

1977 SECTION E BELLINGER LAKE

Should be used in conjunction with notes from 1964 and particularly 1966 Rupert River Trips of Section A. Also 1967, 1968, 1970, and 1975 Section A trips.

Maps: 1:250,000 Series -- Mistassini River North, Lake Badeau, Lac Mesgouez
1:50,000 Series -- Maps for the entire area are now available and advised if any exploring is contemplated

Mistassini Post to Abatagush Bay Narrows --

Used campsite $73^{\circ} 48' 50'' 36'$ just before narrows on right -- good enough and not too dirty yet -- lots of windfalls around the site, but tent sites fairly clear. On way out we used same site again, but there was an Indian camp set on island just to the west on this one that was dirty when last used -- may be clean now. Indian had another camp on an island that does not show on map just south of our camp. We paddled by in morning because it had been vacated; looks quite possible if enough tent sites.

Abatagush to Entrance to Rupert Islands --

Going up on east side of islands campsite at $73^{\circ} 46' 50'' 46'$ was quite good; is about half way up islands, in a bay just north of a narrow point, about a mile before small island shown on map. We camped on it coming in. Swimming good and site would have been except that Indian had used it recently and it needed cleaning.

On west side of narrows before entering lake $73^{\circ} 43' 50'' 50'$ there's a two tent Indian site on north side of narrows; would be hard to enlarge, but it's a good sheltered dinner site.

Campsite on south point after crossing back to normal -- has been used recently, but is clean and useable $73^{\circ} 49' 50'' 52'$ On way out we used it for lunch and park signs had been put up again declaring this the limit for camping and fishing.

Rupert Islands to Indian Site below Picnic Table --

Park camp can be seen as river is entered from bay after portage. $73^{\circ} 48' 51'' 2'$

1/2 mile after picnic table Indian site on left shore in a semi-circular bay is a well used winter site. $73^{\circ} 52' 51'' 7'$ Very clean. Loads of tent sites and quite useable

Woollett to Bellinger --

To reach falls below Woollett route is same as before. To break through islands just before falls $73^{\circ} 56' 51'' 24'$ passage west of last island is best; other passages too small, steep, or rocky.

Rapids below falls basically as reported with a couple that had to be looked at.

Last two $74^{\circ} 2' 51'' 23'$ -- First run to right of island. 2nd has a ledge on left; run is on right, to right of large rocks and not immediately next to shore.

CAWACHAGAMITE - WOOLLETT CIRCUIT

See log for map of circuit.

Bellinger to Rapids 2 miles west of Falls --

The north channel leaving Bellinger $74^{\circ} 9' 51'' 21'$ is impractical. A little swift and then an unmarked rapid at a small island. The left is rock choked and the right could be run, but swells in middle are too high and the runs on either side are narrow.

Portage around falls $74^{\circ} 10' 51'' 22'$. Foot of portage is a good lunch site, but tent sites would be very poor.

We camped at next rapids about 100 yards south of north exit $74^{\circ} 14' 51'' 23'$ on a reindeer moss area in a sparse stand of spruce - jackpine. Nothing to advertise it, and the landing is terrible, but it worked in heavy wind.

Rapid to Foot of Portage on East Branch of Rapid headed North --

Triple rapid just below campsite is south branch $74^{\circ} 14' 51'' 23'$. Top is horseraces that arc to right, then second part turns sharp left -- straight ahead goes between islands. Sharp turn should be made for easy run, to carry to outside of turn runs you into swells. Third part at end starts with a horserace to an eddy on left, look over from high rock on left, and run is in center and then right with island coming up. See next circuit for treatment coming upstream.

Rapid one mile ahead does not show on 1:50,000 maps $74^{\circ} 16' 51'' 24'$. Very heavy, but run is pretty easy on left side; look over though.

Rest of rapids very hard to analyze in very heavy west wind.

We went down east channel at set that goes north; north channel of that side. $74^{\circ} 17' 51'' 26'$ Opening very small, but no problem paddling. (South channel very shallow; see next circuit.) Part way down there is a small rapid shown on 1:50,000 but not 1:250,000 that has a chute at top we did not want to run and so cut a 50 yard portage on left of rapid. Indian may have a longer one that starts earlier.

