

REGION TEN
WILDERNESS CANOE TRIPS
RECORD OF PADDLE AWARDS

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COUNCIL	Minnesota Valley
DATE OF TRIP	August 22nd to 28th, 1936
GUIDE	Hugh Leach

PADDLE AWARDS : DATE	
BRONZE	x - 8/28/36
GOLD	
SILVER	

Trees

1. Paper Birch
2. Dogwood
3. Hazelnut
4. Willow
5. Choke Cherry
6. Balsam
7. Juniper
8. Mountain Maple
9. Tag Alder
10. Large Toothed Aspen
11. Black Spruce
12. Norway Pine
13. Leather Leaf
14. Sumac
15. White Cedar
16. Arrow leaf
17. Rosebush
18. Jack Pine
19. White Pine
20. Tamarack
21. Pin Cherry
22. Black Ash
23. Mountain Ash
24. Juneberry
25. Red Maple

Plants

1. Wide Leaf Aster
2. Raspberry
3. Violets
4. Blueberry
5. Catails
6. Reindeer Moss
7. Firn
8. Lichen
9. Sarsaparilla
10. Fire Flower
11. Wild Currant
12. Wild Stawberry
13. Ground Pine
14. Bunchberry
15. Goseberry

As passed by guide.

Canoe Trip Diary

Sunday - Aug. 22

We arrived at Hibbards Lodge at 3:00 P.M. and played around in the woods until supper. Aftersupper we went down to see a waterfall near by. Retired for the night at 9:30 P.M.

Monday - Aug. 23

Started on our way about 7:00 A.M. and saw some eagles flying above us as we went along Moose Lake and then going into Newfound Lake. There was a small portage at the end of Newfound Lake where we saw deer, bear, and wildcat tracks. Along Snake Lake we saw an eagle's nest. Next came Birch Lake where we portaged into Carp Lake and stopped to eat lunch. Then we went on and made four portages because of lumber shutes. Went on to Knife Lake on the shore of which we camped for the night.

Tuesday - Aug. 24

We continued on Knife Lake and went into smaller lakes off the main trail. Ate on a small island. All along this course we saw beaver houses. We stopped at tombstone Lake to make camp. As there was no room to pitch tents, we slept without shelter. Although it rained we kept dry due to ponchos.

Wednesday - Aug. 25

As we went along we kept going higher and the portages were steep and slippery. The cliffs and hills were very beautiful and in some places we could hear water rushing underground. Later on we came to a portage where we had to make our own trail. It was $\frac{1}{4}$ mile long. At the end of which we had lunch. We crossed a portage and started a small lake when a rain storm came up. The ~~guide~~ guide said it was the worst he had ever been in and the shelter of a small island kept us from tipping over. We stopped at Cypress for the night.

Thursday - Aug. 26

We had the whole morning to ourselves and I found a porcupine. We all dried out our clothes. After lunch we started back and went into Knife Lake. Along the way we discovered a small forest fire which we thought was started by some careless camper. We arrived just

in time because the fire started to go into the tree branches. It took us about forty-five minutes to put this out. We carried water in our cooking equipment and our best knapsack. This gave me the opportunity of passing requirements 4, 5, and 7 for the Forestry Merit Badge. That night we stayed at the same camp site where we had spent the first night.

Friday - Aug. 27

Kept moving along and passed requirement 4 of canoeing Merit Badge and stopped at one of the portages for lunch. We spent the evening at a campsite on Newfound Lake.

Saturday - Aug. 28

Passed my Trees and Plants Requirements for the Bronze Paddle Award and passed requirement 1, of the Forestry Merit Badge. As we entered Moose Lake a storm arose and we had hard paddling. We arrived at Hibbards Lodge at 11:30 A.M. I was brown as an Indian; had a swell time and saw the most beautiful country in the world.

This diary would be incomplete without paying special tribute to Hugh Leach, a prince of a fellow, who proved to be a master guide, and a grand cook which I can vouch for by the five pounds gained weight.

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