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So, whether you yearn for the thrill of the BIG catch or the simple solitude of a peaceful paddle, you will find it here in Northeastern Ontario. Whether you crave the BIG rush of motorcycling our rolling and twisty routes, or delight in the excited chatter of a family-fun adventure, you will find it here in Northeastern Ontario.

We invite you to enjoy your next BIG adventure in Northeastern Ontario. After you've been here once, you'll wonder what took you so long.

Northeastern Ontario... undeniably BIG, unbelievably close

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	Cochrane	French River	Manitoulin Island	Mattawa	North Bay	Sudbury	Temiskaming Shores	Timmins
Buffalo, NY	857 km/531 mi	460 km/285 mi	640 km/397 mi	527 km/327 mi	483 km/299 mi	526 km/326 mi	635 km/394 mi	844 km/523 mi
Cochrane	–	447 km/277 mi	504 km/312 mi	435 km/270 mi	375 km/233 mi	441 km/273 mi	229 km/142 mi	107 km/66 mi
Detroit, MI	1056 km/655 mi	659 km/409 mi	840 km/521 mi	726 km/450 mi	682 km/423 mi	725 km/450 mi	834 km/517 mi	1043 km/647 mi
French River	447 km/277 mi	–	182 km/113 mi	192 km/119 mi	132 km/82 mi	67 km/47 mi	225 km/140 mi	371 km/230 mi
Harrisburg, PA	1312 km/813 mi	915 km/567 mi	1096 km/686 mi	982 km/609 mi	939 km/582 mi	982 km/609 mi	1090 km/686 mi	1299 km/ 805 mi
Manitoulin Island	504 km/312 mi	182 km/113 mi	–	312 km/193 mi	251 km/156 mi	122 km/76 mi	343 km/213 mi	397 km/246 mi
Mattawa	435 km/270 mi	192 km/119 mi	312 km/193 mi	–	62 km/38 mi	188 km/117 mi	213 km/132 mi	422 km/262 mi
North Bay	375 km/233 mi	132 km/82 mi	251 km/156 mi	62 km/38 mi	–	129 km/80 mi	153 km/95 mi	362 km/224 mi
Ottawa	732 km/454 mi	489 km/303 mi	608 km/377 mi	297 km/184 mi	358 km/222 mi	484 km/300 mi	510 km/316 mi	718 km/445 mi
Quebec City	1107 km/686 mi	935 km/580 mi	1054 km/653 mi	743 km/461 mi	804 km/498 mi	930 km/577 mi	956 km/ 593 mi	1094 km/678 mi
Sault Ste. Marie, MI	618 km/383 mi	375 km/233 mi	299 km/185 mi	505 km/313 mi	446 km/277 mi	315 km/195 mi	536 km/332 mi	511 km/317 mi
Sudbury	441 km/273 mi	67 km/47 mi	122 km/76 mi	188 km/117 mi	129 km/80 mi	–	219 km/136 mi	295 km/183 mi
Suffern, NY	1374 km/852 mi	1024 km/635 mi	1206 km/748 mi	940 km/583 mi	1000 km/620 mi	1090 km/676 mi	1106 km/685 mi	1361 km/844 mi
Temiskaming Shores	229 km/142 mi	225 km/140 mi	343 km/213 mi	213 km/132 mi	153 km/95 mi	219 km/136 mi	–	216 km/134 mi
Timmins	107 km/66 mi	371 km/230 mi	397 km/246 mi	422 km/262 mi	362 km/224 mi	295 km/183 mi	216 km/134 mi	–
Toronto	718 km/445 mi	322 km/206 mi	502 km/322 mi	388 km/241 mi	345 km/214 mi	388 km/241 mi	597 km/370 mi	705 km/437 mi

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Visitors from all other countries require a valid passport and, in some cases, a visitor's visa. Starting March 15, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada will need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid visa.

For more information:

- Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) at www.cbsa.gc.ca or call; Toll-free within Canada **1-800-461-9999**
Outside Canada (long distance charges apply)
1-204-983-3500/ 1-506-636-5064
U.S. Customs and Border Protection at www.cbp.gov

Important Notice for U.S. Residents:

If you or anyone in your party has a felony or misdemeanor conviction, you may not be allowed into Canada. This includes such offences as a DUI.

For more information: www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/tourist.asp.
Frequently asked questions: www.canadawelcomesyou.net

HEALTH INSURANCE

Visitors are strongly urged to get health insurance before leaving their home province or country. (Your health insurance plan may not extend coverage outside your country of residence.) If you are taking prescription drugs, make sure that they are in the original packaging, bring an adequate supply, and bring a copy of the prescription in case you need a refill during your stay in Ontario. For more information and insurance details, contact your travel agent, insurance broker, or your employer's insurance provider.

SEAT BELTS

Ontario law requires adults and children over 40 lbs/18 kg in weight to wear seat belts. Infants from birth to 20 lbs/9kg in weight must travel in a rear-facing child restraint system. Toddlers weighing 20-40 lbs /9-18 kg must travel in a front-facing child restraint system. Children weighing 40-80 lbs/18-36 kg must use a booster seat.

For more information visit www.mto.gov.on.ca

BOATING IN ONTARIO

Pleasure crafts may enter Canada by trailer or under their own power. All boats powered by motors 10 HP or over must be licensed. Boat licenses from outside Ontario are accepted. The master of the boat must call the CBSA between 30 minutes and 4 hours prior to the boat's estimated time of arrival. For information on reporting sites, call **1-888-226-7277**. Operator Competency Requirements for Pleasure Craft – Regulation requires that all operators of motorized pleasure crafts have proof of competency and proof of age on board at all times. An operator card or equivalent, issued to a non-resident by their state or country, will be considered as proof of competency.

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- 200 tobacco sticks

ALCOHOL REGULATIONS

In Ontario, anyone 19 years of age or older may purchase liquor and imported or domestic wine and beer from government liquor stores known as LCBO stores. Drinking hours in licensed establishments are from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. In Ontario, it is an offence to consume alcohol anywhere other than in a residence or on licensed premises. Please note that driving motorized vehicles, including cars, trucks, All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), snowmobiles, and boats, while impaired is illegal. You can immediately lose your license for 90 days for refusing to take a Breathalyzer reading greater than 80 mg (0.08%) of alcohol per 100 mL of blood. Charges may be laid under the criminal code of Canada.