Portage around last rapids $74^{\circ} 17' 51'' 27'$ starts on right shore opposite point on opposite side that starts narrows into rapids, rather than bay at start of rapids. 700 yards -- goes up a slight rise at start and a slightly steeper drop to water. Trail fairly bushy and ill used. Indian tentsites at end are about 75 yards up from water. We put kitchen 15 yards from water and one tent to left of trail (could be 2). Only pike from both upper and lower rapid.

Northern Rapids to 3rd Portage to Cawachagamite --

Indian site on left just before large island $74^{\circ} 15' 51'' 29'$ pretty fair size. Most likely used by Indians coming past rapids just north and east of here -- which unfortunately we did not investigate.

Small ancient Indian site on small island just as turn is made to stream $74^{\circ} 13' 51'' 32'$ Island and site too small for a section.

All narrows can be paddled to rapids indicated on 1:50,000 map. $74^{\circ} 14' 51^{\circ} 32'$ We cut portage starting just on north side of sand-clay island over part of an ancient trail, but most of walking was on game trails. 600 yards, not too bad, but not good, puts in to west of creek at a jackpine grove.

Next pond paddled to rapids at north end $74^{\circ} 14' 51^{\circ} 33'$ We cut a portage on east side of creek. Walking terrible and has to go up and down hill -- one particularly dangerous downgrade about 150 yards from end. No one will want to use it! About a mile. High hills on both sides of creek.

Next thin pond paddled to creek. $74^{\circ} 14' 51^{\circ} 34'$ Portaged on left of knoll. Walking through scraggly bush. We camped on top of knoll. OK for a night.

3rd Portage to Portage at east end of Cawachagamite --

At northwest corner of next lake $74^{\circ} 13' 51^{\circ} 36'$ we portaged 300 yards starting right of little creek, but not to corner of bay to small pond at head of stream. Fair to poor walking.

From pond we paddled into next lake -- water very clear.

At north end of lake $74^{\circ} 14' 51^{\circ} 37'$ we carried 75 yards to next lake. This trail looked to be a well used Indian trail, but was probably an old trail now well traveled by beaver.

At head of this next water we followed an old Indian trail that needed a lot of work to clear new growth in middle of trail. $74^{\circ} 13' 51^{\circ} 38'$ Fair walking. 400 yards.

At north end of next pond $74^{\circ} 14' 51^{\circ} 38'$ we made our own trail up over a small hill staying well right of the stream -- starts 25 yards to right of stream and ends well to right of stream; last drop to water very steep. 300 yards.

Just across behind islands a small creek which can just be navigated by hopping out on rocks and passing canoe through leads to a thin pond.

At end of pond $74^{\circ} 14' 51^{\circ} 38'$ we followed an ancient trail 200 yards to Clearwater; starts 75 yards on right before first falls in creek.

We found no campsites all the way on right shore to portage out of Clearwater. At south end there is a sand beach facing north on hooked point. $74^{\circ} 12' 51^{\circ} 40'$ There is a rock bar all the way across the lake from this point. Before that on left very shortly after portage in there is a sand beach on left. Above hooked point on left there are some esker possibilities.

We camped at lower end of portage at east end of lake. $74^{\circ} 4' 51^{\circ} 42'$ Tents close together and right on water -- very exposed. Campsite at top is better. Swimming very shallow in front.

Clearwater to Sand Beach -- no change from 1975

Sand Beach to Lake 59 --

No real change. Water pretty shallow coming out of 2nd portage. No beaver dam again this year.

Lake 59 to Head of Portage to Woollett --

Rapid above Lake 59 $73^{\circ} 55' 51'' 34'$ has a well used, well cleared portage trail on right, coming up. Takes out just below rapid in a side indentation and goes to one at top. Lining up would be easy at start, but at top the turn to right is very shallow and would be terrible. Lining left side would be hard.

Otherwise route is same as '75. Last portage on little creek $73^{\circ} 52' 51'' 30'$ is hard to find from water -- just past cleared area and just before a sort of swampy area. Nothing to mark landing.

Start of Woollett Portage to Falls our of Woollett --

North end has esker areas after lake widens after portage $73^{\circ} 48' 51'' 29'$ Islands at top did not look good -- ones on west shore lower down looked better, but mostly spruce. Where 1:50,000 map shows rocks about $73^{\circ} 47' 51'' 26'$ -- probably gets too dangerous for aircraft. Several sand beaches on west shore above north channel rapids out. We followed west shore. One large fresh Indian site $73^{\circ} 46' 51'' 27'$. There were a couple ancient unuseable ones to the north of this just after turn to south was made.

