



## Information for 3 and 4 day trips — 2025 —

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## MEETING TIME, DEPARTURE, LOCATION, AND PARKING PERMIT INFORMATION 2025

Please read the following information, it will provide important details that will help you to prepare for your wilderness excursion.

### MEETING VS DEPARTURE TIME

Please be aware of the meeting time/departure time of your exact excursion. The meeting/departure time depend on the time of the season. This information is more accurate than the meeting departure time on the website/viator/getyourguide platforms.

**MEETING TIME:** This is when you must meet your guide. It is approximately 30 minutes before your departure. This is when your guide will help you get your parking permit and help you load your canoes.

**DEPARTURE TIME:** This is when you will get your basic canoe lesson in your loaded canoes and depart for the campsite. The departure time is approximately 30 minutes after your meeting time.

Make sure you share your Whatsapp number when you register / make payment for your tour. We need to be able to reach you at all times on the departure day.  
**Please keep your phone on until you meet your guide.**

### TIME SCHEDULE FOR 2025

**May 16,17,18 to June 30, July 1,2,3 (including)**

*Meeting: 11:30 AM*

*Departure: 12:00 PM (noon)*

**July 4,5,6 to Sept 5,6,7 (including)**

*Meeting: 12:30 PM*

*Departure: 1:00 PM*

**Sept 8,9,10 to Oct 10,11,12 (including)**

*Meeting: 12:00 PM*

*Departure: 12:30 PM*

**Oct 13,14,15 to Oct 17,18,19 (including)**

*Meeting: 11:00 AM*

*Departure: 11:30 AM*

If you cannot find your guide at the meeting time, please contact the office +1-416-932-2032 and wait just **outside** the front door Canoe Lake Registration office



## WHERE TO MEET YOUR GUIDE

You should arrive at Canoe Lake, Algonquin Park, as early as possible. There is a washroom, restaurant, gift shop and a small camping store. The restaurant is very expensive and slow, so it is better to eat outside Algonquin Park before you arrive. The small camping store is also very expensive. You can also bring your own lunch and eat at Canoe Lake before you meet your guide.

Your guide will be at the Canoe Lake beach. The Canoe Lake beach is very small (about 65 m long). It will be easy to find him. Look for the Algonquin Nature Adventures logo on his uniform, and on the canoes parked at the beach. Your guide will be wearing a long sleeve top with the company logo, and a camping hat.

The canoes are all different colors. They are red, yellow, blue, mango, orange, or white (all with our logo). Our vehicle is a large silver van with a black canoe trailer attached or a regular gray van with a black canoe trailer attached. You should have your lunch finished, car parked (at one of the parking lots behind the registration office) and sandals on before you meet your guide. he will help you to get your parking permit.



*View on Canoe Lake Registration office and the beach from the Canoe Lake*



## **PARKING PERMIT**

If you are driving, your overnight parking permit is not included in the excursion, and you must purchase it. Get your parking permit at the Canoe Lake Registration Office **after you meet your guide. You will need your guide to help you get your permit.** The Canoe Lake Registration Office is 50 meters directly in front of the Canoe Lake beach. You will see canoes parked on the beach.

**Do not get your parking permit at the East Gate, West Gate or online, as it will be more expensive.**

The campsite reservation is for seven days, but your excursion is for 3 or 4 days, so the park will charge you for 7 days of parking if you do it at the East/West gates or online.

Get your parking permit at the Canoe Lake Registration Office at Canoe Lake on the day of your excursion. Drive directly to Canoe Lake when you enter the park.

The parking permit is \$12+13% tax for one night ( \$13.56), so for two nights it is about \$27 and \$41 for three nights. You will pay for each night. You will need to know your license plate number (on the front/back of your car). It takes about 10 minutes to get a parking permit.

Park the car behind the registration office in the overnight parking lot. Do not park it near washrooms or the restaurant (that is for daytime parking only). You can leave anything (including suitcases ) you don't want to bring on your trip in the trunk of your car. It will 99.99% be safe (nothing is 100%). Make sure the doors are locked, your valuables are not visible, and you have your keys.

## **CANOE LAKE PARKING LOT ADDRESS:**

Canoe Lake Access Point Long-Term Parking Lot, ON-60, Whitney, ON P0A 1E0, Canada

GPS coordinates: 45.534243807658264, -78.70615203471921

Google Map link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/VthsKq8AJkZSSBu7>



## MEALS

**Make sure you eat a big lunch on the first day before you meet your guide at 1 PM.** Your dinner on the first day will be around 5:30 PM ( after 3 hours of canoeing). You will also have an evening snack included on the first night. It is a good idea to bring some snacks on your own for your multi-day excursion. The best snacks are high-calorie energy bars, protein bars, and chocolate bars. Do not bring anything that requires refrigeration. Your snacks will be suspended in a tree when you arrive at the campsite for safety (bears). You will have access to your snacks anytime you want. If you wish to bring something to drink (pop, juice, etc), make sure it is in plastic bottles. Dollarama is the cheapest place to get snacks.

