'' 41'$  Good lunch site, but no camping. 150 yards, pretty good trail. Puts in off smaller rock area.

Swift Andy mentions before Seashell was not much  $87^{\circ} 3' 53'' 42'$  Seashell probably named for three limestone colored islands at head. You are supposed to carry middle of the three islands to get past major drop that goes around to left. We could not get out of shallows at foot without wading canoes and so went to right shore and cut a portage to a beach in a bay on right. 100 yards -- not bad walker for a first time carry.

From bay we just made it down very shallow water on right for another 50-75 yards -- could have been lined if too shallow.

2nd part of Seashell comes a 1/2 mile or more below with plenty of room to cross.  $87^{\circ} 2' 53'' 42'$  We ran left side -- right looked to have two problem ledges or areas. We ran down for a bit along left shore until going got difficult and stopped and scouted continuing run down left for a while and then going out around a stone 25-30 yards off shore and staying out to pass just inside a large stone near foot and then stay outside of final point on left. A fairly long run -- scouting was worth it.

We did not see Andy's campsite on right about 2 miles below  $86^{\circ} 0' 53'' 43'$  but area after Seashell has high cliffs on one or both sides until getting close to Bend Rapids.

Bend Rapids  $87^{\circ} 58' 53'' 46'$  is not much, but we stayed left

through most of it. Andy says just current, but there were some rocks and ledges on right through a good part of it. But really not worth putting on maps.

Left side of large island 2 miles below  $86^{\circ} 59' 53'' 47'$  had plenty of water.

Andy marked a swift about a mile past north end of island. Probably mis-marked and should have been just past north end of island. Just high rock in center of river with a swift to left we did not look at and only current with a few stones to miss on right.

At start of Gneiss  $87^{\circ} 2' 53'' 49'$  we ran right around a bay to just below ledge off left shore and crossed behind ledge. Campsite just below ledge on left was taken by Minnesota group so we ran down left shore with no problem -- fast current and some rocks to avoid, but easy.

We camped in desperation on left shore about 2 miles below Gneiss  $87^{\circ} 2' 53'' 51'$  on left -- still with a good current. Banks relatively high and no place to land that was not in pebble-clay. We probably could not find site again and would not want to. But there is a man made trail running all along the left shore -- we hit it every time we stopped. Probably a winter trail, but looks walked also.

#### North of Gneiss Rapid to North of Asheweig River --

Current and rocks still after campsite for next couple miles, then current levels out for rest of day with occasional rocks and shallows.

We did not notice Andy's campsites at Tabasokwia Channel entrance  $87^{\circ} 6' 53'' 54'$

Sod wigwam he mentions a mile north  $87^{\circ} 6' 53'' 56'$  probably went in burn which must be less than eight years old. We found a double platform storage rack with nothing on it north of where Andy marked his sod wigwam.

We did not look for his campsite on south shore of Winiskisis Channel entrance  $87^{\circ} 5' 54'' 3'$  but area looks possible.

We had trouble finding a lunch site without a clay landing which also was protected from wind after Winiskisis Channel. Finally found one on point about 1/2 mile short of large island before back channel  $87^{\circ} 8' 54'' 8'$  On right. Turned out to be a relatively large Indian site on land in spruce above bank. Possible campsite.

We tried Andy's back channel to Asheweig River (there are supposed to be trout at least farther up Asheweig River), to stay out of heavy north wind as he had done -- he had 3 feet of water -- we could not clear bars at entrance and so stayed to river following small water left of islands and the small water right of next set.

Just before river comes together again  $87^{\circ} 9' 54'' 17'$  small channel to right for last piece was fine with a small rapid at foot.

We found an excellent campsite in spruce on 1st large island after turn to north -- on west side about 100-200 yards from south tip of island.  $87^{\circ} 8' 54'' 21'$  Table -- well used fireplace in circular fashion. Good tent sites. Landing on stone-clay beach, but will support walking. The best campsite we have had since before Webequie.

North of Asheweig River to Atik Island --

An unusually long day in terms of milage, but we had practically no wind and reasonable current -- roughly 12 hours including lunch stop. Probably about 5-6 miles an hour, at times more. Resources shack is farther north than Andy marked it.  $87^{\circ} 12' 54'' 29'$  Would not be useful for much in all likelihood.

