

KAWAWEOGAMA OUTPOST
SECTION E
1982

BOAT TRAVEL down (and up) ALLANWATER RAPIDS --

Coming down, enter top swift left of rock out of water -- about 15-20 yards off right shore; V is fairly far left of rock; there's a small V just left of rock but then another rock just left of that tiny V. Follow main V.

Run motor at slow speed. Man in bow helps.

Continue following flow of water, heading toward landing for house on left bank opposite major rapid. Two rocks out of water in center of river. Barney goes below them and cuts right. Jack Sheehan ran his boat full speed across above them, and then cut back below to land at house instead of going down rapid. If going below, don't drift too far left of left rock. Top route is probably the best.

Go to right shore and line up V for run down -- path is not very wide -- follow black water; stay out of white both to left and right. That on left comes first.

Head toward red cabin's dock on left shore and watch for a rock roughly in midstream before foot bridge which is barely out of water -- if at all. Cut right below it and run right channel at foot bridge, roughly down middle.

River turns left below foot bridge and go close to left shore until in front of a sloping bald rock is lined up with the railroad bridge (sand bar shallows in midstream).

Go under middle of railroad bridge, but water deep here.

Turn left and run along shore inside first patch of eel grass and then between two patches just before Lodge dock.

Coming up, split two sections of eel grass east of Lodge dock, stay right of next patch, and head for railroad bridge following right shore fairly closely.

After going under bridge, head for sloping, bald rock on right shore before river turns right.

Follow right shore until river turns right and angle toward left opening at foot bridge -- there are a couple fairly deep rocks just downstream from bridge crib.

Come up left opening and after getting by foot bridge, move right to go below a rock upstream and right which water is just clearing -- may or may not be visible.

Turn left toward main rapid, coming up behind rocks and white water on right of V.

Angle out into main rapid and run straight up V. 10 hp would do it with three people aboard.

Either angle right above (best) or below two pointed rocks out of water and then up after passing them.

Run pretty straight at V for top swift -- maybe coming up just to right of V and come up V.

Dock in small bay to right (coming up) at top can be used as a landing if walk to Lodge is preferred.

FLINDT RIVER - WABAKIMI - KENOJI - OGOKI RIVER
WHITEWATER - GRAYSON LAKE - PALISADE - PASHKOKOGAN - HAMILTON

Maps Required:

1:250,000 Series: Sioux Lookout 52 J
Armstrong 52 I

1:50,000 Series: Seseganaga Lake 52 J/1
Wilkie Lake 52 J/8
Neverfreeze Lake 52 J/9
Wabakimi Lake 52 I/12
Goldsborough Lake 52 I/11
Grayson Lake 52 I/14
Burntrock Lake 52 I/13
McCrea Lake 52 J/16

Both '79 and '81 Reports should be used in conjunction with much of the following; in many cases these constitute additional comments on various parts of the route. Only the Ogoki River from Kenoji to Whitewater and the route from Whitewater through Grayson River to the Palisade River are new material.

Trip Reports: 1979 Section E
1981 Section E
1965 Keewaydin Section A Albany River
Nipigon District Canoe Routes
1979 Bob McCoubrie Report (particularly Ogoki)

Base to Foam Lake --

No change from '79 and '81 reports. Water not quite as high as first trip out in '81.

Foam Lake to Small Water before Flet --

Stream from Barrington fairly easy, but still sharp right turn and cedars off left shore at top ought to be cut out further. 50° 18' 90° 15+'

Reasonable looking area on left about 100 yards below looked like it would make a campground, but did not check.

Everything same to rapid between 8' falls and 4' falls. 50° 20+' 90° 17' Top was easy as usual. Best walked in our water going down rocks on shore instead of through bush. Rock in center just under water before foot. At foot we went left of large rock out of water, following throw of river, but about a canoe length above it was a rock just barely under water. We went right of it and then drew left with both bow and stern to make the channel -- throw of river helps. Right side much too rocky for our water -- and would have been harder as in '81.

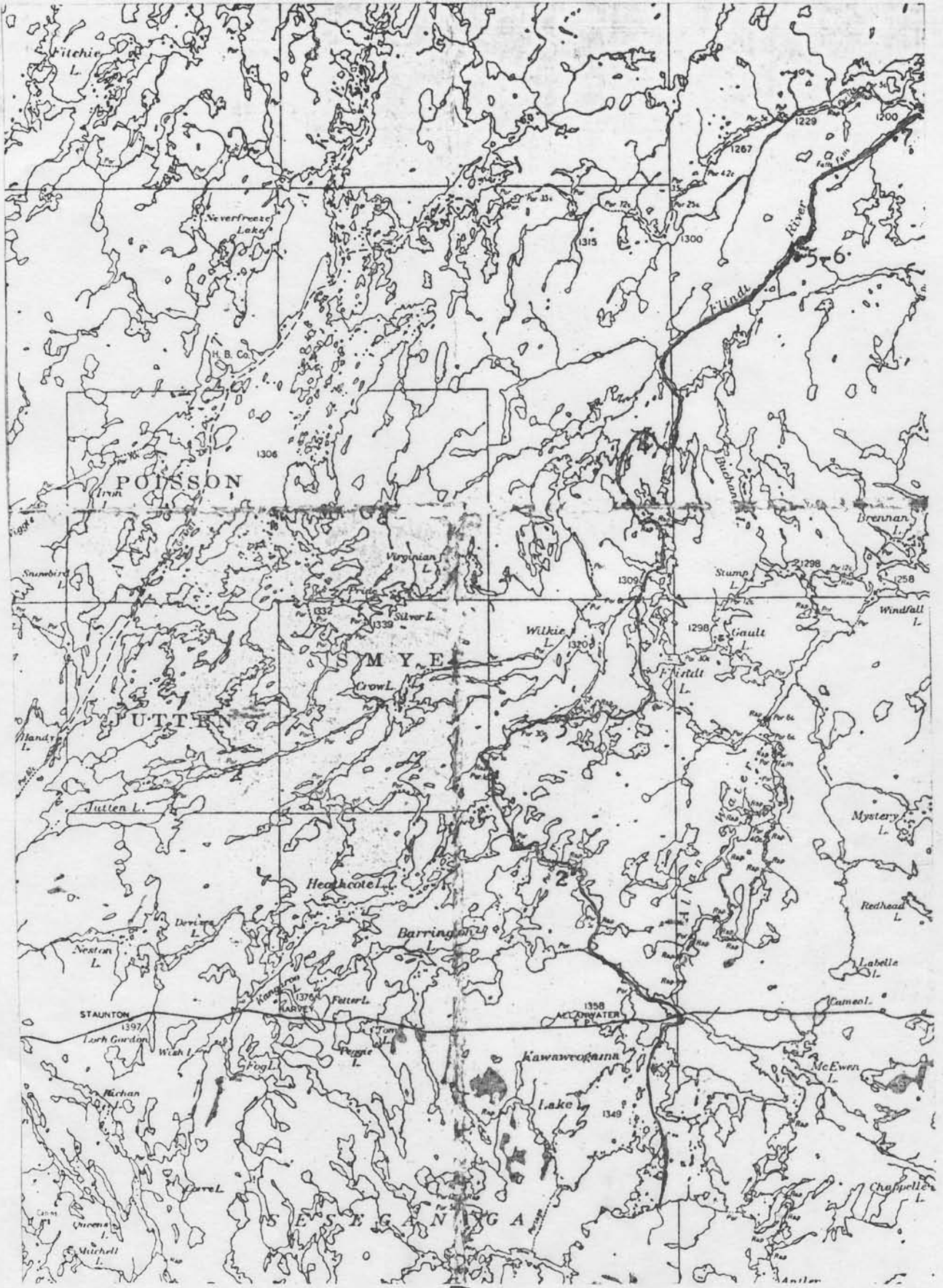
At 4' drop rocks on right were out of water as in '79 and we carried canoes over still loaded -- as in '79. 50° 21' 90° 17½'

After long portage, fireplace area noted in '81 50° 22' 90° 15' would be no better than area used in '81 -- which we used again. Tentsites on other area would still be back from water as for '81 area. 50° 22' 90° 14+' Eastern area still might be slightly better.