The 3-day trip includes: dinner, evening snack, breakfast, lunch, dinner, breakfast.

The 4-day trip includes: dinner, evening snack, breakfast, lunch, dinner, breakfast, lunch dinner, breakfast

## RAIN

It is essential that you check the possibility of rain for every day and night of your excursion. It is also essential to check the hourly possibility of rain for the first 36 hours of your trip. You should know if it is going to rain, when it is going to rain, and how much rain will fall. Rain usually lasts between 10 min and a few hours. There is no rainy season in Algonquin Park. The weather is unpredictable. It is important to keep your things in your backpack dry. Bring a few large garbage bags to put your backpack inside during the canoe ride. Do not buy an expensive raincoat just for this trip. You can get a very cheap rain poncho from Dollarama (\$2). They will cover your body, head, and legs (down to your knees). A regular raincoat won't protect your legs in a canoe. Bring your raincoat if you have one but bring a poncho as well. (ponchos are better for canoeing in the rain).

## COLD NIGHTS

**When days and/or nights are cold, it is important to be prepared.** It is absolutely essential to check the day and night temperatures for every day of your excursion. It is also essential to check the hourly temperatures for the first 36 hours of your trip so you know how cold it will be and when it will be cold. Check the "measured temperature" and the "windchill/feels like temperature". It is a good idea to bring a warm hat, scarf, gloves, neck warmer, and warm socks. You can buy all of these at Dollarama. It is necessary to bring a few pairs of warm socks in the cooler months(May, June, September, and October). It is also a good idea to bring long underwear (under your pants) for May, early June, September, and October). The weather is unpredictable and the temperatures change from day to night. We will be paddling at night to see the stars from the canoe. It can get cold on the lake at night. We will also go canoeing early in the morning to see the sunrise. Your warmth will affect how much fun you have. Your hands and feet will be the coldest part when the weather gets cold. Regular school/office socks are different from very warm socks. You will be sleeping in a warm sleeping bag, with a cotton liner, on an inflatable airbed, however the tents are very large and we try to put only half the number of people inside each (to maximize spacious comfort). If it is going to be +10 C, you should prepare for +5 C. If it is going to be +4 C, you should prepare for -1 C. Remember, it can sometimes get cool in the summer nights as well.



## **CANOES**

The canoes are for two or three people. You can choose your own partners. The first and last days will include going across a larger lake and there will be a 150 m portage, where participants must portage their canoe (carry from one lake to another, for 150 m. Canoes with two people will carry a little more food/equipment than canoes with 3 people because there is more space in the 2 person canoe). Your guide may switch canoe partners due to wind and weather conditions to maximize safety.

## **TENTS**

The tents are huge (you can stand in them). There are three tents for 8 people. Tent 1 ( 7 person tent) for three people, Tent 2 (8-person tent) for three people, Tent 3 (4-person tent), for two people. Solo participants will not be able to have their own tent. The tents are for sleeping only. Most of your time will be outside on the campsite, around the campfire, in the forest, or in the canoe. Part of the camping experience is making new friends and sharing the wilderness experience.

## **BRINGING YOUR OWN SLEEPING BAG/TENT/FISHING ROD**

You can bring your own sleeping bag if you wish. You don't need to inform us before the excursion. Please let your guide know when you meet him at the beginning of the excursion if you are bringing your own sleeping bag. Unfortunately, there is a limit on the number of tents permitted on a campsite in Algonquin Park and it is not possible to bring your own tent. Fishing is legal in Algonquin Park. You must have a fishing license (you can get one at the Canoe Lake registration office when you get your parking permit. You will need to bring your own fishing equipment (rod, tackle bait). You can't use live bait (small fish) in the park, however you can use plastic/rubber lures and live worms.

## **WASHROOM**

There is an environmentally-friendly compost toilet at the campsite. There is toilet paper, so you don't have to bring any (unless you want your own).



## **EXTRA INFORMATION FOR TOUR PREPARATION**

Please read the following information, it will provide extra details that will help you to prepare for your wilderness excursion. The better you are prepared, the better time you will have. Your preparation will focus on being as warm, dry, insect-free, rested, and properly equipped as possible for your excursion. The cheapest place to buy things to prepare is Dollarama. The next cheapest place is Walmart and then Canadian Tire. You should prepare everything at least a few days before the trip. Don't wait until the day before. Don't buy anything very expensive unless you think you will need it after the trip.

### **INCLUDED**

Canoes, life jackets, basic paddling lesson, spacious tent accommodation, camping cot/inflatable airbed, warm sleeping bag w/ fresh liner, all park registration fees, 5 meals (3 day trip)/ 8 meals (4-day trip), all utensils (plates, cups, fork, spoon, knife), toilet paper.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Transportation to/ from Algonquin Park, all personal hygiene items (sunblock, insect repellent, medicine, etc), you must bring water sandals, flashlight, 1.5 L plastic bottle of water per person.