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FISHING & HUNTING IN ONTARIO

Licenses to fish and hunt are mandatory in Ontario. They may be purchased from most sporting goods stores, tourist operators, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry district offices. It is your responsibility to know and understand the appropriate hunting and fishing regulations, including seasons, catch limits, size limits, tags, seals and other requirements. You require additional licenses to hunt or fish for specific species. Additional laws govern the use of firearms for hunting. Regulations are generally updated yearly, and are available through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

For more information, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry by calling **1-800-667-1940** or visit www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry

FIREARMS IN ONTARIO

The Firearms Act is a federal law and therefore applies across

the country. Provinces and territories may have additional requirements, especially with respect to hunting. As a rule, weapons are prohibited entry into Canada. However, persons 18 years of age or older may bring a hunting rifle or shotgun and 200 rounds of ammunition for hunting or 1,500 rounds of ammunition for use at a recognized competition. It is suggested that you contact the Canada Firearms Centre or chief firearms office for information before you attempt to import a firearm. Visitors cannot, under any circumstances, import prohibited firearms, mace, stun guns, or other weapons. Firearms are forbidden in many of Canada's national and provincial parks, game reserves and adjacent areas.

For more information, contact the Canadian Firearms Program:

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- www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp or www.cfc-cafc.gc.ca

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with the kids, how to keep them entertained, and have a little fun yourself, we'd like to take some of the guesswork out of it for you.

So, think Northeastern Ontario and let the BIG fun begin! We've got you covered.

SUDBURY

Whether it's your first or fiftieth time visiting Science North, you will never run out of things to see and do at the Region's largest attraction. With loads of hands-on exhibits and thrilling presentations for kids of all ages—from flying squirrels to free-flying butterflies... from the Gravity Well to the human gyroscope... from the Planetarium to the 200-seat IMAX® Theatre... Science North never disappoints. Its unique architecture of a snowflake perched atop a rock crater encompasses four floors of awesome science overlooking a panoramic view of Ramsey Lake, located right in the heart of the City of Greater Sudbury.

No visit to Sudbury is complete without a stop at Dynamic Earth with its interactive exhibits, multimedia shows, and underground mine tour that highlight the area's unique geology and rich mining history. And you'll want to pose for a picture with the biggest coin in the world—the Big Nickel. Built in 1964, it symbolizes the wealth that Sudbury has contributed to the Canadian economy through nickel production.

NORTH BAY

Built along the shores of Lake Nipissing, North Bay offers plenty of family-friendly activities all year round. After a relaxing cruise on the Chief Commanda II, take a walk on the Kate Pace Way, located alongside North Bay's scenic Waterfront Park. Learn about the people and places of North Bay's past and present in the Discovery North Bay Museum located in the historic Canadian Pacific train station. Or see what's happening on the arts and entertainment scene at the Capitol Centre.

MATTAWA-BONFIELD

For centuries, explorers set off on their travels from Mattawa-Bonfield and rested there when they returned. For your family fun Mattawa-Bonfield adventure, the Canadian Ecology Centre offers a wide range of activities, courses, and beautiful eco-friendly accommodations. For the music lovers, there's Mattawa's biggest event of the summer—Mattawa Voyageur Days—featuring three days of music and fun in the sun on legendary Explorers Point where the Mattawa-Bonfield and the Ottawa rivers meet. Or have some BIG fun at Pyramid Paintball Park, where getting splattered is the order of the day.

MANITOULIN ISLAND

Whether you take Highway 6 to Little Current and drive across the oldest swing bridge in North America, or sail the MS Chi-Cheemaun from Tobermory to South Baymouth, even getting to Manitoulin Island is fun! From Bridal Veil Falls to the Cup and Saucer Trail, Manitoulin is home to some of the most breathtaking scenic vistas in the province. Gordon's Park Eco Resort is a unique outdoor destination that offers a multitude of activities such as teepee tenting, birdwatching, educational hiking trails, an 18-hole mini putt, star parties, and so much more. Check out their summertime calendar of events for details.

The Great Spirit Circle Trail is an experience like no other. Tours and activities hosted by Aboriginal people truly reflect the history, traditions, and culture of the region and its original inhabitants—the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi peoples.

TIMMINS

When you visit Timmins, you'll find a city with a "heart of gold" that's chock-full of history, charm, and the great outdoors. Your family fun vacation starts at Cedar Meadows Resort & Spa where mom and dad can relax in the renowned Nordic Baths while the kids enjoy a wagon ride Wilderness Tour through the 100-acre wildlife park. Get ready to have a BIG blast at NEO Laser Tag with a variety of fun activities for people of all ages.

Timmins really comes to life when the Great Canadian Kayak Challenge & Festival comes to town, featuring everything from the popular kayak competitions to the family leisure paddle and shore lunch. And be sure to take in the Summer Concert Series and the Rotary Ribfest too!

COCHRANE

For an experience you will long remember, come visit Ganuk and Henry, the resident darlings of the Cochrane Polar Bear Habitat. It's the only captive bear facility in the world dedicated solely to polar bears. The Habitat features educational Bear Talks and the truly unique adventure of swimming inches away from one of these majestic creatures, separated only by a sheet of shatterproof glass.



TEMISKAMING SHORES

Ever wonder what the life of an early miner was like during Cobalt's silver boom? Through photographs, newspaper clippings, videos, and hundreds of artifacts, the Cobalt Mining Museum brings the early Cobalt Camp to life. Other activities include the Heritage Silver Trail and the Cobalt Walking Tour. Cobalt is also renowned for its Classic Theatre, bringing standing ovations to Cobalt since 1926, and the Cobalt Military Bunker Museum, which proudly displays a unique collection of artifacts from the Boer War to present day conflicts.

With over 185 works of art in its permanent collection, the Temiskaming Art Gallery in Haileybury is a must see on your tour of Temiskaming Shores. Many of the works are about the environment, capturing the region's landscape and history.

The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum in New Liskeard reflects the area's rich agricultural roots while the Haileybury Heritage Museum focuses on the Great Fire of 1922, which has been called one of the 10 worst natural disasters in Canadian history.

Once your museum touring is done, and it's time to stretch your legs outdoors, see Temagami from the highest point on Caribou Mountain from the top of a restored forest fire tower that provides exhilarating views of Lake Temagami, the town of Temagami, and the old growth forest.

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BIG Things

in Northeastern Ontario

As you ride around the Region, you may notice that Northeastern Ontario has some BIG roadside attractions. Here are just a few ...