Before Flet to after Short Rapid above Sassenach --

Portage landing to Flet 50° 22' 90° 14' terrible,

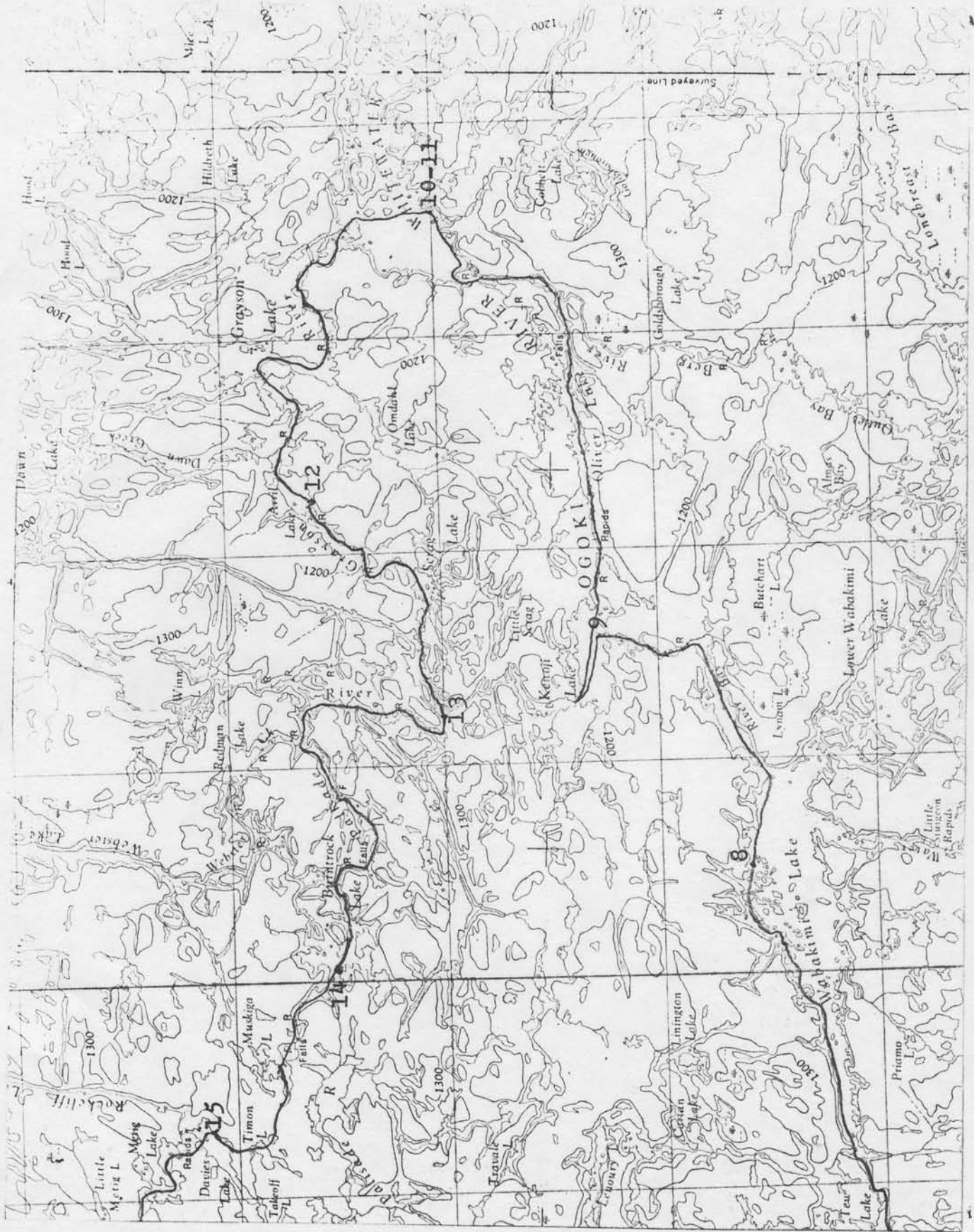
BASE to TEW LAKE



Scale: 1" to 4 miles

Map 1

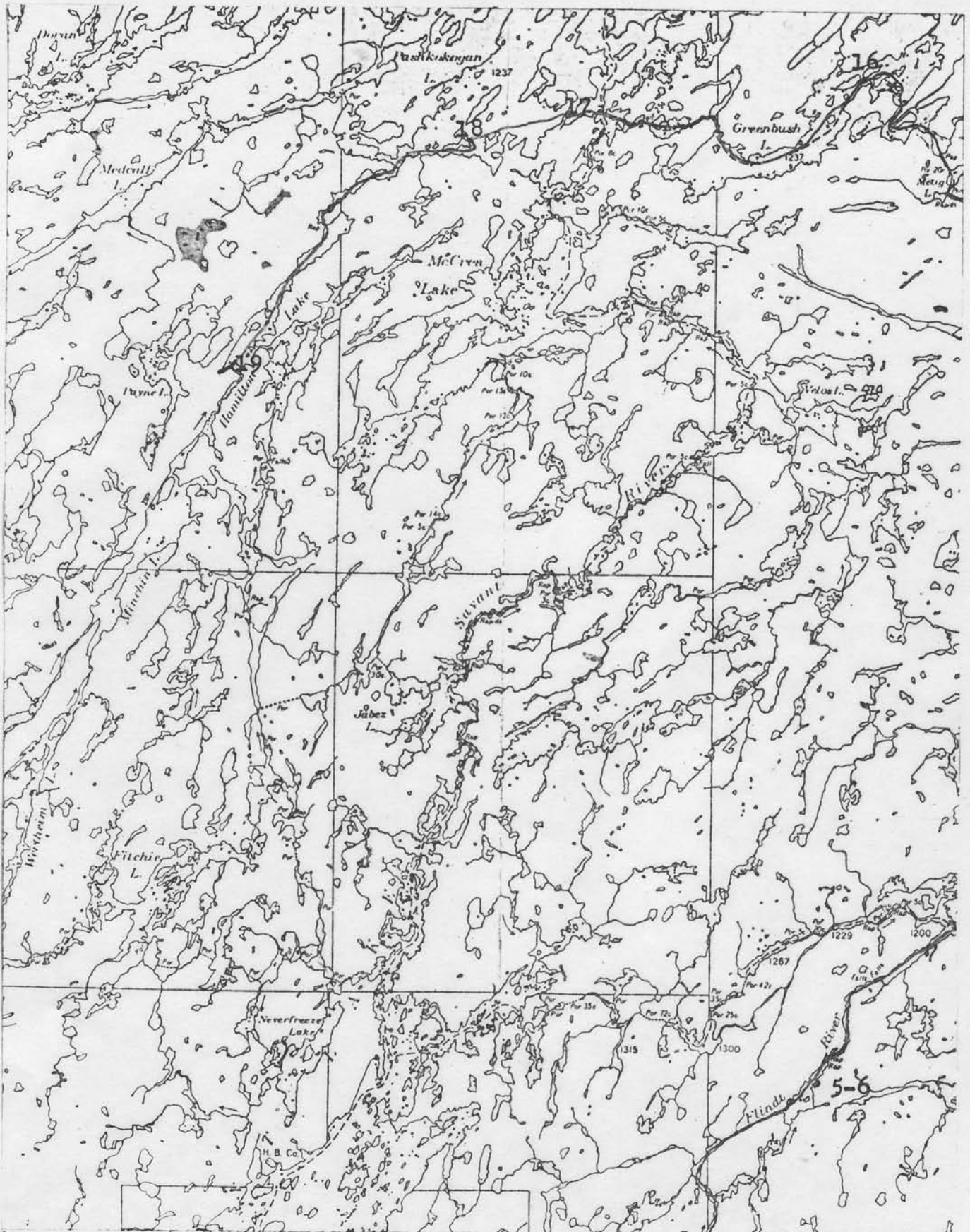
TEW LAKE TO METIG LAKE



Scale: 1" to 4 miles

Map 2

METIG LAKE to HAMILTON LAKE



Scale: 1" to 4 miles

Map 3

shallow, could not get into swampy area to left of cedar and could not even land on cedar -- had to be done one canoe at a time broadside to rocks to right of cedar. Must have a catch person there. In low water maybe trail on right should be better cut. Put in in our water at mouth of creek-like area. 10 yards left of otherwise used area.

Rapid into Flet easier to look over. 50° 22' 90° 12' Top run is obvious, but below two lines of rock have to be looked over.

Otherwise same. Rapid after Sassenach 50° 29- ' 90° 11' which we ran as in '81, but all bumped coming through last part -- has to be looked over still and can't be done if water were any lower.

Campsite area in bay to left after rapid would require too steep a landing for canoes. We camped on right below rapid in first available rock area. Tentsites scattered, mostly on moss areas. Kitchen fire on first rock point. But large numbers of ant hills in various places and swimming is poor. Mostly slip-in -- we did not find a real dive-in place. There are a couple more areas also on right that could be tried.

Rapid after Sassenach to Rapid after Wide Section after Split --

Still could run rapid before long portage.