### **ALCOHOL AND RECREATIONAL DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED ON THIS EXCURSION**

You will not be permitted to enter a canoe and participate in activities if you bring alcohol and/or recreational drugs. Prescription medication is permitted, unless it impairs. Please inform your guide at the beginning of your trip if you are bringing any prescription medication.

### **MEDICAL/TRAVEL INSURANCE/ID DOCUMENTS**

Canadian citizens only need their provincial health card and any kind of ID. International visitors to Canada should have basic medical insurance for medical emergencies that may arise while traveling in Canada. Hospitals are very expensive in Canada for international guests. Medical insurance buys peace of mind. Basic medical insurance is sufficient.

All participants are responsible for their own medical insurance/expenses. Everyone must have medical insurance for the excursion. Algonquin Nature Adventures does not provide medical insurance to participants.

Travel insurance is optional and participants must decide on their own if they want it. Algonquin Nature Adventures does not offer travel insurance. It is best to be in Canada at least two days before your excursion. Algonquin Nature Adventures does not offer cancellation insurance.

Passports are not required for this activity. If you want to bring your passport it is okay. International tourists must bring some kind of identification, (driver's license, student ID etc). Your ID will only be necessary in case of a medical emergency.

### **HEALTH INFO AND WAIVERS**

Part of registration is filling out the health information and waiver document, signing them, and sending it back to Algonquin Nature Adventures at [algonquin.nature.adventures@gmail.com](mailto:algonquin.nature.adventures@gmail.com) when you register and make your payment. The health information will allow you to inform us of any allergies, past/present medical issues, food options (regular/vegetarian/vegan), and other important information. Parents must fill out a separate Health Information & Waiver document for each child. Please include in the child's age, weight (kg), and height (cm) so proper life jackets can be prepared.





## PARENTS WITH CHILDREN

Algonquin Nature Adventures welcomes families with children. Participants aged 17+ are considered adults, aged 12 -16 are teens, and aged 3 -11 are children). Families will be given their own tent. This excursion is child-friendly, (children will not be expected to cut wood, help with the food preparation, cooking, etc). Children can sit in the middle of parents' canoes and can paddle if they wish.

Parents must fill out, sign and send the health information and waiver documents for each child to [algonquin.nature.adventures@gmail.com](mailto:algonquin.nature.adventures@gmail.com). We will require the children's age, height and kg (for proper life jackets). At all times, children need to be supervised by their parents. Parents are solely responsible for their children.

## SANDALS

You will definitely need sandals made for the water. You will be walking in moving water up to your knees many times every day. Get sandals with a strap that goes around the back of your foot, so they don't come off under water. Water Shoes/scuba shoes are also good if they have a hard bottom (sole). Dollorama and Walmart are the cheapest places to buy sandals. Your feet will get wet as soon as this excursion begins (you must walk in 50 cm water to get in a canoe).

Some Examples:



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## **WATER**

Each person (including children) must bring a 1.5 L plastic bottle of water. You can refill it at the campsite. Dollarama/Walmart/grocery stores are the cheapest places to buy water.

## **FLASHLIGHT**

There is no electricity at the campsite, so you will need a basic flashlight. It becomes completely dark after sunset. You can get a cheap flashlight at Dollarama. A headlight is better than a hand-held light so your hands are free (but a hand held flashlight is fine). We will go paddling at night to see the stars and you might want to go to the toilet at night. Don't buy an expensive flashlight unless you think you will need it after the excursion. Do not forget batteries.

## **SHOES/SOCKS**

You don't need any special shoes for this excursion. Hiking boots are not necessary. Your regular running shoes will be fine. If the weather is cold for your excursion, bring several warm socks. You can get warm socks at Dollarama or Walmart.

## **SHAMPOO/SOAP**

The Government and Algonquin Park prohibit all soaps and shampoos including biodegradable because it is bad for the environment (fish, turtles, lake water etc). Bring wet napkins/baby wipes/body wipes to clean your hands, face and body. The cheapest place to get these are at Dollarama. Hand sanitizer is also good.

## **CAMERAS/CELLPHONES/WALLET**

Cameras and cellphones are expensive. It is a good idea to get a dry bag or a large zip-lock sandwich bag to keep them dry. You can get these at Dollarama. It's good to keep your car keys, wallet, etc in a separate plastic bag inside your backpack because you won't need these during your excursion.

## **ANIMALS/INSECTS**

Algonquin Park is a wild forest without cities. There are many black bears, beavers, moose, birds, wolves, and insects. There are no poisonous animals/insects in the park. June is the peak season for mosquitoes. Wear loose long-sleeve tops and loose pants that can be rolled up to your knees. It is also very good to get a mosquito head neck and/or bug jacket. You can get it in Dollarama. Bring insect repellent. The water is 100% safe from dangerous animals.