Campsite at Falls $73^{\circ} 55' 51'' 24'$ can just take six tents. A swimming hole out in front of loading area works. Only very small trout found in rapids near small falls on near side.

Falls to Bellinger --

Supplements rapid information on Page 1. First rapid below falls run on right -- just fast water. River bends right and a large curl of white shows in center. We stopped to look both times, but there is loads of room on right. River swings left after run out. Cross to left shore and fairly far ahead white water shows in center. We stopped again. Run is on left outside of some rocks and then around bay that swings right and during course angle right to avoid shallows. That is end of long stretch.

Two small ones where river does almost a U from heading east to west $74^{\circ} 1' 51'' 22'$. See page 1 for last two. Both have rough eddies at foot.

SOUTH BRANCH back TO NORTH BRANCH at MOUNTAIN PENINSULA

Bellinger to South Branch --

South end of Bellinger might be useful as a base. There's an island about 1 mile south of pase passed on left that looks good except for climb up to level ground. At south end particularly on right land looks reasonable and shows some flat rock.

Indian does not travel up river leaving Bellinger. At island at start of river it is possible to line rapid to right of island on right shore. About 1/2 mile ahead river curves and comes down in 3 or 4 small cascades. Portages could be cut on either side -- about 200 yards either way; left would be more on rock but have more of a climb. $74^{\circ} 8' 51'' 17'$

Indian portage out of Bellinger leaves on left tip of bay below river $74^{\circ} 8' 51'' 17'$ Relatively open area at start with good campsite potential. Trail is well used about 1 mile. Starts up a couple gentle hills to get to high land. Several marshy areas to go through, however, on trail. Puts in in a small hidden bay at end -- behind large island. Loading area slightly damp and water shallow. 2-tent Indian site to right of trail about 50 yards from end. Other tents could be pitched on reindeer moss area around trail.

We camped on left shore of large island just after making turn to west $74^{\circ} 9' 51'' 16'$ -- coming out on south side of large island. We busted through to lake-like area, but could see no good sites though area is pretty much esker and jackpine. Campsite very poor with tentsites up on rise and poor kitchen and poor landing.

After Bellinger Portage to Indian Site between 20' and 10' Chutes --
Coming down to river from Bellinger, probably better to take inside, west channel $74^{\circ} 10' 51'' 15'$ rather than busting out into main water like we did. Rapids are probably easier to run and scenery is better.

By our route to east into wider water an unmarked rapid starts set $74^{\circ} 10' 51'' 15'$ South side of island, run in '64 is rough, north side run in '66 much better. Rest of run and so on like '64 - '66 report says -- not really that rough. At '64 - '66 campsite $74^{\circ} 12' 51'' 14'$ on right the little snee had to be portaged this time -- 25 yards on flat rock.

Last rapid before 20' chute $74^{\circ} 12' 51'' 14'$ run left of island, has good power, and falls are right below.

Indian site mentioned in '64 - '66 report is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles below 20' chute on left on north point where a bay goes off to left $74^{\circ} 12' 51'' 13'$. Quite spacious; good tent sites. Fair swimming off beach on west side. Indian grave just north of site, looks quite old, but has usual fence, etc.

Between Chutes to Lake area after Marten Turn --

Rapid after campsite $74^{\circ} 12' 51'' 13'$ run on right, just outside rocks and inside swells on left -- not much room. Indian campsite on north shore at sand beach after rapid and small islands.

10' chute as usual.

5' drop -- 1st drop -- $74^{\circ} 15' 51'' 12'$ portaged or lifted over 20 yards at narrows well before chute. Indian trail.

Next chute probably has a portage in small bay well before point, but we did not look. Lifted over and ran as usual.

Heavy rapid above Marten Turn $74^{\circ} 18' 51'' 12'$ too heavy to run. Portaged on right on good trail now -- needs a windfall cleared about 1/2 way over. 150 yards. Puts in below major swells in a strong eddy. Trail continues but is faint and ancient.

Rest of rapid run going out a little and then to right to bay just before rapid from left enters. The rapid just below run more or less starting in center and run out to

right. Looked over first.
Small swift before turn as usual. $74^{\circ} 19' 51'' 12'$
Campsite just beyond on right now has three wooden tent
frames of non-Indian variety (probably Park camp) on it.
Still useable -- had Wabun '75 initials on it.
Take north route around islands. One swift at narrows with
high land to left $74^{\circ} 22' 51'' 13'$ Small swifts between
island at top and large southern island and another
into main river.
We checked south bay for a portage past all the rapids and
found nothing.
Camped on east side of bay opposite $74' 24' 51'' 13'$ point of
west bay in a heavy stand of spruce and jackpine.
Actually not bad for a night, but a little side-hill.