THE BIG NICKEL The Big Nickel is an exact replica of the 1951 Canadian nickel. Built in 1964, it symbolizes the wealth that the City of Greater Sudbury has contributed to the Canadian economy through nickel production. Did you know that the Big Nickel is roughly 64, 607, 747 times the size of a real Canadian nickel? Now, that's BIG!

BIG JOE MUFFERAW Big Joe Mufferaw was a larger-than-life French Canadian folk hero perhaps best known today as the subject of a song by the late Stompin' Tom Connors. Look for this towering pine statue of Big Joe Mufferaw in Mattawa.

MS. CLAYBELT Holy cow! Watch for Ms. Claybelt, a BIG model of a Holstein cow, grazing just off Hwy 11 in New Liskeard. Ms. Claybelt symbolizes the significance of agriculture in the Temiskaming Shores area.

MANITOU Manitou the BIG bison is located off Hwy 11, just as you enter the town of Earleton. He used to stand guard at the entrance to the Earleton Zoo, which is no longer in operation. But Manitou makes for a great photo op, so make sure to stop and say hello!

GUY-PAUL TREEFALL Guy-Paul Treefall, axe in hand, beckons visitors to Iroquois Falls. The massive lumberjack is a tie to the paper town's rich forestry history.

MCINTYRE HEADFRAME Built in 1927, the McIntyre Gold Mine Headframe is a monument to Timmins' legendary mining history. Reaching over 12 metres (40 feet) into the sky, this iconic headframe oversees Pearl Lake, and lights up at night.

CHIMO When you roll into Cochrane, you'll be welcomed by the town's mascot, Chimo. Cochrane is home to some real polar bears at the Polar Bear Habitat and it's the starting point of the Polar Bear Express, the train that travels to Moosonee.

FLYING SAUCER SIGHTING IN MOONBEAM Nope, you're not seeing things. There really is a BIG flying saucer outside the Welcome Centre in Moonbeam. Moonbeam got its name from the pioneers who often saw flashing lights in the sky, which they called "moonbeams." Those flashes came to be known as the Northern Lights.

MUSKWA There's a BIG bear in front of the Chamber of Commerce—Travel Bureau on Hwy 11 in Kapuskasing. Muskwa represents one of the largest bears ever killed in Kapuskasing and the importance of hunting to the area.



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The Love Affair STILL LINGERS

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Believe it or not, Lake Nipissing is the reason I do what I do. How so?

Well, when I was five, maybe six years old, my parents packed up the family vehicle and took the kids on a fishing trip to a tiny tourist camp located on La Ronge Creek, on the north shore of the wonderful Northeastern Ontario waterway situated between North Bay and Sudbury. It was my first fishing trip ever and I was in dreamland.

I'll never forget struggling, deliriously happy, as I tried to turn the handle on my baitcasting reel to thwart the efforts of the giant northern pike, huge walleye, or mammoth muskie that was trying to pull me out of the boat and into the water. Or so I thought at the time. More than half a century later, the love affair still lingers.

Funny thing, too, while my job now takes me to fabulous fishing locations around the world, my heart skips a beat whenever I "come home" to Northeastern Ontario.

Indeed, these days, in addition to the wonderful walleye, pike, and muskie fishing for which Lake Nipissing is justifiably famous, it has developed into an amazing fishery for smallmouth and largemouth bass as well. And the muskie fishing is so spectacular, especially in the western arm where the lake funnels into the French River headwaters, that many muskie hunters are predicting a new world record will be caught soon.





had just returned from a secret spot situated in the James Bay/Hudson Bay Lowlands of Northeastern Ontario with tales of enormous 40- and 50-pound pike. Are you kidding? Blindfold me, take me there and I won't say a word, I promise.

But it stands to reason when you consider the thousands of lakes and countless miles of river in the area bounded by Attawapiskat, Kapuskasing, Chapleau, Gogama, and Iroquois Falls. And most of it harbours great northern pike fishing. Oh, yes, and walleye, yellow perch, whitefish, speckled trout, and lake trout too! Ah, lake trout.

Just mention Lake Temagami and the Lady Evelyn Smoothwater area and my eyes glaze over. But I am never sure if it is because of the fish or the picture postcard surroundings in which they live.

Gotta confess, too, that while huge lake trout draw many anglers to the region, I love launching a small "car topper," canoe or kayak and exploring the Region's quilt work of remote backcountry waters. The trout are more modest in size, but what they lack in stature they make up for in spirit, spunk, and sheer splendour.

And when I keep a small one for shorelunch, preparing its bright red flesh simply and cooking it over a crackling driftwood fire on a pristine island point where I am dwarfed by white pines hundreds of years old, I pinch myself to make sure I am not dreaming, and hope that this Northeastern Ontario love affair will never end.

About the only argument they will get is from the anglers who fish for the big toothy critters in nearby Lake Nosbonsing, or down near the mouth of the French River where it enters Georgian Bay.

And speaking about mammoth fish with teeth, I caught my biggest northern pike ever in Kesagami Lake. A fishing buddy and I flew into the lodge via float plane from Timmins and it was remarkable to see the sheer numbers of shimmering waters. I remember wondering at the time, how many of these untouched lakes harbour gargantuan fish the size of which would make my hands tremble and knees knock.

Well, fast forward to the other day when I was fishing with the same friend and he told me that an acquaintance, a well respected pike specialist,





WARM UP TO
**COOL
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FUN** 



Whether your idea of having a blast on a winter's day involves the exhilaration of a downhill ski run or just kicking back in an outdoor hot tub, Northeastern Ontario has no shortage of cool winter fun activities.



Located just minutes from downtown Timmins, **Porcupine Ski Runners** is one of the largest cross-country ski clubs in Canada. With a new chalet, roughly 30 kilometres of groomed trails, and the chance to experience the great outdoors with lynx, moose, and a snowy owl, Porcupine Ski Runners offers a winter paradise for you to explore. There's also a fully signed snowshoe trail system suitable for everyone from beginner to expert. No equipment? No worries! Ski and snowshoe rentals are available.

Book your guided snowmobile tour with **Reality Tours** and you'll be riding with some of the best guides in Ontario. All you need to bring is your own warm clothing and a hankering for an unforgettable winter adventure. Reality Tours will take care of the rest—planning your trip, your stay in a log cabin, and your memories of exploring Wawa, Chapleau, and Timmins that will last you a lifetime. Packages include use of a snowmobile, trail pass, guide, fuel, oil, riding gear from head to toe, accommodations, food, and transportation.