## **YOUR BACKPACK**

Pack all your things separately in plastic bags in your backpack. Bring 3-4 large garbage bags to put your backpack in during the canoe rides. The bottom of the canoe might get wet during canoeing. You can get garbage bags at Dollarama. Pack your snacks, rain coat, long sleeve top, your shoes, and insect repellent at the top of your backpack so you can have easy access to them. Do not pack your water inside your backpack - keep it separate outside your backpack.



## THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR TRIP

You should get a very good sleep the night before your excursion. Go to bed early. You should be prepared at least 2 days before your trip. If you are driving, you should already have your Google Maps/GPS/car navigation already prepared and you should research exactly the roads you will take to get to the park. Do not go drinking the night before your excursion. It is important to be well rested. You definitely don't want to start your excursion tired. Save your energy for the wilderness adventure.

## THE MORNING OF YOUR FIRST DAY (before arriving at Algonquin Park).

Some people will be driving from Toronto and some will be driving from Ottawa. Some will be driving from Huntsville, Ont. and others will be driving from other cities. It is important that you don't leave any shopping for the morning. The traffic can get very busy and sometimes accidents delay the highways. The speed limit is 100 km/h on the big highways, and 80-90 km/h on the smaller ones. The speed limit on the highway inside the park is 60-70 km/h. Rain and fog can slow your drive to Canoe Lake. Don't be in a rush. Leave as early as possible and drive carefully. It is OK to arrive early. There is lots to do at Canoe Lake if you arrive early. It takes a minimum of 4 hours of driving from downtown Toronto (in perfect conditions and without stopping) to arrive at Canoe Lake. **DO NOT arrive late. There are absolutely no refunds if you arrive late for any reason.** Your first day is going to be a long day (driving, canoeing, portaging, setting chopping wood, swimming, etc.). Arrive early, rested, well-fed, and be prepared.

## WHAT TO WEAR ON THE FIRST DAY

This all depends on the weather (temperature and chances of rain). Keep your jacket/raincoat/poncho at the top of your bag in case you need it. It is best to start the trip with long pants and a long sleeve top. If you wear pants, make sure you can pull them up to your knees, your legs will get wet up to your knees when getting into/out of the canoe.

## MEALS

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## **CANOES**

The canoes are for two or three people. You can usually choose your own partners. The first and last days will include going across a larger lake and there will be a 150 m portage, where participants must portage their canoe (carry from one lake to another, for 150 m. Canoes with two people will carry a little more food/equipment than canoes with 3 people because there is more space in the 2 person canoe). Your guide may switch canoe partners due to wind and weather conditions to maximize safety.

## **TENTS**

The tents are huge (you can stand in them). Solo participants will not be able to have their own tent. The tents are for sleeping only. Most of your time will be outside on the campsite, around the campfire, in the forest, or in the canoe. Part of the camping experience is making new friends and sharing the wilderness experience.

## **BRINGING YOUR OWN SLEEPING BAG/TENT/FISHING ROD**

You can bring your own sleeping bag if you wish. You don't need to inform us before the excursion. Please let your guide know when you meet him at the beginning of the excursion if you are bringing your own sleeping bag. Unfortunately, there is a limit on the number of tents permitted on a campsite in Algonquin Park and it is not possible to bring your own tent. Fishing is legal in Algonquin Park. You must have a fishing license (you can get one at the Canoe Lake registration office when you get your parking permit. You can get a fishing license in any Canadian Tire in a city. You will need to bring your own fishing equipment (rod, tackle bait). You can't use live bait (small fish) in the park, however you can use plastic/rubber lures and live worms.

## **WASHROOM**

There is an environmentally-friendly compost toilet at the campsite. There is toilet paper, so you don't have to bring any (unless you want your own).

# WHAT TO BRING TO ALGONQUIN PARK



This is a multi-day, outdoor wilderness excursion. Preparing is the most important part of the trip. There is limited space in the canoes, so we need to pack efficiently and smart. You MUST check the temperature online for day and night, and the possibility of rain in Algonquin Park. The park is huge and so you should be checking the Lake of Two Rivers, Algonquin Park. Check the hourly weather for every day of the tour. If it is going to rain, know what time it will start and how much it will rain.

## THE EXCURSION INCLUDES :

Canoes, life jackets, tents, camping cots/air beds, sleeping bag, fresh liner, and your meals (5 meals for the 3-day tours and 8 meals for the 4-day tours).

There are some things you must bring, should bring, don't have to bring, and must not bring.

## DON'T HAVE TO BRING :

Toilet paper, any plates, dishes, cups, bowls, fork, passport.