West End of Marten Turn to end of Miskittenau Map --

We cut a portage across island at rapid at head of series.
 $74^{\circ} 24' 51'' 13'$. Probably could have been run on left,
but risks were too great. Trail starts just before
large gray rocks out of water and goes across island to
put into bay below small shallow rapids on left of
island. 50 yards, not perfect, but not hard either.
Fast water along left shore, not rapids, to next pitch.
Landing and loading are both in shallows and room for
only one canoe at a time -- one or two can wait however.
Portage needs some windfall clearing, but has now been
pretty well used.
Just below point on left looks to be a reasonable campsite.
Smooth rock kitchen and jackpine behind.
Water leading north toward Bellinger looks reasonable at
least at start with rock shores in many places and thin
forest.
'66 notes are wrong -- next rapid comes where map shows
and is portaged 75 yards on left. Landing on a smooth
rock, best one at a time broadside very close to top
of pitch.
Next rapid -- called 3' rapid $74^{\circ} 28' 51'' 14'$ has been run
on left before, just right of rocks on left shore, but
there was no room this time between rocks and swells --
especially for these people. We tried the narrow stream
to north that goes around an island, but it was too
shallow. Too shallow and steep to let down left side.
Tried bay to north before rapid which has a sand beach
at north end. An Indian had been there once, but no
portage. Walking on left side was terrible so we cut a
50 yard portage across point on right side of rapid --
walking not too good, but serviceable.
Some current to next rapid with rock island in way. $74^{\circ} 29'$
 $51'' 13'$ '64 and '66 route would have been impossible
even if we wanted to use it. We recut a very ancient
trail on right that takes out on right in shallows
just before east end of rock island -- difficult to get
into. 100 yards to bay to right of rapid. (Old 45
gallon drum was sitting at loading area.) We looked to
see if there was a portage on left side and could find
nothing.
We camped on left side of rapid at northwest corner of land

west of rapid in a jackpine area. Not perfect, but not bad either. Swimming reasonable to west side. Kitchen inland about 25 yards from water sort of in middle of tent area.

End of Miskittenau Map to Skivy Island --

Little swift just below run on right, pretty much down main channel, to left side of V.

Next rapid after '64 site $74^{\circ} 31' 51'' 15'$ we ran right side of island staying right all the way down -- good power, but no problems.

There is some sort of site on north or west side of 2nd bay, but we did not go close enough to see. It is in a burned area.

James Bay survey site, called Skivy Island in 1964, with two cabins on northeast end of long thin island about $2/3$ of way up lake-like area. $74^{\circ} 35' 51'' 20'$ One sleeping cabin with 8 bunks and one cooking-sleeping cabin with sink, water pump that we could not get to work, and propane stove with 8 burners and enough propane left to cook. Outdoor fireplace in front of cook cabin. We got stuck for lunch in thunder shower, driven back by wind, and stayed the night -- and next day. Tent sites not much. Sand beach on north side with helicopter pad of logs. Cabins apparently built July - August 1976.

Skivy Island to East of Mountain Peninsula --

Channel wher river leaves headed west to Bardeliere has a rapid in channel, $74^{\circ} 36' 51'' 22'$ not too steep to run, probably run on left.

Headed for north branch about $1/2$ mile ahead is an island with unrunnable rapid on both sides $74^{\circ} 35' 51'' 22'$ right is terrible and left is much too steep and rocky at foot. Trail is on left, starting maybe 50 yards before any fast water; is used, but not that well traveled -- recent cuts in windfalls. 150 yards. Unloading area has room for only a couple canoes -- no problem from rapid. Loading area on boulder area and room for only one-two canoes to load.

Just below a canyon-like narrows with fast moving water. Top just to right of center, just right of swells in middle and just right of center at foot. Easy to look over from high rock on left before run. Nice run going down. Nothing but current the rest of the way to north branch. Country attractive, a lot of sand beaches, but we saw no Indian.

Narrows south of Mountain Peninsula followed to east end $74^{\circ} 29' 51'' 28'$ (don't turn south into thin bay). Portage 30 yards across neck of land on old Indian trail now ill used, but quite serviceable.