If the thrill of downhill skiing or snowboarding makes your heart beat a little faster, head to **Antoine Mountain** in Mattawa. Picture yourself in a new Doppelmayr quad chairlift as you climb 630 vertical feet up to a peak that reveals amazing views of the Ottawa River and surrounding mountains. Antoine Mountain also offers top notch ski and snowboard lessons and a fabulous après-ski experience. There's nothing like it after a brilliant day of blue skies, fresh air, and BIG snow at Antoine Mountain.

One of the truly rewarding experiences in life is to go stargazing on a crisp and clear winter's night. **The Canadian Ecology Centre** (CEC) in Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park



can make it happen with its Ski and Stars winter packages. Enjoy a two-night stay in a cozy cabin, take a guided snowshoe tour on trails along the historic Mattawa River; enjoy two days of downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, or tubing; and the main attraction—an evening session under the stars at the CEC observatory.

If you're looking for a new winter activity, give kicksledding a try at **Nature's Harmony Ecolodge** in Mattawa. This traditional Scandinavian sport is a fun way of getting around on snow or ice that's ecologically sound and suitable for all ages. But if it's a real adrenaline rush that you're after, slide down the tube toboggan run!

Location, location, location! **Laurentian Ski Hill** offers outdoor enthusiasts a family friendly winter playground just minutes from downtown North Bay. Ski and Stay packages at local hotels, as well as private and group ski and snowboard lessons are just some of what make Laurentian Ski Hill North Bay's favourite alpine destination.

Bring your friends, bring your family, bring the whole gang to **Fish Bay Marina** where ice fishing has never been more enjoyable. Spend your entire stay fishing from the warmth and comfort of Fish Bay Marina's bungalows, complete with TVs and DVD players. They have bungalows to accommodate four, six, and eight anglers—and day huts too!

Experience the wilderness at **Pine Grove Resort Cottages** in Port Loring. Their private network of trails over 225 acres is for Pine Grove guests only who want to cross country ski, snowshoe, or snowmobile. Ask about Pine Grove's dogsledding adventures for a real thrill! There are public trails for snowmobiling too with easy access to the Trans-Provincial Trail System.

CAPTURING *the* Northern Lights

By James Smedley

Stepping out under a clear night sky alive with northern lights is not easily forgotten.

Shimmering bands of green, white and pinkish red dancing in the Northeastern Ontario sky is a rare and unpredictable occurrence. Those who have tried to photograph the phenomena know that it's not simply a matter of pulling out the point-and-shoot and firing off a few snapshots.

The northern lights, or aurora borealis, are a magical natural phenomenon. Light reflecting off the polar ice caps was the explanation I grew up with but I've also heard them explained as electrically charged particles from the sun colliding with oxygen and nitrogen gas particles to produce photons of coloured light. Whatever the cause, capturing this natural light show is possible if we follow a few simple steps:

GO NORTH BY NIGHT

The farther north we go the greater the chance of seeing the aurora borealis. An area with little or no light pollution is best, like the frozen surface of a remote Northeastern Ontario lake. Northern lights can appear at anytime of the year but fall and early winter are peak times.

USE A TRIPOD

Photographing in low light requires a very slow shutter speed and any movement of the camera translates into blur. Keeping our camera completely still on a tripod means we can get sharp images of subjects in darkness.



USE MANUAL MODE

Taking control of our camera's settings is key to getting great results. Let in the maximum amount of light by using the widest aperture setting our camera is capable of.

Night photography calls for long exposures. Try a shutter speed of five seconds. If the image is too dark we can increase the shutter speed to 10, 15 or even 30 seconds, until we get the results we are after.

AN EYE ON THE SKY

Clear nights are key. With the right conditions, anywhere from Sudbury to Timmins, and all points between and beyond, hold the potential for spectacular displays of dancing light. Keep an eye on the BIG Northeastern Ontario sky for your chance to capture the northern lights.

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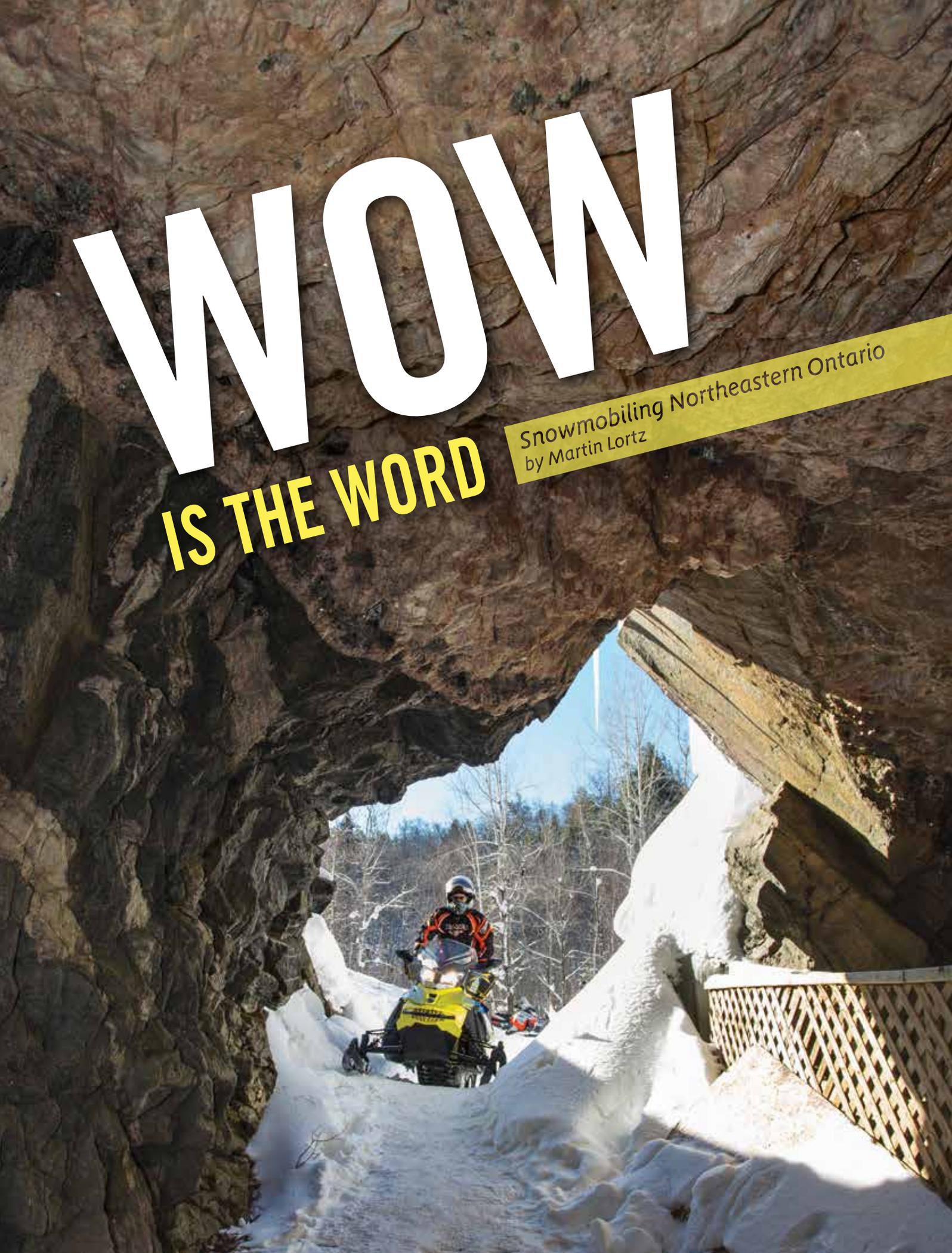
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WOW