## MUST NOT BRING :

- No Glass Bottles (ANY glass bottle)
- No Metal Cans (including redbull, coke can, tuna can, any metallic disposable container)
- No soap ( read more in Tour Preparation doc)
- No shampoo (no biodegradable shampoo)
- No Music with speakers (headphones are OK)
- Recreational drugs (weed, edibles, mushrooms etc) Cigarettes and vaping are OK!
- No Alcohol (including beer, wine, spirits)

Here is a good link to check the weather:

(copy and paste link please)

[www.weather.gc.ca/city/pages/on-29\\_metric\\_e.html](http://www.weather.gc.ca/city/pages/on-29_metric_e.html)

You need clothing to protect you from the cold, the rain, the sun, and the mosquitoes. Please see the checklist.

Stores like Dollarama, Walmart and Canadian Tire are the cheapest places to prepare for the trip.

## WHAT TO BRING TO ALGONQUIN PARK CHECK LIST

- You should pack everything in separate plastic bags before you put them in your backpack. Bring several extra plastic bags, they are very useful on camping trips. You don't need a special backpack. Any backpack you can fit your things in will be fine.
- Bring 2-3 large empty black garbage bags to protect your backpack and sleeping bag in the canoe. There is filtered river water at the campsite. If you want, bring something else to drink (juice, pop, etc) in a plastic bottle.
- Your pants and tops should be loose to allow body movement and protection from insects. The best protection against mosquitoes and black flies is loose pants and a long sleeve top. It is useful to bring a mosquito head net during the peak of bug season (May and June).
- There is no electricity so bring a portable battery charger for your phone if you wish.
- Bring a credit card, any picture ID, medical insurance, and some cash (\$20) just in case. There's a gift store at Canoe lake if you are interested.
- In May, early June, September, and October, the nights can get cold. Warm jacket, gloves, long johns, hat, scarf, and neck warmer will be necessary.

### MUST BRING

- Water sandals – you will walk in rivers up to your knees every day, flip flops and crocs aren't OK. Scuba/surfing shoes are not OK but better than nothing
- Medical Insurance
- Simple flashlight w/batteries ( You can buy a cheap one at Dollorama)

### SHOULD BRING

- Shoes (running shoes are fine)
- Socks (2)
- Swimsuit + towel
- Pants (2) – loose
- Tops (2-3) – Long sleeve is better. Avoid open V-neck. Bring at least one warm sweatshirt.
- Hat – a hat to block the sun is a very good idea
- Jacket – bring one according to the temperature at night. We paddle at night and sunrise too
- Rain coat – bring one if there is any chance of rain
- Personal hygiene– tooth brush/paste, hand wipes
- Insect repellent, sun block, headache medicine, sunglasses etc.
- Some snacks (chocolate, energy bar, nuts, etc)





## TOUR DISCLOSURE

### ***Details of Travel Services***

Our company organizes and provides backcountry wilderness excursions in Algonquin Park. We offer 3-day/2-night and 4-day/3-night tours which are outdoor, multi-day, guided camping and canoeing trips. A tour includes, campsite reservation, sleeping bag, camping cot/air bed, tent, canoe, paddle, guided nature tours, canoeing lesson, and meals. Our tours are not a car camping activity or glamping tour. We will be moving deep into the forest and must all work together like a team to have a safe and fun trip. All together, our tour participants canoe to a campsite in the forest, cook food on an open fire, collect wood and sleep in tents.

### ***What to expect***

Please note that this is a "luxury backcountry wilderness excursion" and not a "luxury glamping trip". This is a wilderness canoeing adventure that includes a portage. The campsite where we stay is not a five-star hotel but a backcountry camping site with tents, in the forest by the lake. The term "luxury" refers to exclusive services we provide for maximum comfort and extraordinary experience of wilderness in Algonquin Park. Our staff will transport and set up most of your equipment, including tents and camping cots, before your trip. Additionally, all kitchen gear will be delivered and set up for you too. The meals on this excursion are also unparalleled, offering gourmet options like prime rib steak, salmon steaks, Montreal smoked meat, smoked salmon and much more - making our wilderness excursion an experience distinctly different from any other backcountry tours offered in Algonquin Park.

Algonquin Provincial park is the oldest and largest park in Ontario. The park is over 7700 sq km and has more than 1500 lakes connected by rivers which makes it one of the best places in Ontario for canoeing and camping. Algonquin Provincial Park is world-famous for its nature and wild animals such as moose, snapping turtles, loons, beavers, wolves, and black bears. There is no border between your campsite and the forest with wild animals. Our campsite is directly on the edge of a lake. There is no electricity, no running water, no cell phone service, and no internet. Tour participants need to consider outdoor activity risks and challenges before joining the activity. All tour participants should expect moderate physical activity during the duration of a tour. We will be moving, paddling, carrying/lifting camping equipment and firewood, walking on uneven terrain and stepping into moving water. We will paddle with all our things to get to the campsite. Our paddle route will be about 6 km, a 150 m portage, and then an additional 4 km of paddling. A portage is the place where one river/lake ends and we must carry everything to the next river/lake. This adventure has some aspects of very much comfort including extra large spacious tents (you can stand inside), camping cot/inflatable bed, cooking area, fleece liners for cool nights, waterproof covers for the tents, a covered cooking area to prepare food in potential wind or rain, and incredible meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We will canoe about 11 km each day. The group will use a designated environmentally friendly compost toilet in a forest. We will see a lot of water, trees, and hopefully some animals.