Long portage 50° 28+' 90° 10½' less than 500 yards -- give it 450.

Portage out of pond 50° 28+' 90° 10+' still had difficult loading at end.

Large fireplace had been made smaller -- just after split 50° 30+' 90° 10' Area for tents would be quite crowded if at all possible.

Painter Creek not steep at all -- paddled up what would be on map the wide part. 50° 31' 90° 10½' At top there's an ancient permanent beaver dam with a little rapid falling in on left (looking up) too steep to go up or down and not a great deal of water. Did not look farther, but land above appeared fairly flat and likely swampy.

Rapids as in '81 -- 50° 31+' 90° 9' first, we had a very shallow, rocky top and was tough on canoes -- and to get through. Look at right side next time if water is low enough to walk rocks on right. Foot was better on canoes, but needed a little staff assistance to make it.

We have used a semi-beach on left below 2nd rapid for lunch in '81 and again in '82. Rock area just below on right would be better if no wind problem -- as was true in '81. Wouldn't be great, but fire area would be safer, and maybe no ants?

Rest was same as '81, though 3rd rapid was a breeze 50° 32' 90° 8' lining under the cedar easy in our water and with '81 cutting.

Campsite at 1st rapid ok -- same as '81. 50° 33' 90° 6-' Rapid walked again hoping to avoid our lengthened portage trail. No way to put in at swimming hole and let down -- channels too narrow or blocked by stones too large to move. Water could be paddled -- if there were a way out of swimming hole -- to rapid just before end of our trail.

A reasonable Section A could run the rapid, but we can't, and no good way to let down, portage still best.

Rapid at top of lake after split to Tew Lake --

Nothing changed -- 2nd portage had to be taken on trail cut in '81, rocks had water over them at start. Looked like someone else had used our new 5th carry trail. Little bit of sand beach at end of 6th. Tew Lake campsite as before.

Tew Lake to Wabakimi Islands --

Burn did not affect 1st two portages or any of Tew except maybe over toward rapids that exit the lake that we did not go near. After portage to river burn is on north side of next chute -- and above it, but not on south shore, so approach and carry unaltered. Narrows after chute burned.

We followed north shore and burn extends maybe 1-2 miles after leaving narrows (but not into any deep bays). No campsites on north shore except maybe at north ends of deep bays that we did not go into. Campsites would be realitively easy to find among islands -- lots of attractive looking campsite-rock.

Outpost on southeast corner of large peninsula 50° 39' 89° 49' Main building up above water on rock -- log structure. One or two outbuildings.

We camped on V-shaped island on southeast point -- other point could probably be used. 50° 40-' 89° 45+' Perfectly satisfactory except for wind from west blowing right in on fireplace near water. Pretty good tentsites -- we didn't try swimming, wind was too much a problem. Quite likely could find a more protected site without much trouble, but we thought wind was dieing.

Wabakimi Islands to Kenoji --

Not many more campsites after leaving last night's once out of islands -- one area on mainland just past our island that faced east, but that was about all to mouth of river. Possible area on left at mouth of river before outpost camp.

1st and 2nd portages the same -- although we might have run the rapid at 2nd which we did not look over.

Island below and left of 2nd 50° 42½' 89° 37' used for lunch -- fine but had to use squaw wood for fire.

First time ever -- we ran the let-down next to left shore 50° 43' 89° 37' caught calm below and slipped down left shore where staff handed canoes into portage entrance.

3rd portage still has an awful lot of step-over or sit-down windfalls. After 1st step-over when three in a row appear ahead, trail turns 90° left. Our scout missed the turn!

Next rapid 50° 44-' 89° 36' is run down obvious V which carries you right between a swell to your right and the major swell of the river on your left -- we lucked out and looked over from high rock at top on right without going to shore through shallows.

Last rapid looked over by staff from high rock on left -- after catching eddy against island. Run obvious V and then bear slight left and leave major white water on left -- also run this way in '81. '79 run was strange.

We camped on usual small island to west. 50° 44' 89° 36' Had no trouble with dry wood using beaver-chewed poplar and birch. But no tent poles and cutting 30 over at other site was a chore. Right island would be fine -- tentsites a little closer together, but maybe better for wood and tentpoles.

Kenoji to Whitewater --

Checked outpost at Kenoji 50° 45-' 89° 39' Cabin part has sink-counter-stove-refrigerator on back wall, table and woodstove. Two sleeping tents pitched on platform under a large nylon fly -- ice house - not as large as first thought.

Rapids from Kenoji to Oliver exactly as McCoubrie charted -- except of course we did not do his unloading. (See his attached report.) We came through well taking a little water, but not overly much.

1st rapid 50° 44' 89° 34' the rock he wants you to go right of is under water -- for us -- and not larger rock well out of water you might think.

2nd 50° 44' 89° 33½' his approach is correct -- at his major rock stay close to rock in V there rather than one to right -- his approach lines you perfectly with the correct V.

3rd rapid 50° 44-' 89° 33' we ran top and then at major turn left ran middle of river V rather than trying one to left. This rapid not marked on map.

4th portage is correct 50° 44' 89° 32' 200 yards. Lunchsite at foot (top maybe) could be camped on but small.

5th just below, good power.

Oliver Lake has campsites on south shore in several spots.

Outpost on Oliver on north shore on west corner of large bay before exit. 50° 45-' 89° 27'

Before falls 50° 44' 89° 25' a snake-like series of swifts to run -- no trouble catching eddy at portage. 50 yards.

Just before Berg River a rapid -- noted in '79 -- 50° 45-' 89° 23' run left of center -- there's a rock just under water upstream from V just about in middle of V.

Rapid after low land after Berg entrance run down center 50° 46+' 89° 22' -- powerful current and rocks to avoid. Portage before Whitewater Lake as before 50° 47' 89° 22' -- parked boats were above upstream landing and no trail really down to upstream landing. Take left fork to water at foot of trail -- right fork goes around everything.

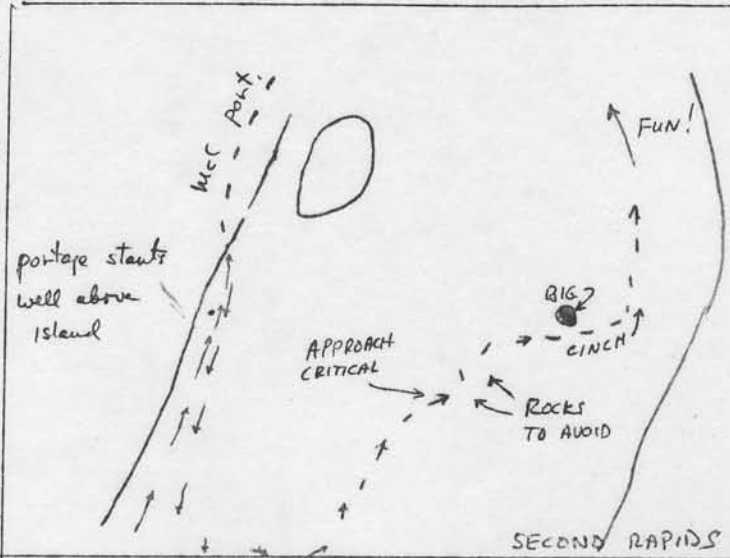
Lodge 50° 47' 89° 21+' quite well kept up and has a radio that can talk with flying aircraft -- worked quite well for us with contact made in about 15 minutes and the plane in less than an hour later.

Used '79 site on point roughly inside 3 islands (probably not as far east as noted in '79) 50° 47½' 89° 20-'

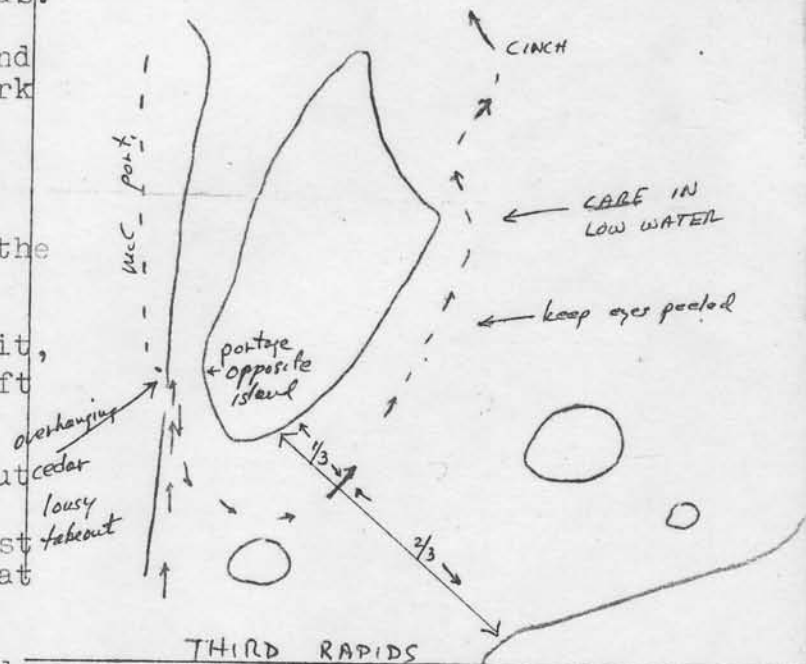
As one leaves Kenoji, one may encounter a rock jetty on the left -depending on high or low water; keep an eye peeled; water moves right along

First rapids occur as the river takes a good right turn. Always runnable way left without looking. There is one big obvious rock to avoid about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of the way down. Go just right of it. Upstream travel: wade on the left.