Campsite on south end of island opposite Banipacau Creek is excellent as Andy reported  $87^{\circ} 17' 54'' 41'$  we used it for lunch. Tent sites maybe a little rough, but adequate.

There is an Indian tepee and possible campsite maybe 2 miles north -- location vague -- on right shore.

There are supposed to be trout in creeks entering in this area. Andy had campsite marked west of creek entrance  $86^{\circ} 58' 54'' 44'$  Looks like spruce there is very thick. Perhaps in a much less dense stand of spruce just east of the creek? We did not check.

Natural Resources map we looked at from others on river had an Indian site on island 3 miles west of Atik.  $86^{\circ} 40' 54'' 47'$  Lots of Indians have camped here, but tent sites are in scraggly bush and all terrible and no good area for kitchen and tent sites anywhere together.

Excelent campsite on southeast side of small island just before Atik.  $86^{\circ} 36' 54'' 43'$  Good tent sites and well protected. Andy marked a campsite just east on Atik Island itself -- looks like just an open area grown up in weeds and flowers -- one on small island he said was small, but we had plenty of room.

Atik Island to Maminiska River --

Another long day helped by a tail wind and current -- about 9 1/2 hours including lunch stop without pushing -- about 40 miles.

We did not see campsites Andy marked at east tip of Atik Island --  $86^{\circ} 27' 54'' 43'$ . Small island at  $86^{\circ} 21' 54'' 43'$ . East of creek at  $86^{\circ} 11' 54'' 42'$  or later at island  $85^{\circ} 46' 54'' 47'$ , but one at 262 elevation mark looked inviting from water. The one he had at  $86^{\circ} 1' 54'' 44'$  was marked on wrong island -- should be on last island completely on this map section. Nothing where currently marked. Site on last island just into spruce and would be good.

After tip of Atik Island and for rest of day current was usually good, but often flowing over very shallow rock areas. Some raised gravel bars and rocks to avoid -- nothing serious in our water but necessary to stay alert. Current is fast enough so last minute decisions are difficult to execute.

We camped on north shore opposite entrance of Maminiska River.  $85^{\circ} 37' 54'' 48'$  Excellent, but on a more gradual bank than the others and more open to the water. Site easily seen from river unlike others. Indian has been all along this shore cutting wook, etc., and other stops could be camped on.

Maminiska River to Below Limestone Rapids --

Just after river turns north  $85^{\circ} 33' 54'' 50'$  just past islands rapid area starts and runs over rock bottom with some reasonably heavy swells. We ran blind which worked, but was not really safe. No problem, but current very heavy and no way to get to shore.

Heavy water stops just before island next to left shore  $85^{\circ} 31' 54'' 50'$  so we caught top of island. We misinterpreted Andy's instructions and walked outside of island, which could be run next to island, but channel inside island was calm and easy and much better -- which we took.

We stopped on left shore just below island as we should have  $85^{\circ} 31' 54'' 51'$  and walked down to scout heavy water between top of large island and left shore -- Andy said maybe run to outside -- no chance in low water. We ran down left shore and portaged heavy water as he did on plateau on left -- even using someone's landing and wood for lunch. 200 yards, easy walking on flat plateau. Not so good when broken areas have to be crossed. At this point we were just into limestone area which continues for another six miles. We had impression that running right side might be more gradual and possible. After loading, run down beside island was done near left shore.

Andy said cross and run next to cliffs on right, if there was water -- there wasn't.  $85^{\circ} 30' 54'' 53'$  He suggested running left of gravel bar which we did, though getting to gravel bar was difficult through shallows -- we just did it. Then run beside gravel bar was very shallow at foot of bar. From there throw of river crossed us to left side.

Andy ran rapid below which is at top of next island  $85^{\circ} 30' 54'' 54'$  on left side of right channel, which looked possible, but we ran left shore around behind island easily and had no trouble -- fast water over a rock bottom, but plenty of water. Looked like there might be a campsite in spruce at north end of island, but we started to catch it too late.