### ***Risk and safety management***

All our guides are fully licensed to lead camping and canoeing trips in the province by the Ontario Recreational Kayaking and Canoeing Association (O.R.K.C.A). All our guides go through mandatory training and recertification to keep their skills and licenses up-to-date. Other important organizations that regulate our risk and safety management are: the Travel Industry Council of Ontario ( T.I.C.O.) and Remote Wilderness First Aid training by the Red Cross. Due to the nature of this outdoor activity, there are aspects of the trip that require careful risk and safety management from both the tour provider and all the tour participants. To participate in the activity, all customers must read the provided documentation and sign the Health Information documents and the ORKCA waivers before the start of the tour.





It is expected that after signing the waiver you will accept all risks (natural and unnatural) associated with participating in the wilderness adventure and follow the guide's safety instructions during the tour to prevent any injury to yourself, to other participants or any damage to the environment and or camping/canoeing equipment. You must inform the office and the guide before the excursion of any preexisting medical conditions which could affect your health/safety/ability to participate in any part of the wilderness excursion.

### ***Expectation of difficulty***

This excursion is beginner-friendly. Swimming skills are not a requirement, however, it is recommended. If you can't swim or are not sure about your abilities you must inform your guide. Everyone must wear a life jacket in the canoes at all times even if they have swimming skills. Non-swimmers must wear life jackets near/in the water at all times. Some aspects of this excursion will require various amounts of effort and work. The paddling will be about 3 hours a day. There are canoes with 3 seats so you can request to sit in the middle to get some rest if you get tired. Portaging requires carrying everything about 150 m. At the campsite, you will do some wood collecting/cutting, assisting in food preparation and simple clean-up.

### ***Activities***

All tour activities are optional (except canoeing and portaging to/from the campsite on the first and the last day of the excursion; and collecting and cutting firewood during the excursion). This is an outdoor wilderness excursion and ALL ACTIVITIES ARE WEATHER-DEPENDANT (temperature, water temperature, wind speed, current, precipitation). Activities may be canceled due to safety risks, and or group ability. Optional activities that have potential risks: Paddling at night to see the stars, paddling at sunrise, canoeing to a beaver dam, cliff jumping, swimming, walking up the river, and others. The water levels and temperatures have a wide range. You may get wet during any of these activities. The beaver dam tour involves walking up a narrow creek with water that ranges from 10 cm to 80 cm. Weather and water conditions may alter our planned route. Alternative portages may be required.

The cliff jumping activity requires care due to its location. The jumping levels are 1m, 2m, and 5 m and must also be done with extreme care and at your own risk. Please let us know if you have any concerns about the activities before you join it.

### ***Potential Tour Risks***

It is expected that you will research more information about the wilderness in Algonquin Park, and make an informed decision before joining our adventure tour. Once you read all the tour information provided by Algonquin Nature Adventures, make payment for the activity and sign the waivers before the start of the tour, you are making an informed decision about your participation in the outdoor activity and you are accepting all potential risks that might come during the wilderness tour. Activities that might have potential risks, and participants need to be aware of: varying temperatures for day and night for different seasons, wind conditions on lakes/river, canoeing, cutting and carrying wood, working with camping tools (axes and saws), heavy lifting, walking through the forest, being near a fire, walking on uneven/slippery terrain, walking up the river in moving water on possibly slippery stones, observing unpredictable wildlife, living in a forest with wild animals, and other risks associated with being in the wilderness.

### ***Other possible contingencies***

Wilderness backcountry camping trips have some hazards and many possible unexpected situations, such as rain/snow/hail beginning unexpectedly, sudden strong winds, strong currents, storms, falling trees, unexpected contact with wildlife, insects, unpredictable behavior of animals,



needing to relocate in the middle of the excursion for various reasons, bears/other animals stealing food, dealing with medical evacuations, trips being possibly shortened due to medical emergencies, changed schedules due to group ability, water levels rising or falling, fire bans, tornados/thunderstorms/lighting and more. The ground may be slippery, walking on/over rocky ridges should be done with care. All the tours are carefully planned, however, unexpected or emergency situations can arise at any time. Safety of all participants is the guide's top priority at all times. The guide may switch up canoe partners at any time for safety or other purposes (tent mates may also be switched).

### ***Departure***

Research all the information about the park and ask any questions about the tour well before arriving. The meeting location is at Canoe Lake beach in Algonquin Park. The meeting time is 30 minutes before the departure. You should arrive to Canoe lake at least 15 minutes before the meeting time. We will not wait and will not refund you if you are late to the tour departure meeting. The parking permit is not included in the cost of the tour. You are responsible for getting your own parking permit and failing to do it might result in park penalties. You will need the guide's assistance to get your parking permit after you meet him at the Canoe Lake 30 minutes before the departure. After meeting the guide, the group will help to unload the canoes from the trailer, and to load our canoes in the water with life jackets, sleeping bags, food coolers, and personal belongings. There may be additional things that we might need to bring (camping equipment). Previous paddling experience is not necessary as you will receive a basic paddling lesson before getting into the canoe.