Second rapids: always runnable. I always portage a heavy load or two from the 15 footers -hugging left shore to some overhanging cedars, then back up vs. the current until I can get just the right approach as shown on the map -important. If approached right, and once past those rocks that need to be dodged, it is fun and a cinch. Some big haystacks in high water, and the bowman usually gets well soaked. The "approach" is a matter of coming in on those rocks from the right angle despite what the current might be doing right there. Upstream travel: wade on left (some tight ones) or portage.

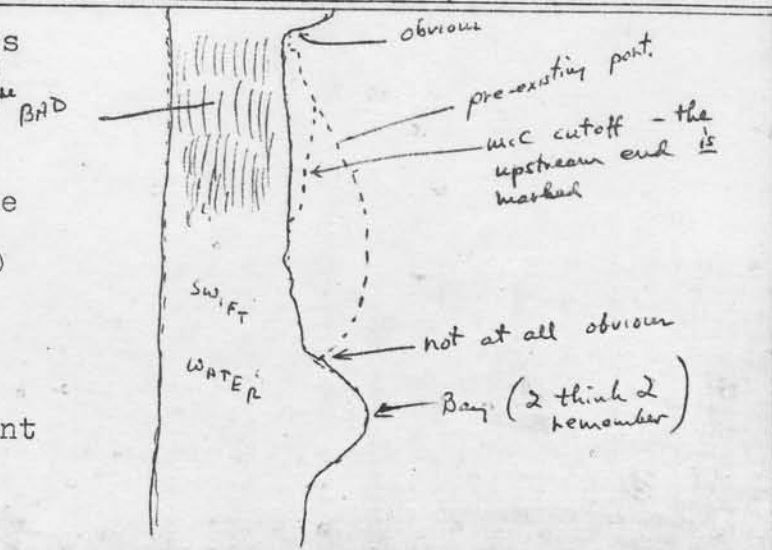


Third rapids: river divides with islands. As with the 2nd set, I hug the left shore and drop off a couple of loads and then go back for the approach (less work than on the 2nd set). Enter the rapids about one third of the way across from the left shore. One stays fairly close to the island -there are a few rocks, but easy to avoid. As one goes around the corner turning left, there can be some quick maneuvering needed in low water, but if a 15 footer with a keel can do it, anything can. Upstream travel: wade left or center.....or portage.



Fourth rapids: I'm no rapids expert, but I think they'd go class 5 or 6. Hug the right shore to death. P. begins just after going around a little jut-out that you wish weren't there because it sets you further out than you'd like. I go down first, get canoe out of water, and then station self ready to grab as others come down. Upstream travel: if one takes my shortcut, there will be one tight place ^{with} wade; if one takes the long old portage, that takes care of the whole rapids. Just at downstream end of p. there is one big final haystack on that side. Can be put in just above and run. Wild!! Empty! Wild swimming just below the big one, but stay on the surface.....rocks.

Fifth rapids: run down, but watch it - one comes upon big rocks with little notice just under surface, and the current can deceive.....you're going downstream faster than it looks. Can be waded up on left.



none of a big swift

FOURTH RAPIDS different scale than above

Swimming poor, but bathing works. Large number of black flies.

Whitewater Lake to Arril Lake --

From our campsite aiming point is north -- going just west of major large island that could be seen from site. On starting to pass this island you sight 2nd island just to north of 1st one, and on passing 2nd island, tip of very large island just to east can be seen. Both 1st and 2nd islands would have campsites on them, particularly on their northwestern corners. 50° 48-49' 89° 19' This leads you into Grayson River to east of large island that blocks mouth. We did not check to make sure it's really an island and therefore has a western entrance.

Watch map to avoid missing river as it drops into delta -- there's a deep bay of water directly north -- but sound of rapid coming in can be heard.

Rapid portaged on right. A swift to climb first -- pretty good power. 50° 52' 89° 22' Landing can be seen before starting to paddle swift. 125 yards, good trail to pond-like area above. A chain-saw cut pair of half-logs bridge a creek-like wet area.

Pond quite attractive -- paddled to northwest end. Portage well left of stream almost to western end of bay 50° 52' 89° 23½' -- area left of rapid cedar-low-land and portage takes out still in cedar. Trail damp at start, but not wet. 125 yards, good trail after 1st 30-40 yards (watch toward end -- a slight right turn in alder). Puts in in bay, naturally left of stream. Stream is a little way up right shore and curves -- top looks as though it might be lined or run -- but we did not go close enough -- downstream traveler might miss portage.

Pond area paddled to end. Portage left of rapid coming in -- landing pretty obvious, but a 3-foot rock to pull canoe up. 50° 51' 89° 24½' 40 yards to a tiny pond. Good trail.

Just across pond, rapid comes in on right, and while quite strong, might be lined going up or maybe run coming down. Portage just as fast as lining, however. Landing is well left of rapid -- the second of two likely looking rock landings. 40 yards, not as well-walked as previous ones, but easy.

Puts into a rock-shored pond that made us hope we had reached a bay of Grayson, but no such luck, at top rapid comes in -- portage on right -- a little fast current to paddle to it -- and landing not all that obvious -- one old blaze. 50° 51' 89° 25' 250 yards. Terrible trail; very rocky with boulder-like rocks -- though not just rocks. Trail needs cutting, particularly when turning an 18-footer.

Puts in in bay of Grayson. Paddle north around large peninsula -- 1:250,000 old map makes you believe there's a short cut across 50° 52' 89° 26' making top of peninsula an island, but does not go through. There's supposed to be an outpost farther north on east shore.

After turning west at top, we missed turn south -- not a terribly wide channel.

Watch map at foot of Grayson. Stream is quiet at start and easily paddled, then a straight, swift channel that could well be man-made that can be paddled or poled. Just above portage on right with an approach through some current -- only one canoe landing. $50^{\circ} 52' 89^{\circ} 28+$ 250 yards, well-used, reasonable trail except it goes up a gentle hill from the 50 to the 100 yard point. Short landing on right at end, or go another 25 yards to tip of point. End on Arril (probably in bay, but not sure) would make at least a good lunchsite.

A fair number of places on Arril where people have obviously camped, particularly on islands and in 1st part before turn south is made. Supposed to be an outpost toward northwest, just above turn south, but we did not see it -- hidden by islands? Last small island after turn south had a dock crib and small dock on northeast side.

We camped at a McCoubrie site just west of the 1st large island in southern end. $50^{\circ} 52' 89^{\circ} 31'$ Perfectly ok, but nothing to get excited about. Swimming not great but possible as he said.

On leaving in morning site just south of one we used looked to have better tentsites and may have been McCoubrie's site.

Arril Lake to Palisade River --

River paddled, but not a great deal of water -- canoes dragged badly through most of river.

A tiny stream portage on left -- 50 yards -- well-used trail to tiny pond. $50^{\circ} 50- ' 89^{\circ} 34'$

Next trail starts straight ahead on a sloping rock hill, to right of stream and now on north side (whereas previous one was on south side), 450 yards. Starts straight up rock hill, but about 1/2 way up turns 90° left and walks somewhat side-hill, still climbing -- most of upward movement is in 1st 100 yards -- one more showed up on rocks about half way over -- rest fairly easy. Puts into pond.

At south end of pond $50^{\circ} 49' 89^{\circ} 34-$ portage on right 200 yards to widening in stream -- one tough step-up toward top. One put-in on a rock face, but water too shallow -- continue another 10-15 yards.

Just above a very shallow narrows where most of section walked up V in middle. Better channel next to right shore -- can be walked without getting into stream. Would be even better by clearing out a few small stones.

Scrag Lake attractive rock -- not too much water at start, but gets better until final bay for portage out. Campsites could probably be found.