Paddle to northeast end of pond. Portage 150 yards to bay before Mt. Peninsula. Trail is right of a dry creek bed and hard to find at start, but after 30 yards is a good walker. Puts in in southwest corner of bay below rapids.

Rapid coming into bay and right hand point have to be rounded. Paddle can be made up right shore almost to

point. From there rapid could be lined, but it's shallow and shore is very bushy. We cut a 50 yard portage across point to avoid lining. Trail not great, but infinitely faster than lining six canoes. Rest paddled on right shore.

A little to paddle above. We camped on left on large island just into narrow section $74^{\circ} 26' 51^{\circ} 28'$ in a jackpine grove. Water shallow in front and kitchen and tents inland about 20 yards through scraggly bush. Useable, but nothing great.

East of Mountain Peninsula to West of Large Rapid --

Nothing serious until after 1st bay to south, then swifts pretty much $74^{\circ} 22' 51^{\circ} 28'$ all the way up which we either paddled or did short lines on. We lined right side of 1st rapid and after that pretty much left side. Through islands close to top $74^{\circ} 21' 51^{\circ} 28'$ we stayed left inside islands when possible.

There's an excellent Indian site or sites on a flat stand of jackpine just before island complex. Best sites are probably farther west ones. On left coming up.

At last island heading north where ledge is on east side, we lined west side of island easily -- paddling some in eddies on way up.

At top before making turn south to portage $74^{\circ} 18' 51^{\circ} 28'$ there's one fast swift lined on left.

After the portage $74^{\circ} 17' 51^{\circ} 27'$, we used our bushed portage $74^{\circ} 17' 51^{\circ} 26'$ rather than lining. We took east channel to stay out of wind, but there's very little water and would be ill advised except under conditions like these.

With heavy southwest wind we then followed left shore to west of rocky islands and camped $74^{\circ} 16' 51^{\circ} 24'$ on west side of bay just into bay in a terrible spot with tentsites scattered. Only an emergency site.

West of Heavy Rapid to Bellinger --

Rapid at point (just above campsite) was no real problem, paddled on left though current is pretty strong.

Heavy rapid $74^{\circ} 15' 51^{\circ} 24'$ we paddled up most on right to an area where there were rocks and shallows off shore. We handed canoe through lower entrance inside rocks and next to shore and then just barely paddled up next to shore -- we could have lined rocks to outside if necessary. At top we had barely enough water to line the shallows near shore. We did not look at heavy drop to outside, but if water were much lower, that might have been done.

At rapids above $74^{\circ} 13' 51^{\circ} 23'$ we lined one small drop to right of island at foot which hides north chute and then paddled into little bay behind island and portaged 40 yards over a neck of land just to right of a small side channel. Landing across rocks and first 15 yards of walking poor, but after going up a small rise the rest was not bad. Much better than trying to come up rapids on south channel we ran on way down. We looked at possibility of going up on north shore -- would have to

portage a wide creek with rapids as 1:50,000 map shows. Tried bay to right of our island behind esker. Would have to portage over a high hill to an impossible loading area, paddle up a canyon-like area, which could be done, and then portage middle chute. Neither is a good idea -- our approach by far the best.

After portage there's an island ahead with rapids on both sides. The right one might be lined or portaged into bay on other side of a point on right. But we went up left side starting on right, next to island, and then crossing to left at top (or staying next to island) and got up on a paddle.

Rest of trip to Bellinger same as on way down -- falls at Bellinger $74^{\circ} 10' 51'' 22'$ can be seen from way out on lake-like area.

Island just west of falls might be useable as a base, but Bellinger is still better.

BELLINGER to MISTASSINI via SOUTH BRANCH of RUPERT

Bellinger to Island Rapids --

Check bay of Bellinger to west just before the foot for possible base -- looks rocky toward west.

Portage out of Bellinger $74^{\circ} 9' 51'' 17'$ same though better in sun. Campsite at far end would not be bad except for lack of swimming. Tentsites could easily be found back up trail in addition to land used by Indian.

Looks to be an Indian site on east side of last large island passing out from portage into main lake-like water $74^{\circ} 8' 51'' 16'$ -- north of last possible channel at southern exit, but not checked.

Narrows at southeast of wide area $74^{\circ} 8' 51'' 14'$ has a swift that can be paddled and what looks from the water to be a poor Indian site on corner on north side of rapid just above it

Current on stretch to south. After turn to east, current gets faster $74^{\circ} 7' 51'' 12'$ we came up left or south side lining one very short stretch around the north tip of an island.