### ***Insurance***

Canadian citizens only need to bring their provincial health card. All international guests participating in this activity MUST have medical insurance for the duration of the wilderness tour. Algonquin Nature Adventures does not offer travel or medical insurance. It is the responsibility of the participants to obtain proper medical insurance in case medical attention is required. The process of registering for the tour and making payment is an agreement stating you will have your medical insurance for the entire duration of the excursion. If you have allergies, asthma, or other serious medical conditions, please let us know well in advance. You are responsible to care for your health, and to bring proper medication. There is a medical kit at the campsite with non-prescription medicine/treatment. Participants who require an epipen for their allergic reactions must bring and carry their own epipens and medication at all times. The nearest hospital is approximately 5 hours from the campsite by canoe and vehicle. Parents/guardians/custodians are responsible for expenses (any medical, transportation, housing etc) incurred to any minor ( under 18 years old) on the excursion. All participants accept all responsibility and expenses for contagious deceases/viruses (such as COVID, flu, etc).

### ***Travel Documentation & Information***

It is the participant's sole responsibility to take care of all their travel arrangements, and to be on time for the tour. Algonquin Nature Adventures Inc. does not offer travel insurance, therefore, the company does not offer refunds for unexpected events during your journey that prevent you from joining the tour, or any unexpected medical conditions, as well as any flight, bus, train, vehicle delays or cancellations. If you travel (especially on a tight schedule), we suggest obtaining travel insurance for your own peace of mind. Travel/student/work visas are not Algonquin Nature Adventures responsibility. Passports are not necessary to participate in the excursion, however, entering Canada requires a valid passport and visa. All participants must sign the proper waivers and health information accurately before participating. Your information will be kept private and information is never shared with anyone and stored according to Canadian government regulations overseeing privacy issues.



### ***Weather***

This adventure could have unpredictable weather conditions such as rain, snow, wind, and changing temperatures from hot to cold. It is your responsibility to check the weather (day/night) for all days of your excursion. It can possibly be warm in the fall and cold in the summer. Sometimes weather forecasts “chance of showers” which can be rain or nothing. The weather changes often and it is important to be prepared for anything. The spring and fall usually have cool/cold nights. It is advised to bring warm clothes such as a warm jacket, gloves, scarf, and winter hat for very cold nights.

We do not cancel tours due to rainy weather and we do not refund participants if it is going to be rainy or cold weather. We run our trips during any weather except when the park closes for emergencies. See our refund policy for more information.

### ***Menu Items***

The menu may change due to availability. However, we will try our best to make sure the menu is of equal value and quality. If you are requesting a vegetarian / vegan / gluten-free diet, please let us know in advance. If you have any allergies, you must inform us when you register.

### ***Insects***

Algonquin Park does not have any poisonous insects. The most common insects that you will have to deal with are mosquitoes, horseflies and black flies. They are not dangerous but can be annoying and irritating. There are ticks present in the park, however, we have not experienced any in 25 years of guiding tours. We highly recommend everyone bring insect repellent. Loose thick long-sleeve clothing is the best protection against bites. Mosquitoes and black flies are most common in early June and gradually decrease as the summer arrives, however, they will be common throughout the summer as well.

### ***Plants & Animals***

There are no poisonous plants or animals in Algonquin Park. Some of the mushrooms are dangerous to eat. The park has over 2000 black bears, 2200 moose, 10 000 beavers, wolves, deer, snapping turtles, loons and others. This is a wilderness backcountry excursion, so there is no artificial barrier between the animals and campers. At the same time, animals in general are afraid of people unless provoked, surprised, attracted by food, or feel threatened. It is possible for animals to come to the campsite. Please follow your guide's instructions to have the best experience with wildlife in Algonquin Park.

### ***Fire ban***

Algonquin Nature Adventures Inc follows all regulations mandated by the Provincial Park, Ontario Provincial government, and Federal government of Canada regarding environmental rules and regulations, including fire bans. Due to dry conditions in a forest, sometimes there is a fire ban in Algonquin, which means no fire of any kind is allowed in the park. A fire ban will not cancel the tour. If there is a fire ban, we will continue our schedule as close as possible to our planned itinerary, and our menu and food preparation will be adjusted.



### **Penalties**

There are some basic rules and regulations everyone in the park must follow for the protection of environment, wildlife and other park visitors. The Algonquin Park, the Provincial Government, and Algonquin Nature Adventures are dedicated to protecting the sensitive flora and fauna of the park.