Portage to pond leaves on right shore of bay just about opposite small peninsula on south $50^{\circ} 48- ' 89^{\circ} 36'$ 150 yards -- starts over rock, but then drops down into low land, but not too wet and then climbs steep rock ridge -- trail bears right about 1/2 way up ridge (someone had a fireplace on top of ridge). Then down ridge to

water -- not all that tough coming this way.

At north corner of pond stream shown is a mere trickle and would not support a canoe even if tiny beaver dam were opened. $50^{\circ} 48' 89^{\circ} 36'$ Portage on left walking through grass -- 100 yards -- at end walking gets wet -- almost quaking bog -- but possible to walk to water if careful.

At narrows at end of pond $50^{\circ} 48' 89^{\circ} 36\frac{1}{2}'$ passage not wide enough for a canoe -- unloaded and lifted over 5 yards.

Possible campsite on northeast point in wide stretch mentioned in '81 would not be good. We looked for campsites in wide area and found workable ones, but nothing we wanted.

High cliffs on left after leaving wide area. Nothing on way to Palisade -- banks too steep.

We camped on left just at junction with Palisade in a freshly built, clean fisherman's camp. $50^{\circ} 47\frac{1}{2}' 89^{\circ} 40'$ Small, but worked. Kitchen on south, or east side, but not great -- fisherman's fire site could not be used -- side hill. Swimming on point.

Palisade River to Burntrock Lake --

1st swift above junction had to be lined on right -- otherwise normal travel to turn south.

McCoubrie claims a campsite of right about half-way between portage across peninsula and Indian site at turn west $50^{\circ} 50' 89^{\circ} 39'$ -- looked quite possible.

At turn south 1st pond was a real drag as expected $50^{\circ} 52' 89^{\circ} 41'$, but the drag continued up to Burntrock with canoe rarely running smoothly. In some places quite poor.

Don't expect lunchsite or anything at 14' falls $50^{\circ} 51' 89^{\circ} 42'$ -- stop before or plan to go on. Trail at 14' falls -- we used one on right as in '65 -- not bad -- we did not compare with one on left used in '79?

Just above, trail around short pitch on left was almost non-existent so we lined up on left -- not an easy line, but worked.

Swift above 7' falls lined on right $50^{\circ} 50\frac{1}{2}' 89^{\circ} 47'$ (different from '79?)

Portage to Burntrock was fine -- 250 yards -- until final 15 yards which were quite wet. $50^{\circ} 51' 89^{\circ} 47\frac{1}{2}'$ Possible to stay dry with waterproof boots -- barely.

Campsites on north shore of southern large island did not look all that good -- we could not see southern shore of northern island all that well, but did not show much from our view.

We camped on 2nd point south of turn into Palisade-Muskiga. $50^{\circ} 51' 89^{\circ} 49\frac{1}{2}'$ From water a high cliff can be seen and would look as impossible canoe landing. Go to northern end and around point for landing. There was a rock bench out on point. We moved kitchen back for shelter. Tentsites adequate. Jumping off cliffs into deep water. Very shallow bathing to north. Fine except for ant population and they move pretty far from their obvious ant hills.

Burntrock Lake to Davies Lake --

Investigation of rest of Palisade showed no sign of human travel. 50° 51' 89° 52' We paddled up to 1st little, rocky, shallow rapid that had little water coming down and that mostly flowing under an ancient tangle of logs with a little, shallow riffle above. There was a boatseat on shore at obvious landing on right, but no sign of any human travel across what would be the obvious portage trail. We could have cut through easily, but turned back feeling that no one had been through in any kind of recent time.

Narrows at top of Burntrock paddled through this time -- usually lined and in '79 portaged. 50° 52' 89° 52'

Otherwise trip through to Davies as in '79 report, though maybe landings not quite as wet -- we did not need to take loads into trees on one out of Muskiga. We had lunch at end of this one on pond, but merely cooking in trail at end -- not good, but there wasn't much better once onto portages.

Campsite on Davies north of portage on east side on only rock outcropping on that side. 50° 54' 89° 57' Rock on west looked too steep to be usable. Fireplace built by others down near water -- sheltered from west wind we had trying to bring in a storm. Tentsites up on top of rock area would just take 6 tents in cleared areas. Swimming off flat rock to northwest -- easy to get in; hard to get out.

Davies to Greenbush --

Carry slightly right of center of bay -- notes say left? 50° 55' 89° 57½' Trail excellent -- a little wet with roots for 1st 300 yards -- after that very good. Trail crew had been through with chain saw and cut large trees.

Rest same as '81. We did not try tram car on "Wretch" -- it was at top, maybe where we left it in '81? New green boat at foot?

We used north site on island in Greenbush -- where '79 was windbound for lunch -- very steep looking rock from lake. 50° 58' 90° 4' Tentsites and kitchen on top of rock. Tentsites close, but not bad for 5 tents -- 6 would work but be more crowded. Good swimming. Only small problem was canoe storage, but can be coped with. Very clean as opposed to site just south used in '81.

Greenbush to Pashkokogan --

No change -- water level a little higher in narrows and bay leading to portage and portage a little drier.

Lunchsite -- could be a campsite on rock point on left in bay before portage -- just past V in coastline. 50° 57' 90° 12' Looked to be another cleared area just beyond -- 150 yards, not easily seen until opposite it.

Maybe campsites on rock opposite end of narrows out from portage on East Pashkokogan, but difficult to reach in a west wind. After crossing bay that leads to portage to McCrea there is an island with two rock areas -- one to right looks non-used and is steep. One on tip of island has nothing but ant's nests and could not be used.

Another rock area on west side of point being rounded --
too rough to use.

Because high wind would not let us move on
Pashkokogan, we camped at Pashkokogan side of portage.
50° 57' 90° 17' Tentsites in forest -- not too bad, but
no place for kitchen really -- we cooked in trail.

Pashkokogan Portage to Pashkokogan Island --
Island campsite as before

Pashkokogan to Hamilton --
No change.

AUTOMOBILE INVESTIGATION of LUMBER ROADS NORTH of
SAVANT LAKE and ADVERTISED ACCESS POINTS

GLFP Road North of Savant Lake --

Supposed to go through at least as far as Virginia
Lake

Follow it as it turns south to a fork in road --
gets you below Harris -- take left fork. 1st right says
Neston Road, followed for awhile and then got ill-used
and not good on car so gave up.

Go a little way farther and a metal culvert connects
two bodies of water -- on right is what '65 called 'Unnamed
Lake'. Easy put in -- trailer was parked in the put in
this time.

Then a road to left called Jetten Road followed for
awhile, but became poor for car -- passes through an area
where seedlings have been planted.

Did not try rest of roads that lead to Hills Lake,
North and South Sunshine. Road followed past where portage
would join two back-to-back stretches of water making
divide between Smy and Jetten water -- road will have cut
this area badly (see later trip report). Then a road to
Smye -- followed a little way and became impossible for
car -- logs ready to be hauled out.

Kashaweogama Landing --

On high bank above lake --quite attractive setting.
Had several trailers parked on it. Not too far to walk
to road if necessary.

Fritchie Landing --

A real trailer park with 15 or so numbered slots.
Quite far in from highway; would be a long walk.

VANESSA - SESEGANAGA - Base

Maps Required:

1:250,000 Series: Sioux Lookout 52 J

1:50,000 Series: Seseganaga Lake 52 J/1

Trip Reports: 1979 Section E

Hamilton to Vanessa (by car) --

Trailing as usual. Hired lad from Yeskee(sp?) to take car back from Vanessa to airbase -- \$10 per taxi trip.

Vanessa put in -- follow road out to Y sign (past Flidt River put-in) and take right fork. A little creek crossed is water connecting Wellington and Vanessa -- could put in there, but better to go another 400-500 yards to an easy approach through a path maybe 20 yards to water. Landing area is damp, but there's an approach to right of obvious trail that leads over rock. Should have been used as our lunchsite. 50° 8' 90° 29½'

We stopped at 1st narrows on right for lunch -- poor.

Main narrows is only area where there looked to be possible campsites -- some fishermen were having lunch at last one. 50° 7' 90° 29½'

West side of Vanessa and second large island burned. Did not see any likely looking campsites on east side, but paddled west side to stay out of wind.

We camped on north point of portage bay -- very poor. 50° 4' 90° 24½' Area overgrown with foot-high weeds and not all that level. Small rock landing, but fireplace on soil with no level rock -- no swimming.