IS THE WORD

Snowmobiling Northeastern Ontario
by Martin Lortz





***“You want to ride around Lake Nipissing?”
The proposal caught me off guard. “In one day?” “No, three days. You know, a bagger tour.”***

A bagger tour refers to the practice of strapping your luggage to the machine and hitting the trails for a few days. I don't know why it took me so long to clue in; I have been partaking in the motorcycling equivalent for years. Maybe it's because my snowmobiling pursuits are only two weeks old and my experience consists of a couple of day trips.

I start unfolding my collection of Northeastern Ontario snowmobile trail maps – one map, two maps, three maps, four – the spiderweb of trails grows with each unfurling. Wow, there are more trails here than roads! Do I want to ride around Lake Nipissing? Sign me up, I'm in!

WOW – an exclamation to express astonishment or admiration. If there's a word to describe my bagger tour experience, “WOW” would be a good one.

Imagine pulling into a North Bay hotel and seeing more sleds than cars, WOW. Cruising for hours on perfectly groomed trails with only your buddies for company, WOW. The view from the snowmobile bridge over the French River, WOW. The sunrise over a lake of fresh white snow, WOW. The friendly locals at the ma and pa joints who don't know your name but make you feel like they do, WOW. The views, the snow, the vastness of the landscape, the neverending trail, WOW, WOW, WOW.

The three days spent on the RAN Tour (Ride Around Nipissing Tour) changed my perception of snowmobiling forever. I no

longer see it as an activity because when the snow flies in Northeastern Ontario it becomes a way of life. With a thousand kilometres of trail in the bag, (See what I did there? Bag? Bagger tour? LOL), I developed a hunger for more. Luckily, Northeastern Ontario's trail network of 6,000 kilometres leaves me plenty of fare to feed that hunger.

So, “What's next?” you ask. How about the Rainbow Elk Loop through Killarney Provincial Park and the La Cloche Mountains? The area is spectacular in the summer and definitely on my winter must see list.

Or maybe the Chinguchi Wolf Loop that snakes amongst 200-year-old red pines and rewards you with a spectacular view from Wolf Mountain lookout, the highest point in Ontario at 693 metres.

I would love to get on the Abitibi Canyon Loop, Ontario's wildest, most remote, and farthest north-reaching groomed snowmobile trail.

Search for ghosts at the abandoned sawmill town of Sellwood on the Cartier Moose Loop. Apparently it's a good loop to spot the namesake moose or maybe the elusive lynx.

Experience northern logging, past and present, as you town hop on the Lumberjack Loop. The towns of Moonbeam, Kapuskasing, Val Rita-Harty and Opasatika line the loop's 148-kilometre length.

Then there is the Gateway to the North Loop. I have heard amazing tales of trails as wide as a three-lane expressway and a snow pack that lasts well into April. Easter weekend, anybody?

So many options, so little time; winter really is too short. No time to dilly dally ... pack a bag, strap it on, and hit the trail! A Northeastern Ontario bagger tour is your ticket to the ultimate snowmobiling adventure.



prized protein in the diets of them all and a stop at any of today's shore fish shacks will make you understand why.

Discover history, entrepreneurial spirit and great fish offerings at the variety of chip stands, eateries and fish markets serving up a fresh catch from these BIG waters. Each place has its own special take on the classic fish and chips. As I journeyed through the Region, pleasant surprises like Fish Tacos and Fish Bites became new regional foodie memories.

Let's get started in Little Current at The Port LC where the fish is fresh, and so are the ideas showing up on the menu. The commercial fisheries on Manitoulin have been going for generations but Stephany and Jarod are spiriting a fresh take with their menu, which has something for everyone including the locavore, vegetarian and pescatarian.

Starting with the classic fish and chips, The Port LC serves up a generous portion of lightly battered whitefish lightly breaded with secret herbs and spices, dipped into a non-traditional house-made tartar. The crispy fries are seasoned with thyme/salt. Like the shore lunches of yesterday, it is simply delicious. They say "it's still the most popular item on the menu" but their offering of tacos is quickly catching on.

The Port LC is in Little Current and is the Island's gateway community, accessible from the north via Hwy 17 and from the south via the ferry from Tobermory.

First settled in the late 1860s, Little Current grew into a major Great Lakes port with docks filled with passenger freighters, sawmills on the western waterfront employing

The Fish & Chips Trail

with Foods by Nature
culinary explorer Pamela Hamel



When you hear fish fry, do you think shore lunch? In this gastro mission, I head out to get hooked on the Region's tastiest fish and chips. Long before roads were built in the Region, shore lunches were enjoyed by First Nations peoples and later by early Europeans like Champlain and Brûlé.