All tour participants are responsible for knowing and following the park rules. All tour participants will be responsible and accountable for any infractions. Here are some important Algonquin Park penalties to be aware of:

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- Consuming alcohol off the campsite	\$100.00
- Possession of alcohol under 19 years of age	\$100.00
- Being intoxicated in a public place	\$50.00
- Use discriminatory, harassing, abusive or insulting language or gestures	\$150.00
- Making excessive noise	\$150.00
- Disturbing other persons	\$150.00
- Littering or causing litter	\$125.00
- Parking a vehicle in a non- designated area	\$30.00
- Parking a vehicle in a prohibited area	\$30.00
- Damaging / defacing / removing Crown property	\$125.00
- Disturbing / harming / removing natural object	\$125.00
- Disturbing / cutting / removing / harming plant or tree	\$125.00
- Kill plant or tree	\$150.00
- Disturbing / killing / removing / harming / harassing an animal	\$150.00
- Starting or tending a fire other than in fireplace or designated place	\$150.00
- Starting or tending a fire where notice of fire hazard is posted	\$150.00

**Please see a full Summary of Provincial Park Offences to prevent breaking rules:**

[Park Rules for index.html Provincial Park \(ontarioparks.com\)](http://www.ontarioparks.com/ParkRules/index.html)

The Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006 and other legislation governing behavior in provincial parks can be reviewed at provincial park offices and at: [www.ontario.ca/laws](http://www.ontario.ca/laws). These laws are enforced by provincial park wardens who have all the power and authority of the Ontario Provincial Police within a provincial park. Many of the listed offenses could result in eviction from a provincial park. If evicted, you are prohibited from re-entering any provincial park for a period of 72 hours and you will not be refunded for your tour. Minimum fines listed above do not include court costs or victim fine surcharge.

If participants are breaking rules of the provincial park, or break laws of Ontario legislation or/and endanger themselves or other tour participants, cause any serious damage to environment or potential harm to other visitors of the provincial park, Algonquin Nature Adventures Inc. immediately call park wardens and fine the tour participant for the infraction in addition to park warden penalties. Additional penalties:

1. Taking a canoe for a ride without permission \$150
2. Breaking canoeing equipment due to careless behavior \$300
3. Not using the compost toilet (using the forest ground as a washroom or leaving toilet paper on the forest ground is strictly prohibited, everyone must use the toilet) \$150



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| 4. Cutting any living/green tree/shrub/plant after receiving instructions not to do so   | \$50  |
| 5. Throwing plastic trash into the river/lake  | \$50  |
| 6. Excessive noise (especially between sunset and sunrise)   | \$150 |
| 7. Provoking/luring/scaring/harming/ wildlife  | \$150 |
| 8. Unacceptable behavior (racism, sexual harassment/ risking the safety of themselves/others, offensive behavior, etc) - and ejection from the camping adventure and accepting all expenses related to the ejection) | \$150 |
| 9. Fishing without a license -and accepting all the expenses involved  | \$300 |

**Alcohol and drugs (marijuana, edibles, mushrooms and all other recreational drugs) are prohibited on the excursion. Being drunk or high on drugs endanger yourself and other participants. We will call the police if discover you are canoeing high or drunk. Possession and/or consumption will result in ejection from the activities and excursion with no refund.**

In Ontario, it is illegal to operate a canoe or any other vessel while impaired by alcohol or drugs. The laws governing this are similar to those for driving a motor vehicle, and the penalties for operating a canoe while impaired can be severe. Key points about impaired boating regulations in Ontario: Fines, license suspensions, and even imprisonment can result from operating a canoe under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If a person's impairment leads to a boating accident or endangers others, the penalties can be even more severe.

*For impaired operation under the Criminal Code of Canada, the consequences can include:*

- A fine or imprisonment
- A possible driver's license suspension
- Criminal charges if the operator is involved in an accident or harm
- Drug-Impaired Operation:

*The laws also cover impairment due to drugs (whether prescription, over-the-counter, or recreational drugs). Impairment from drugs, including marijuana, can lead to fines, suspension, or criminal charges.*

Ontario's police officers have the authority to stop boaters for random checks, and they can ask for sobriety tests. If a boater is suspected of being impaired, officers can perform field sobriety tests and require breath or drug tests.

### **Other Terms and Conditions**

Please visit our website ([Algonquinnatureadventures.com](http://Algonquinnatureadventures.com)) for terms of our refund policy. Participants are responsible and accountable for their own decisions and actions. Participants are responsible to follow provincial and federal legislation, park regulations, and to follow the safety instructions and protocols of the tour guide. Participants must do everything possible to prevent any harm to themselves, other people, tour equipment and the natural environment. Failure to follow guide's instructions, bylaws and regulations might result in penalties, harm and removal from the activity. Participants being ejected by the police or Algonquin Nature Adventure staff are responsible for all expenses they may incur or they may cause others to incur. Algonquin Nature Adventures has a zero tolerance policy towards breaking the law or regulations.