Vanessa to Portage at North of Seseganaga --

Portage straight across -- fresh blaze on landing -- starts just where 6th Bae Line should start rather than where old map says. Portage cleared the previous evening -- a fair number of new windfalls. 950 yards. Goes up hill for first 200 yards. Near top of hill, one pair of windfalls bypassed to left. Then down back side of hill with a few wet places along the way. About 250 yards from end wet muskeg area starts -- usually better to take any trails to side of main trail rather than the main trail. With 100 yards to go, trail is suddenly good forest floor. Puts in on grass area just out of woods that can be walked to water

Paddle out of bay between grass areas, but no problem in good water.

After entering main lake and turning south, 2 outposts at entrance to a long narrow bay on west side -- one on north point and one on south point. 50° 3' 90° 26' One on south point quite large.

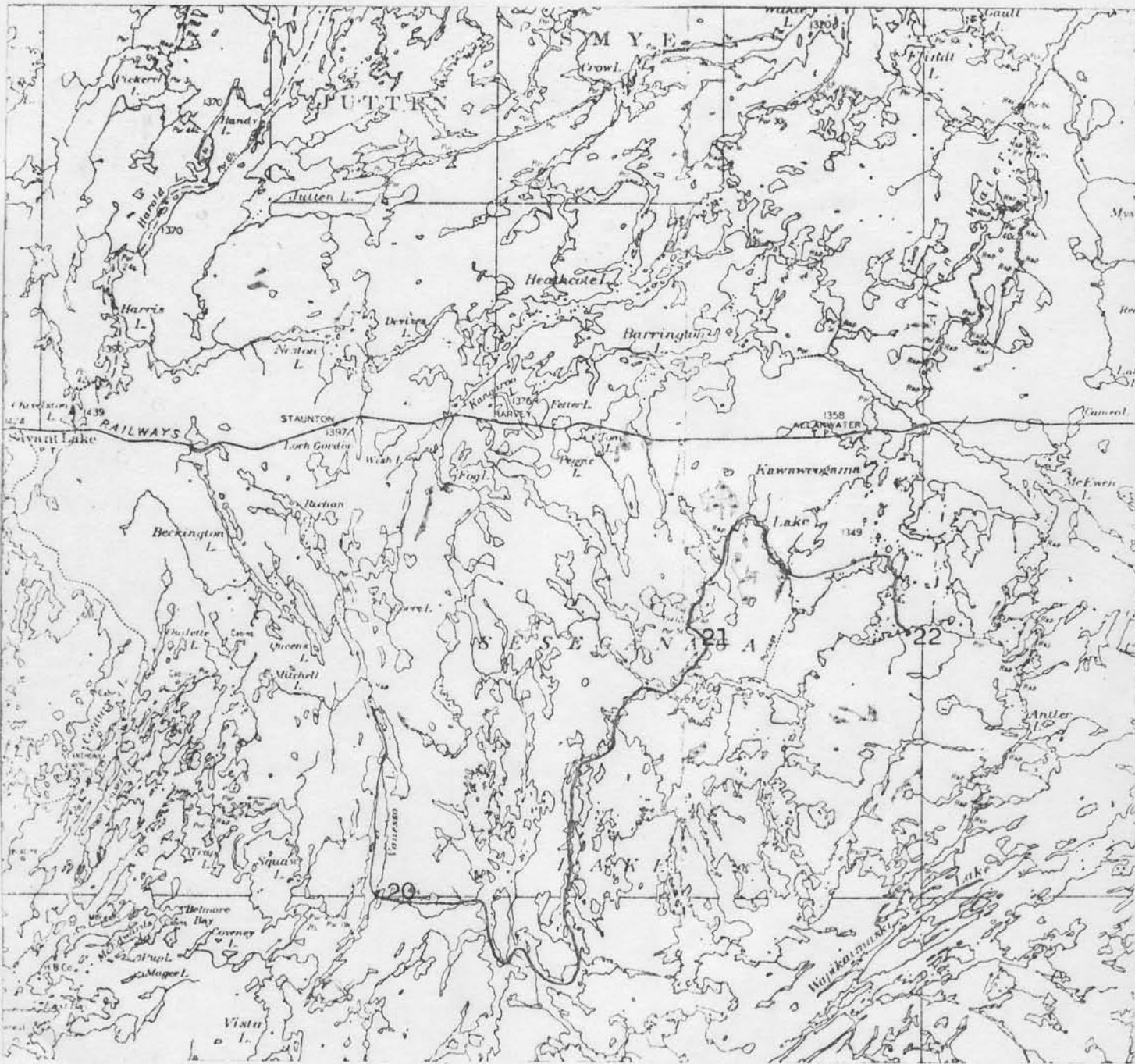
After that follow map -- past '79 lunchsite

We came up west of islands -- no problem though scenery might be better out in main lake. No problems through various narrows.

Log dam was run in middle -- easy V, 50° 9' 90° 18' Left looked shallow and right has a ledge in it.

Swift below was run easily in center and then to

VANESSA - SESEGANAGA - BASE



1" to 4 miles

9' 90° 18' Better with tents spread out, but we had only
5. No real swimming. Dock at foot of portage.

First Portage out of Seseganaga to Base --

If used, lower trail from foot of rapid below should be cleared a little. Rapid run just right of center -- there's a ledge just left of center.

Dock for unloading at portage just below on right as expected, but small and well before rapid -- 25 yards upstream of what would be the apparent landing -- 125 - 150 yards -- easy. 50° 10' 90° 18½' There's a trail off to left for fishermen? about half way over. Dock at downstream end showing signs of neglect.

Next rapid lined coming up in '79 run left of center ? -- curves at foot and left side is much better than sharp right. 50° 10' 90° 18'

Sunray -- stay south of string of rocks that extends south from islands -- we had good water and got through -- then follow east shore.

Last rapid lined coming up in '79 run close to left shore. 50° 12' 90° 16'

At foot right side of island suggested in '79 much more shallow at top than left, we ran left following curving left shore. 50° 11' 90° 15'

Back channel followed coming back to base -- little shallow going south of last island before turn south is made. 50° 11' 90° 12'

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Maps Required:

1:250,000 Series: Sioux Lookout 52 J

1:50,000 Series: Seseganaga Lake 52 J/1
Wilkie Lake 52 J/8
Kashaweogama Lake 52 J/7

'78, '79, and '81 Reports should be consulted; Allanwater section was done in '79 and '81. '78 Report contains trip from Savant to Casino. Some of the enclosed may just be amendments to these reports.

Trip Reports: 1978 Section E
1979 Section E
1981 Section E
1965 Keewaydin Section A Albany River
Ministry Canoe Routes -- Allanwater to Armstrong

Base to Below 4th Portage on Allanwater --

Water level higher than either '79 or '81
1st Rapid 50° 15' 90° 10' we ran normal right side run, but could probably have run left side cutting top V close and staying left of swells at foot.

Rest as before -- lunchsite on left after 3rd rapid on rock -- about the only decent place except maybe on portage trail at 1st rapid or about 25 yards up trail on 4th rapid (1st to be portaged).

A little rapid just before split in river 50° 17' 90° 9' -- run V on left -- there's a ledge on right.

Tree still in way for landing on 3rd portage 50° 17½' 90° 8'

We camped on left shore of river after 4th portage -- good site. 50° 18' 90° 8' Kitchen on rock right near water at foot of rapid and tentsites on rock ridge -- best ones are along ridge farther from kitchen. Swimming off kitchen area quite reasonable.

After 4th Portage to Mondale --

All same to trapper's cabin which had been reused in Sept '81 and was pretty clean.

We elected not to try to run rapid with cut-off trail after top 50° 21' 90° 7' -- water was too heavy, though run noted in '81 was still there.