The beautiful and rugged landscape of the Nipissing, French River and upper Georgian Bay has been travelled by sailors, kayakers, fur traders, lumber tugs and fishing boats of all sizes for centuries. Whitefish, perch and pickerel have been the





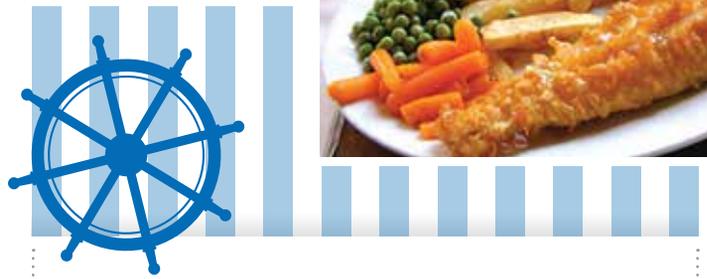
hundreds of workers, and visitors crowding into the town's three hotels.

On the south shore of Manitoulin Island, Providence Bay's Lake Huron Fish & Chips is another local hot spot. The resto/café is well known for its local fish, locally sourced beef burgers, and its vegetarian sandwich option. Owner Matthew Garniss recently bought the 1930s McDermid's Home Hardware building in Providence Bay to serve as the new location for the Lake Huron Fish & Chips Co.

Straight across the open waters of Georgian Bay, or around by road through Sudbury, our next stop is Herbert Fisheries in Killarney. This family operation has survived on a mission to bring fresh fish to the local public. Its Killarney-based red and white school bus has been well known to travellers from all over the world since 1981. The old bus was retired in 2014 and replaced with a brand new state of the art building featuring a sit down restaurant and fresh fish counter in the same great location. This landmark location proudly bears a "World Famous" sign affixed to its tin roof, in honour of having won a prestigious recognition by food editors of Canadian Living Magazine, as being one of Canada's Top 10 fish and chips restaurants in the country.

With over 33 years of success, their secret has to be the freshest catch around, friendly service, and BIG smiles! There's also a location in Sudbury that's open year round, featuring a seating area, take-out, and a pre-order fish counter.

Undeniably, I am a whitefish fan – beer battered or lightly dusted, served with a slaw, crunchy fries and zippy tartar! It all comes down to the hot oil treatment that makes deep frying



A Few Foods by Nature TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR OWN CRISPY SHORELINE LUNCH!

Tempura style: Mix 1 egg, ½ cup ice water, ¾ cup self-rising flour. Blend until still lumpy.

Beer Batter: Mix ¾ cup flour and cornstarch, spiced up with paprika, garlic salt, salt & pepper. Add in ice cold beer until thin enough to dip your fish into.

Classic: Mix 1 egg, ¾ cup blend of crumbs and cornmeal, ½ cup canned evaporated milk and ice cold beer to a thick/runny consistency.

worth it! Hot oil seals the batter and locks in the freshness of the fish, and for crispy fries – it's double frying / pre-blanching that makes crispy fries. There are so many debates as to what creates the best batter and how to make the crispiest fries.

Once you sample a few of my discoveries, you too will be hooked on finding the secrets. The fish and chips, I discovered, satisfy my big appetite with tradition and heartiness. Locally caught from the BIG waters, this gastro mission left me with a lingering taste of terroir. "FRESH" water, fresh fish, freshly prepared!



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GREAT LEGENDS CIRCLE TOUR

TOUR COLOUR: **RED**
TOTAL DISTANCE: **1350KM**

This journey into Ontario's high north is definitely a ride you need to check off your list. You will visit Sudbury, Timmins, Cochrane, Kirkland Lake, Temiskaming Shores, Mattawa and North Bay.

On this trip, you'll get up close and personal with the Northern Ontario landscape and witness some incredible roads and roadside scenery. You'll be introduced to the fabled Northern hospitality, and you'll experience unique attractions.

If you take the time, you can swim with polar bears, get up close and personal with moose, bison and elk at the Cedar Meadows Resort Wilderness Tour in Timmins, broaden your understanding of the natural world at Science North and Dynamic Earth, and see pieces of history and culture at the many museums, heritage sites, and historical buildings.

Allow five to seven days for this trip to see it all.



MANITOULIN ISLAND CIRCLE TOUR

TOUR COLOUR: **LIGHT BLUE**

TOTAL DISTANCE: **260KM**

It's island time. Duly known as the World's Largest Freshwater Island, Manitoulin is home to some of Canada's best boating and incredible motorcycle touring.

Islands typically have their own culture and pace and Manitoulin is no exception, running on its own schedule. As soon as you depart the ferry or cross the swing bridge you will feel it: little traffic, scenic secondary roads, and small town charm.

Riding on Manitoulin is about exploring with no set agenda. Having a coffee at a local shop, photographing your bike at a lighthouse or visiting Bridal Veil Falls. Allow at least two days to see it all; its size will surprise you.



GEORGIAN BAY COASTAL ROUTE

TOUR COLOUR: **ORANGE**

TOTAL DISTANCE: **1400KM**

Georgian Bay, considered Ontario's sixth Great Lake is the kind of ride that gives you a very good impression of how diverse the Ontario landscape really is.

Winding atop the Niagara Escarpment, through the La Cloche Mountains, along the Canadian Shield and alongside two of Canada's biggest freshwater beaches, this ride frames this huge, stunning, fresh body of water.

The Chi-Cheemaun Ferry that connects Manitoulin Island to Tobermory is a unique way to see the bay, with your bike safely tied down below you. This route gets you as close to the shore as possible but some of the best views are just a short walk up a lookout tower, or one of the many trails. Take a glass bottom boat ride, a floatplane tour, or even a sea kayak excursion to experience it.

Georgian Bay can be done on its own or be included as part of a larger Northeastern Ontario road tour. Allow a minimum of three days for this ride.

LAKE TEMISKAMING CIRCLE TOUR

TOUR COLOUR: **YELLOW**

TOTAL DISTANCE: **450KM**

Two provinces, plus three cultures, equals one very memorable ride around Lake Temiskaming and its wide collection of river valleys and historic villages.

Water has played a significant role in not only shaping this landscape, but also in shaping the lives of its inhabitants. First Nations peoples and explorers travelled these same routes by voyageur canoe and not chromed out V-twins. You can salute their spirits for finding this place as you twist and wind your way around the lake. Highlights include the Temagami Fire Tower Lookout, Cobalt Mining Museum, the World's Shortest Covered Bridge in Latchford, Fort Témiscamingue National Historic Site, and Myrt's Family Restaurant in Mattawa.

This is a two-day ride that will see you eating your way around the lake with several tempting stops for fresh baking, ice cream, and legendary poutine.