Fishing tent camp just east of where stream comes in from south $74^{\circ} 5' 51'' 12'$ with tent frames like those at Marten Turn -- operated by Mistassini Park.

Portage around rapid $74^{\circ} 4' 51'' 12'$ is on northeast side of rapids -- not on island as '66 report says, fast current and a shallow bay with an eddy to be paddled up to it. Landing just before rocks of rapids with some bounce from rapids. Trail 600 yards with excellent campsite 40 yards in from water with 8-9 possible tentsites. Just after campsite trail splits and right section goes to top of last heavy rapid and is only used coming down. Take left trail. Toward top several short areas of old creek bed -- trail usually goes across at same angle as it started.

Island Rapids to Island Portage --

Swifts above end of portage have to be paddled, not easy although there are some eddies. One very short line on

way up.

There are a couple old Indian campsites on north sides of Finger Lakes area $74^{\circ} 2' 51'' 11'$, but '64 and '66 campsite is better as is one at foot of Island rapids. We tried bay just south of next rapid $74^{\circ} 0' 51'' 13'$, no luck and walking would be through very soft scraggley bush. Next time go to north of rapid and cut a portage from one of the bays north of the rapid -- 1st looks best on map and would probably end on a sand beach. We went up rapid -- difficult, time consuming, and bad on canoes. Line on right at foot for about 40 yards -- bush thick. Then paddle, pole, and pull up alder through middle section and line top -- also hard on canoes, though easier on people.

Numerous swifts all day through islands to cope with. Next rapid $73^{\circ} 58' 51'' 10'$ come up on right to foot of white water to one canoe landing. Grassy area at top and possible campsite, but not great. 150 yards.

Then above paddle through swifts to top and line top -- on right, again tough on canoes.

Couple swifts more through islands.

Island portage trail $73^{\circ} 57' 51'' 8'$ is about 2/3 of way south of north end -- pretty fair looking drop -- no campsite at west end. We made one at east end -- terrible with kitchen in tiny area at loading spot and tentsites really non-existent on rock and reindeer moss. Trout in water to front of site.

Island Portage to Rupert Portage --

Swifts above island paddled, starting on left of land in front of island. One section poled close to shore with hard turn at top to keep from going back down rapid.

Very small swifts in next wide stretch until narrows of river just before 900 yard portage. Rapid in narrows $73^{\circ} 54' 51'' 6'$ lined, poled, and some paddling, but very little, on left. Walking to line on rocks not bad, but water is shallow in many spots and lining is not too good on canoes. About 400 yards -- takes a good while.

Portage around cascades $73^{\circ} 54' 51'' 6'$ just west of an island in a shallow bay and then behind a sand bar. '66 report is good. Campsite at lower end of portage on a knoll -- we did not look. Trail ok at start and end. Stay right going up in middle to avoid muskeg spots. One section has logs laid parallel to direction of travel. These getting old and slippery. No campsite at top and one tent Indian site no longer useable.

Nothing up to short 50 yard portage a mile ahead. $73^{\circ} 53' 51'' 5'$ Trail very well used. This section has several spots where there have been hydro gas depots or camps. Campsite at Rupert split used in '64 and '66 now ruined by gas storage $73^{\circ} 57' 51'' 5'$

Paddle up river to current at start of river not too tough. We paddled up current section $73^{\circ} 49' 51'' 2'$ on right, paddling all the way. A couple fast places, but not all that hard.

Rupert Portage to East side of Mistassini Islands --

Course out to crossing much easier than on way in. Large prominent boulder next to esker can be seen almost as soon as campsite is left. Then 2nd prominent boulder is passed, leaving it to right. Then pick up highest land ahead for long thin island and follow that island.

Upper crossing made on compass opposite 330 reading and hit opening on schedule -- 1 hour 30 minutes. Opening cannot be seen from west shore. Heading is north of highest land seen ahead on islands and just north of highest land behind on far shore. As coast is neared, cliffs can be seen, particularly to south of opening and there are a few to north of opening. From west shore an opening can be seen that is north of desired one with an island in middle of it.

To Mistassini Post --

See notes on way out

Mistassini to Chibougamau to KKK --

Section just fit into 2 rooms in Hotel Monaco.

Bus leaves 8:15 am, arriving Temagami 10:25 pm

Trip with trailer takes about 12 hours. Arriving Temagami about 8:00, departing Chibougamau at bus time.