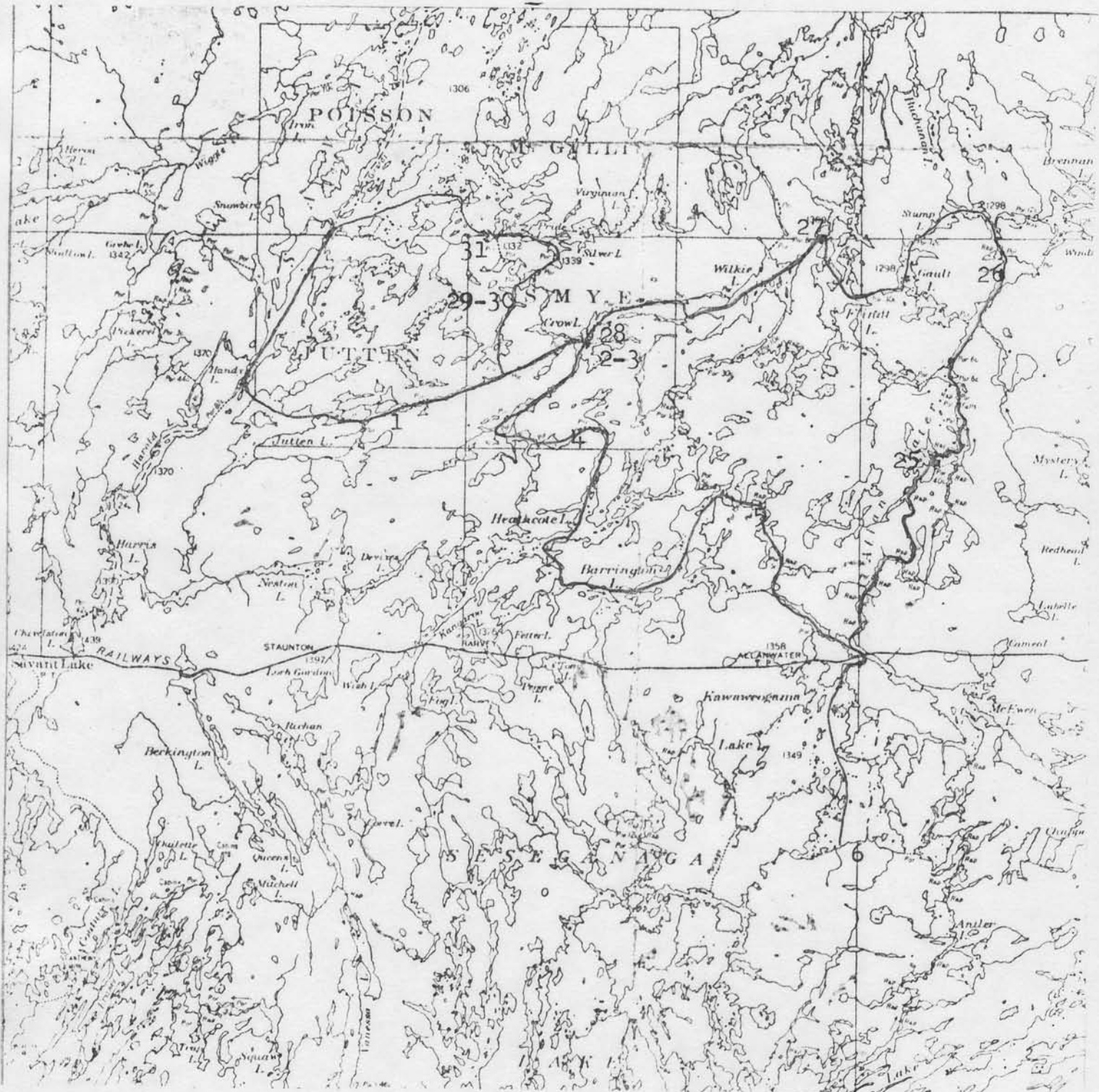
Rest same -- campsite used in '81 but other canoe party on Mondale about 1 mile north of our site at foot really does not have enough tentsites for us -- kitchen and swimming would be great.

Another similar site about a mile farther north on right -- still no tentsites.

We could find nothing else going all the way to portage.

So paddled back to sand beach site mentioned in '81 -- faces north. 50° 24' 90° 5' Terrible, but there was an old cabin just west of landing -- landing is at a cleared area used to store boats left for people who fly in from Brennan and would not be good for much -- though

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in desperation we were about to use it. Instead on east side of point was a small rock area large enough for kitchen with very close tentsites behind. Pretty poor, but possible to swim off site in front of kitchen.

Mondale to Flindt --

Portage at chute same -- Rest of territory up to portage to Stump rocky, but rises fairly quickly from water. Maybe campsites are possible.

Portage to Stump $50^{\circ} 26' - 90^{\circ} 7'$ on right of tiny creek that flows down -- as in '65 -- not enough water to do anything with. 60 yards, much less well-used than any recent ones, bushy. Puts in just above the marks of a beaver dam in shallow landing area.

Then to get into Stump a shallows to pass over and a very shallow, narrow creek entrance that had to be walked through.

Stump very rocky and rugged looking, but rock rises too steeply to give much of a possible campsite look.

Portage to Gault on left of stream -- almost to stream and not in first bays encountered. $50^{\circ} 25' - 90^{\circ} 8+$ Also not too well-used. Brushy at both bottom and top with middle reasonably clear. 200 yards. Landing area rocky.

Gault much more spruce lined -- campsite possibilities better looking at north end rather than south.

Portage to Flindt takes out on a sloping rock on left $50^{\circ} 23' - 90^{\circ} 9'$ -- not into right tip of bay on right. Might be possible to camp at start of portage -- made an excellent lunchsite. Portage 800 yards. Mostly an excellent walker, often over bare rock. Wet spot about 150 yards from start and another about 100 yards from end. Otherwise quite good. Puts in in north bay off Flindt -- not bay that reaches farthest east.

We probably should have camped on south side of first narrows on what looked to be a possible site. Instead we went all the way to just before Wilkie portage -- bay to north of creek from Wilkie $50^{\circ} 25' - 90^{\circ} 12'$ and camped on a thin point on east side of bay with kitchen on west side of it. Tentsites not very good -- rough area, but it worked. Swimming possible.

Flindt to Smye --

Portage to Wilkie in bay to north of creek -- as noted in '79. 75 yards -- well-traveled, excellent trail. Mostly gentle uphill -- small jog to right at top for a better loading area, but is really main trail. Puts into narrows that are easily paddled to Wilkie.

Two outboard canoes of sports on lake -- we didn't see their camp -- who had come down from Smye.

Excellent looking site on northwest point of large peninsula in middle of lake. $50^{\circ} 23' - 90^{\circ} 14'$

Old map says portage out of west side of Wilkie to a thin pond -- we could find no sign of trail $50^{\circ} 23' - 90^{\circ} 15'$

Instead we went down into southwest bay where Smye Creek enters Wilkie. $50^{\circ} 22\frac{1}{2}' - 90^{\circ} 17'$ Portage 60 yards

on right to top of rapids. Trail poorly used, but needed minimal clearing.

Puts in in a small pond with about a 2' waterfall ahead through a narrow gap. We lifted over on left -- up about a 4' rock.

Just ahead a powerful chute -- canoes lined up on right -- needs someone on left to help hold bow off to right -- watch taking water.

Rest of creek paddled to east-west pond. Pond generally has high rock cliffs on both sides and is not likely to have campsites -- or even lunchsites.

At end of pond $50^{\circ} 23' 90^{\circ} 18'$ a very narrow creek with little rocky rapid approached through over-hanging dead cedar leaning out over water prior to rapid. Lined on right easily.

At end of next east-west pond $50^{\circ} 22\frac{1}{2}' 90^{\circ} 20'$ a 40 yard portage on left. Previously used, no cutting needed, but not well-traveled.

A small pond above with portage on right at west end. Old trail, again poorly used. Cutting needed would require a chain saw for large, low step-over windfalls. OK, but walking not good. 100 yards. Puts into small creek to paddle rest of way to Smye Lake.

Smye lower rock than previous ponds. Clubbers camped on point just east of portage to next east-west pond. $50^{\circ} 22' 90^{\circ} 21'$ Looks to be a good spot.

Loads more islands it would seem than map shows.

We camped on island just east of point that forms start of southwest bay -- E in Smye on 1:50,000 map. $50^{\circ} 22' 90^{\circ} 21'$ OK, but tentsites a little rough.

We looked for portage to Casino Lake in northwest bay with no success. Road crosses just north of what would seem to be last paddable water -- but to get to it a 5' beaver dam has to be lifted over first -- just where narrows start. Then above a shallow dam has to be dragged over. Landing on left at top in a gravel area maybe 100 yards off road. Rest of creek looked too shallow for a canoe -- after going under road in a culvert. We scouted north side of road and all the way on west of stream to high ground after large pond starts. Also no sign of portage in triangular bay just south. Our sports and ones on Wilkie put in from road where we landed to look for portage.

Smye to Casino --

Portage to next east-west water out of center of south section of bay (called yellow-jacket portage). $50^{\circ} 22' 90^{\circ} 21'$ Old blazes existed, but had to be reblazed, little cutting done. Walking poor with large rocks almost all the way across making trail uneven. 200 yards. Starts up a hill for 15-20 yards and then pretty level. Puts in in narrow piece of water in southeast corner of bay. On return -- Yellow-jacket portage (in base of spruce at left loading area going west -- at right unloading spot coming east) needs to be straightened and definitely widened -- walking probably would not be made worse.

Thin east-west water, high rock shores like the others. Again not much for campsites.