LAKE NIPISSING CIRCLE TOUR

TOUR COLOUR: **GREEN**

TOTAL DISTANCE: **300KM**

Anchored by the historic waterfront of the City of North Bay, the Lake Nipissing Circle Tour winds and twists its way around one of Ontario's largest inland lakes. Lake Nipissing is a legendary hotspot for fishing in all four seasons. Family-run lodges and camps dot the shoreline and provide everything you need to catch the BIG one. So, no need to pack that tackle box, rod and net on your bike.

This exciting route is mostly secondary roads with little traffic, small towns and interesting stops such as Board's Honey Farm, Callandar Bay, the Lake Nipissing Scenic Lookouts, French River Interpretive Centre and the North Bay Waterfront.

Allow a full day for this ride. North Bay is the perfect hub to begin and end this trip.



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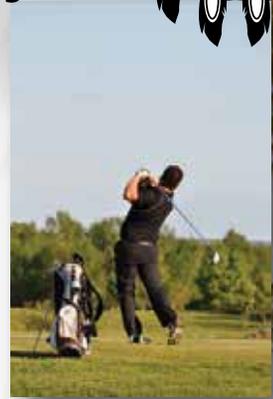
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BEER *Run!*



Although they may be called micro-breweries, the craft brewing scene in Northeastern Ontario is becoming a BIG thing. New breweries are opening their doors and distributing their product to restaurants and LCBOs all across the Region. Be sure to visit at least one of these breweries on your next trip to the Region!

CECIL'S BREWHOUSE & KITCHEN

300 Wyld Street, North Bay

Legend says that Cecil Shamus Fitzgerald, a bear-wrestling, bare-knuckle boxing Irishman founded Cecil's Brewhouse & Kitchen to bring the best ales and eats to his customers. Brand new in 2015, Cecil's started brewing their very own natural beer in-house.

HIGHLIGHTS

You can watch all the brewing magic happen right before your very eyes, behind a glass enclosure in the middle of the restaurant.



Shamus IPA is a copper IPA with citrus and tropical tones. This well-balanced, smooth brew will appeal to almost everyone.

NEW ONTARIO BREWING COMPANY

1881 Cassells Street, North Bay

North Bay's New Ontario Brewing Company focuses on combining creativity and craftsmanship with only the freshest ingredients. Aside from producing some regular flagship beers, they've always got a new seasonal beer up their sleeves.

HIGHLIGHTS

Not only can you buy a growler to take home, but you can also visit their storefront to sit down and enjoy a glass right in the brewery.



Try the Extra Special Bitter (ESB), a malt beer with a clean finish. This brew is well-balanced, served best slightly chilled, and pairs well with spicy food, cuts of meat, and beef.

SPLIT RAIL BREWING CO.

31 Water Street, Gore Bay

Although they may be a small operation, this microbrewery has a BIG passion for craft brewing. Split Rail's beers are brewed in small batches to a high standard of taste and quality.

HIGHLIGHTS

Located in beautiful Gore Bay, Split Rail Brewing Co. now boasts a retail store that features a tasting bar.



Try Split Rail's inaugural brew, the Copper Lager. It's a definite must-try. This copper-coloured lager has a nice crispness that features yeasty and citrus notes and no lingering aftertaste, making it a very easy-drinking beer.



MANITOULIN BREWING CO.

Little Current

What started as the dream of two longtime friends, Manitoulin Brewing Co. has set out to showcase their love of Manitoulin Island and beer in the form of a true grassroots craft brewery.

HIGHLIGHTS

Manitoulin Brewing Co.'s beer can be found and enjoyed at many restaurants around the Region. They also have a permanent location in the works that will be located in Little Current.



The flagship beer for Manitoulin Brewing Co. is Swing Bridge Blonde Ale, named after the iconic Swing Bridge in Little Current. The beer is slightly bitter to start, but not too strong. It's a full-bodied ale with a foamy white head and has no strong aftertaste.

STACK BREWING

1350 Kelly Lake Road, Sudbury

Stack Brewing was founded by two Sudbury natives who set out to create a beer that would appeal to all levels of beer drinkers from casual drinkers to absolute fanatics of the craft.

HIGHLIGHTS

Stack has a showroom where you can purchase beer to bring home, as well as "by the glass" sampling and also offers tastings for groups and special events.



Check out Impact Alt, an altbier (German for "old beer"), which is a copper-coloured brew with a creamy head and aromatic hop. This brew also features lovely malt flavours and a dry finish.



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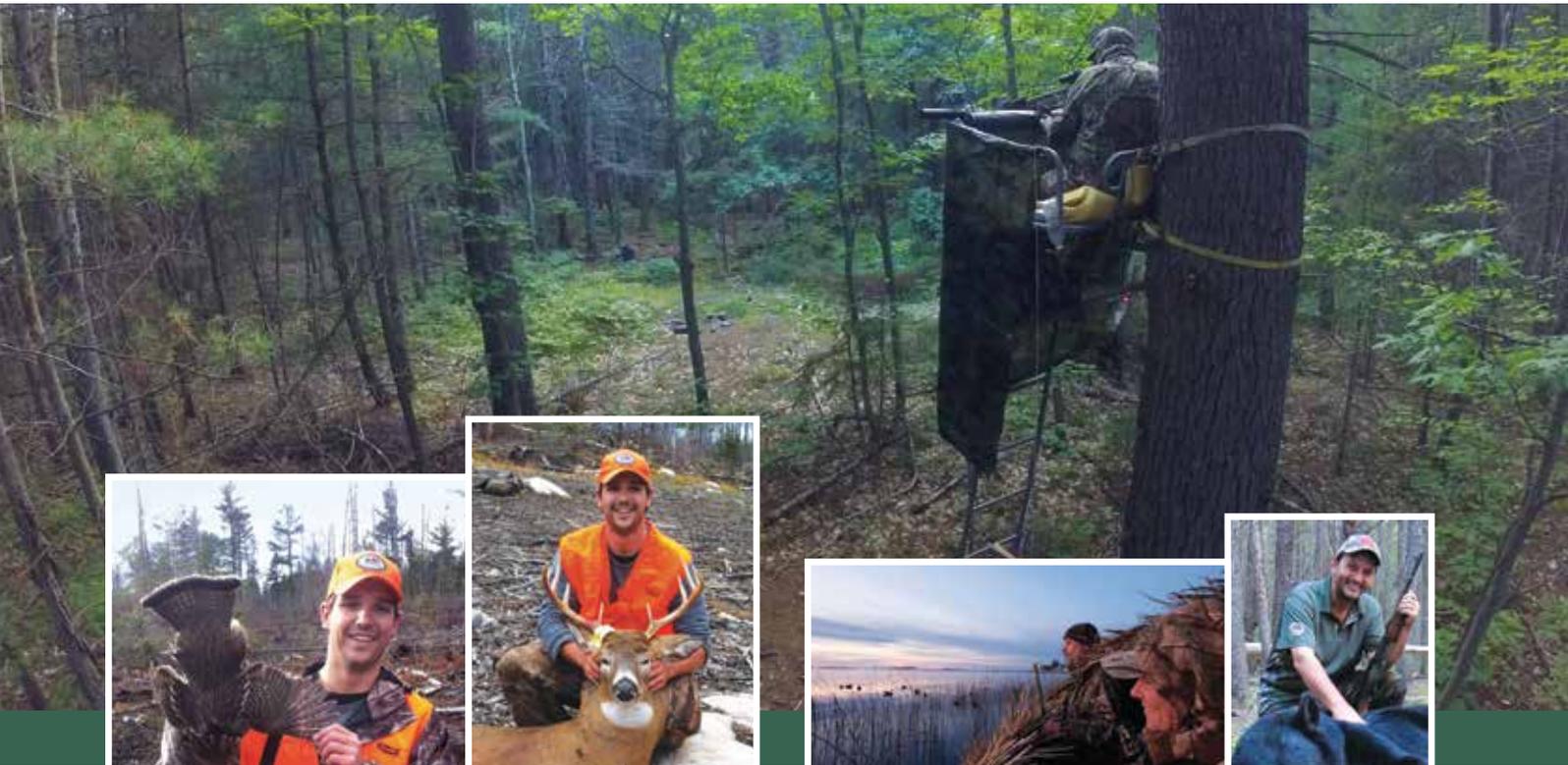
BIG adventures and
BIG game can lead to BIG
hunting accomplishments!