In island area below  $85^{\circ} 29' 54'' 56'$  channel was right of large island and left of smaller two. We started to go left at north end of large island, but right proved much better. River now running with fast current over shallows with gravel bars at intervals that have to be looked at.

We followed right shore to campsite just after river turns northeast  $85^{\circ} 28' 54'' 58'$  Landing is just below entrance of small side channel. Campsite in very small stand of spruce used by Indian. Tent sites poor, but it worked and ahead it did not look as though any similar area existed.

Below Limestone Rapids to Winisk Post --

At first island on Winisk map  $85^{\circ} 25' 55'' 0'$  we went right of island into what seemed a more gradual drop than left side. Gravel bars and shoals to avoid for next five miles following center channel.

Five miles onto Winisk map we had to elect left channel or center and wisely chose left  $85^{\circ} 23' 55'' 5'$  We then followed left shore all the way to Post except for island in bay just after marked rapid.

About 1/2 mile before Andy's rapid  $85^{\circ} 20' 55'' 8'$  there was a one tent Indian site on left in poplar off a gravel beach. Would not be much for a section.

We followed left shore through Andy's rapid which was mainly current over shallow rock.

We did not see his campsite between this rapid and the marked one.  $85^{\circ} 19' 55'' 9'$

Andy's rapid runs right into marked rapid.  $85^{\circ} 19' 55'' 10'$

He says water at top is deepest right of center and then throws across a gravel bar to left bank -- we traveled left side all the way avoiding the gravel bar completely. Our channel is quite close to shore and very good. A few rock to avoid, but no problem.

We made the mistake of stopping for lunch and wood just before Mishamattawa River comes in. Indian had a winter camp here and has skinned all the dry wood off. Much better to wait until after creek and an old burned area is reached where wood would have been easy to take. There is another winter camp slightly past the burn, but no one would likely want to use it this close to Post.

We went behind island just before post meeting shallows all the way.  $85^{\circ} 15'$   $55^{\circ} 14'$  Then followed left shore around point and into post. Got quite shallow in spots and best water was directly on left shore as post was approached. There is likely a deeper approach farther out, but we made it through.

Band Store is in old HBC buildings toward north end of settlement. Other large looking establishment at south end is Catholic Church and mission house.

Small dock at Band Store. We camped on lawn just south of store with poor alder poles drawn from area just south of store. Very open, but otherwise good. Water drawn from river, tide does not come in this far, best off post dock.

#### Winisk Post to Airstrip --

Not much at post except as already noted.

To airstrip -- watch Indian as to which islands have the channel -- from left between 2nd and 3rd islands. Or get store manager to point way. Follow right shore after islands. On left there is a poplar covered island Andy says might be a good campsite.  $85^{\circ} 11'$   $55^{\circ} 16'$  Would be hard to get back to Winisk Post; current is quite strong.

After passing through islands, take 3rd channel to right  $85^{\circ} 9'$   $55^{\circ} 16'$  -- not quite as far as map would have you go. Ahead there are two docks and a pump house after turning right into channel. Stop before entering channel for pictures of bay.

Order truck to take you to airfield. Can be done by phone from Winisk Post. Charged us \$12.

We camped just behind control tower in a very poor area. Water from tap in hanger which also has living quarters for transients and washroom, etc., if they will let you use it. Camping area is very poor with tent sites on rough clay or gravel.

#### Airfield to KKK --

We had a split charter DC-3 with Band Store arranged during winter. Plane came in previous night and was ready to load first thing in morning. Canoes carried fairly easily, but crowded. Would be easier if crew will let you space baggage so it is inside overturned canoes instead of loading baggage first and putting canoes on top of it.

Plane refueled at Moosonee. If stopping there, truck is needed to rail station. We went on to Timmins and were met by Marshal with canoe trailer, sending canoes to Boat Line. Otherwise truck to rail station. We trucked baggage and

personnel to station in truck owned by James Bay Outfitters that happened to be at airport for \$10.

Train leaves 7:45 pm. There is also the possibility of a bus to Temagami that left about 5:30, but would not work with canoes.

Baggage has to be transferred to different car at Porquis Junction. Passenger car goes through.

If on time, train arrives Temagami shortly after midnight. 3 cars left at station for trip to Boat Line.