Road portage to next east-west section leaves left center of last bay. $50^{\circ} 21' 90^{\circ} 23'$ Again old blazes, had to be reblazed and cut -- Not passable as it was. 500 - 600 yards. Starts on normal forest trail and then to avoid low land climbs up on rock to south. Some of the climbs definitely too steep with too long step-ups -- non-Indian like. Should have some recutting really. Reaches road after about 350 - 400 yards, crossed at same angle entered. Puts in just west of end of bay. On return -- needs some additional clearing and widening plus some rerouting to make rock areas less dangerous -- too much side-hill and a couple impossible step-ups. Landing on western east-west water poor for unloading especially.

Portage to Casino takes out almost opposite -- in sight of previous portage -- starts in a shallow depression in shoreline. Old blazes again, but trail takes right branch just after start -- left branch, which is really straight ahead, blazes quit after about 50 - 75 yards. Trail is normal forest floor until starts up over hill. One impossible step-up spot -- about 3 feet straight up. On top of hill follows rock as much as possible with several what seem to be meanders which should be eliminated if used again. Also in forest sections trees often too close for easy canoe carrying -- is passable at all times, but barely so. Needs more work to eliminate terrible step-up and down rock and too-close trees. 600 yards. Puts into very corner of southeast bay of Casino.

We camped in jackpine stand on left just after narrows coming north $50^{\circ} 23' 90^{\circ} 24'$ could be better -- we were looking for '78 lunchsite and don't think this was it.

Casino to Savant Lake --

'78 trail to next lake to west $50^{\circ} 24' 90^{\circ} 22'$ still passable, but one very wet muskeg area about halfway through. Pointed bay to south checked, but would be longer and would involve three sections of soft, scraggly bush walking -- rest pretty much rock. Old trail probably better -- takes out on rock, but has a section of low land to walk to woods and end is low land. Still a very elementary cut trail, however. If wanting to come this way again, check west bay out of Casino first to see if there is an existing trail to second lake west -- skipping the middle one, that would then connect with the long one out of that lake down into Savant Lake.

'78 trail in -- $50^{\circ} 23' 90^{\circ} 22'$ -- was recut getting out new windfalls and is not a bad walker now -- 450 - 500 yards. Start at Casino end relocated on left of creek at entrance to creek before beaver work and old dead trees get in way. At foot -- on pond -- we had to walk out to pond shore because of new beaver work. If using again, however, check first to see if there is a trail on south shore already -- looked like maybe a landing at Casino end on south side, but not checked.

At portage out of pond to Silver 50° 23+ 90° 21+ we recut '78 trail to beaver pond, put in, and took second short carry around beaver work and narrow creek to Silver -- 200 yards and another 30 yards for second carry -- which is poor at both ends. Much better; there is an existing trail that uses same landing as our's, slightly left of our's, that goes easily to bay of Silver west of the creek -- 100 yards -- much shorter and much preferred. Ends in middle of little bay off Silver.

Silver to Pride and Pride to Savant carries as in '78 -- 200 yards and 150 yards.

We camped on south shore of Southeast Bay on north side of large round island 50° 24½' 90° 24' Kitchen fine at east end of site, but most tentsites on sloping rock that goes east up to west. Was fine until storm came in from north -- very exposed in that direction.

Savant to East-West Water after Jutten --

We looked for portage in bay after campsite which might go into water to west of Casino that parallels Casino, but saw only what appeared to be beaver trails.

We saw no campsites cut until narrows into South Arm. One on right just before South Arm looked reasonable. Did not appear to be too many possible places in South Arm -- campsite and/or cabin on right just after entering Arm. 50° 24' 90° 31'

We looked for creek to Handy, expecting to be able to paddle it, but it enters in a shallow rapid and we did not check further for portage or see if it could be lined.

Portage to Jutten in south? (north?) of Savant River entrance -- 1:50,000 map says it does not go through. 450 yards -- good trail. Was once well-used -- not so much recently it would appear.

Jutten does not appear to have many campsite possibilities except maybe area just south of approach to narrows into small lake-like area to east. Narrows easily paddled into bay with couple of islands.

But next narrows 50° 19+ 90° 30' leading to portage to East-west water -- Bay at southeast corner, not where river enters -- was choked with rock -- maybe several feet out of water and had to be lifted over -- rock is mostly pointed, so is not easy. Someone had made recent cuts on some overhanging trees just after lift-over.

At end of bay 50° 19+ 90° 29' portage to East-West water -- 200 yards, well-used trail -- we had to cut through windfalls at start and rest clear. Damp in spots. Puts in on wet grass.

We camped on south shore just before hammer-like peninsula from south shore. 50° 20- 90° 27' Pretty poor. Tentsites and kitchen poor; only swimming good.

East-West Water after Jutten to Smye --

Portage to next water -- where Casino portage leaves -- was quite ancient. 50° 20' 90° 26+ Takes out on right side of creek and parallels creek -- probably less than 100 yards. 1st 2/3 is now well-cut and good walking. Final 1/3 goes through a grass-weed area with

a good number of moss covered rocks with some pot holes between. Puts in on top of an old beaver dam. Not good walking, but best available.

No portage seen to water that parallels Casino, but only looked at from canoe and there were several possible trail-like landings although they could have been only game trails. Might be possible to find a poor campsite, but would not be good.

See previous notes on Road and Yellow-jacket portages. Still no look at clubber's site on Smye -- see previous notes -- the canoes that had been down on Wilkie had it this time and we camped on island as before.

Smye to Pond before Heathcote --

Portage at end of southwest bay $50^{\circ} 21' 90^{\circ} 21'$ trail on left of stream, originally started after walking up shore on rocks and put in just before an old beaver dam that would probably have to be lifted over, followed by another that could probably be broken. Trail recut and both landings altered. Starts left of creek, just before rocks at creek and beginning goes through weeds and grass so would be hard to spot. Top circles to left to avoid windfalls and puts in above ancient beaver dam and new one. 250 yards, walking not all that bad. Shallows to be negotiated above loading spot.

North shore of next water has been lumbered off. South shore untouched. We found no trace of a trail at creek on south and walking did not look good -- but would be better on east.

Portage at southwest end $50^{\circ} 19\frac{1}{2}' 90^{\circ} 23'$ taken on right of creek using lumbered land -- not bad walking considering. 100 yards. Walk inshore side of obvious route for better walking.

Portage out of small water cut on our own -- there were some old blazes we did not follow. $50^{\circ} 19' 90^{\circ} 24'$ 250 yards, not all that bad a walker. Starts in east corner of bay and ends on left side of top bay.

Lake to follow attractive looking and would probably have campsites. Most likely island and mainland at northeast corner of first bay south.

We should probably have investigated possible route to Heathcote out of large eastern bay to the south -- maybe route would not have been burned over?

Portage out to pond goes through burned area all the way. $50^{\circ} 19' 90^{\circ} 23'$ 250 yards -- longer than should be because tip of pond was swampy and we went up shore to right to have reasonable walking. Difficult to follow since blazes are almost all on dead wood. Starts in center of bay of lake and puts in along south shore of pond.

Pond fairly shallow. We camped at east end to right of creek and just before it at start of the portage we cut. $50^{\circ} 19\frac{1}{2}' 90^{\circ} 21'$ Tentsites excellent, but water in front shallow and difficult to draw -- no swimming.

Pond before Heathcote to Foam --

Portage we cut goes through burn all the way except maybe a little green right near shore on Heathcote. Takes out on right before creek starts on dry landing -- used as campsite last night. Trail should be 600 - 700 yards, but our route would be closer to 900 yards. Should stay on high ground and probably 2 points west of northwest on compass -- we did one point which kept leading down toward creek valley. First part poorly cut and winds quite a bit trying to avoid cutting through windfalls. Bends down to grass on creek side of tree line and then goes back up on higher land -- some of which is clear rock -- with patches of moss, etc in between. Ends just left of bald rock in bay where we thought in '81 trail should go. Final 100 yards well-cut, but rest is poor. East end better cut and better walking than west as a rule.

Portage from Heathcote to Barrington $50^{\circ} 16' 90^{\circ} 21'$ still in bad shape though someone took a chain saw and axe to a few yards on the Heathcote side. Needs to be brushed and a chain saw needed for step-over windfalls -- 300 yards. In many ways harder than the previous portage we cut.

Rest to Foam as before -- two tents on site where sports were at top of Barrington in '81 $50^{\circ} 18' 90^{\circ} 15'$ just before portage to Foam.

Foam to Base --

Nothing new -- creek a lot higher than in '81 and while we still had to dodge rocks, no problem. Even last rocky shallows was taken without trouble.