

REGION TEN

WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS

RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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COUNCIL	Cedar Rapids
DATE OF TRIP	1936
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PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	x
GOLD	x
SILVER	

Dwarf Juniper
Norway Pine
White Pine
Jack Pine
Tamarack
Tag Alder
Paper Birch
Quaking Aspin
White Cedar
Large Tooth Aspin
Red Oak
Mountain Ash
Mountain Maple
Red Maple
Diamond Willow
Spruce.
Pin Cherry
Basewood
Choke Cherry
Hairykinck
Balm of Gilead
Sumach

Willow
June Berry
Hazelnut
Currant
Wild Sasaphila
Wild Rose
Dew Berry
Pigeon Berry
Broad Leaf Aster
Blue-Berry
Snake- 11
Wild Gooseberry
Strawberry
Rashorn
Thimbleberry
Water Lily
Saloman Seal
Cat Tail
Rock Tripe
Reindeer Moss

Donald Ross

NORTHERN CANOE TRAILS TRIP OF DONALD ROSS

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Left camp at eight thirty in the morning. Went down Moose lake against a strong east wind. Had lunch on Birch lake portage. At four we made camp on the Canadian side of Knifelake. During the day we passed through Moose, Newfound, Sucker, Birch, Carp, Knife River, & Knife lake.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Left camp at nine. Traveled through North Arm of Knife lake, passed through Little Knife & into Cypress. On a rough point we found a good blue berry patch & picked enough blue berrys for two batches of blue berry pancakes. On our way we found a Walleyed Pike hole. We caught ten fish. We made camp there for a two day stay. In the afternoon we all went out to catch some more fish. For supper we had a fish fry.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Had breakfast & crossed the lake & started on a hike. We marched five miles. We saw Moose, Deer, Bear, Beaver, & Porcupine marks & tracks. We had lunch on a small lake. On the hike we learned trees & plants. Back at camp we washed & passed merit badge tests.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Had breakfast & divided into groups & went exploring on the lake. In the afternoon we had another tree hike. The others worked on merit badge tests. That night we prepared to break camp.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Had breakfast & packed & set forth against a strong west wind. At noon we made camp & had lunch on Knife lake. Passed tests in afternoon. It rained after we had supper & we went to bed in the rain.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Had breakfast & Hugh, Bill, THE VIRGENIA BOYS, Carl Spencer, & Jim Ralston set forth to Carp Portage for our second week of food. Those that were left passed paddle & merit badge tests. The boys that

went after food got to the portage at ten thirty, but the food didn't get there till eight. All they had to eat were two Porcupines without any salt. Those at camp had split pea soup.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Had breakfast, packed, & set forth for the SOUTH arm of Knife. By a short portage we came into the South arm. Then by a 32 rd. portage we came into Eddie lake. By a 17rd. portage we came into Lake Jean.

By a few more short portages we came into Ogishkemuncie. There we made camp. WE traveled 13mi. during the day.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Woke up & set forth to see a Beaver seen the night before by Tōar, but had no luck. By a 93rd. portage we came into an unnamed lake. Then by a 120rd. portage we came into Little Saganagua. Then after quite a bit of hunting we found the portage into Elton lake. We saw a Great Blue Heron village. We made camp on Elton lake.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Woke up, packed, had breakfast, & set forth on our journey. By a 120rd. portage we came into Hoe lake. We found the country & portage almost unbroken. We found a Beaver dam & many animal tracks. By 152, 220, & 72rd. portages we came into Roe lake. There we found a great deal of water lilies. We made camp on Roe lake. The mosquitoes were bad. It rained that night.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Woke up, packed, had breakfast. Had 33rd. portage into Fraser lake. Next a 65rd. portage into Thomas lake. From there we went through a string of pot holes. We saw a Forester camp & went down a canoe slide. At noon we made camp on Ima lake. We had lunch & went fishing. The fishing was fair. The swimming was swell. We saw the Hunters Island group here.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Had breakfast & left early for Ensign lake. After passing through several old Lumber camps, we came to Ensign. On the portage we saw two bald eagles & their nest. We ate lunch at an old Lumber camp. After lunch we took a three quarter mile portage into Boot lake where we made camp.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Had breakfast in the rain. Packed & set forth to Snowbank lake. Passed some more old on the way. Across we tried to catch some Lake Trout but had no success. We took a half mile portage into Flash lake. At noon we made camp on Flash & tried to

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some fish. Three fish were caught. Here we had our final test on trees & plants.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Had breakfast, packed & dried equipment, & set forth to Moose lake. We started out with a mile & a quarter portage. At the end of the portage, we washed ourselves & our canoes. Then we traveled into Hibbard's Lodge at eleven. Thus ending the trip.



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