By Mathew Koprash

Welcome to Northeastern Ontario, an outdoors person's paradise! Extending from the French River all the way up to the Hudson Bay coast, this vast Region offers a great variety of world-class hunting opportunities to choose from. Look no further than Northeastern Ontario for BIG game like black bear, moose, and white-tailed deer, along with waterfowl and upland game birds.

The early hunting season brings opportunities for waterfowl and upland game such as Canada geese, ducks, and grouse. Early September marks goose opener, which is followed by ducks, and then the post popular opener—grouse (aka partridge)—during mid-September, depending on your Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). Always check your local regulations for critical dates, possession limits, and any other questions regarding hunting regulations in Northeastern Ontario.

If BIG game is what you are looking for, opportunities can be found across the Region from August into December. The fall bear hunt starts off this fantastic series of events and runs from early August until the end of October. Later into this season there is the potential for a trophy hunt as the animals prepare for winter hibernation. The spring bear hunt may be reinstated this year and could provide more and earlier opportunities for hunters. The entire Region would be available for this five-year pilot project. As hunters, we play a big part in wildlife management and this is one of the main reasons for the proposed return of the spring bear hunt.



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Moose hunting season is a big draw for many big game hunters and rightfully so. This majestic animal is near the top of the food chain and many trophy bulls have eluded even the most experienced hunters. Some changes have been made to the calf season, now limited to two weeks. However, many opportunities can be found throughout the Region. Cow and bull tags can still be obtained and the vastness of the Region can provide ample opportunities.

Last but definitely not least is white-tailed deer season, which has the longest duration with multiple hunts including bow, rifle, and muzzle loaders. Deer season lasts from mid-October to mid-December. This two-month window provides sufficient opportunity to harvest the buck of a lifetime. Northeastern Ontario is home to a very healthy white-tailed population with some BIG bodied animals living throughout.

If any of these opportunities appeal to you, please look into the Ontario Hunting Regulations for more information, including dates and WMUs. Big game in the Region has draw deadlines for obtaining seals for moose, antlerless deer, and controlled deer. Make sure to check the regulations early so that you don't miss out. The first draw deadline is around June 1. The regulations are a great tool to have and I highly recommend a thorough review prior to heading out on any hunt.

Big game hunting shouldn't be just about killing an animal so that you can fill a freezer. There is an element of reverence and respect involved when entering your hunting area. Remember that we are all guests in the outdoors and big game's environment. We should always respect the woods and the wildlife that inhabits them. Harvest management during the hunt is a must and will provide great rewards for years to come. Focus on harvesting mature game, both male and female—just because you see antlers does not mean that it is a kill.

Some questions to ask yourself while hunting and prior to harvesting an animal in your sights are: Does the animal need to live for next year's populations? Is this animal going to mature to be a trophy? Does this animal have good genetics to produce others of its calibre? Answers to these important questions will make sure that there are healthy populations of high quality animals for years to come.

We are extremely lucky here in Northeastern Ontario to have the wildlife resources that we do and we should all strive to keep it that way for future generations. There are many outfitters, lodges, and areas of Crown land to choose from in order to harvest the BIG game animal of a lifetime.

I wish you all great success in your upcoming hunting season and hope that you get a chance to experience what Northeastern Ontario has to offer.

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Last summer we asked for your Northeastern Ontario favourites as part of our BIG Top Five Contest. Over 1,400 of you responded. Here are your BIG Top Five!



TOP 5 SNOWMOBILE LOOPS

1. Gateway to the North Loop
2. Rainbow Elk Loop
3. Cartier Moose Loop
4. Abitibi Canyon Loop
5. Lumberjack Loop



TOP 5 ATV TRAILS

1. Cochrane ATV Node
2. Kukagami Trails
3. Voyageur Multi-use Trail System
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5. Timmins Recreational Trail System



TOP 5 FISHING HOLES

1. Lake Nipissing
2. French River
3. Lake Temagami
4. Lake Temiskaming
5. Mattawa River



TOP 5 FISH SPECIES

1. Bass
2. Trout
3. Walleye
4. Northern Pike
5. Perch



TOP 5 WINTER ACTIVITIES

1. Ice Skating
2. Snowshoeing
3. Ice Fishing
4. Cross-country Skiing
5. Tubing



TOP 5 HIKING TRAILS

1. Bridal Veil Falls, Manitoulin Island
2. Devil's Rock, Temiskaming Shores
3. Duchesnay Falls, North Bay
4. Cup and Saucer, Manitoulin Island
5. Caribou Mountain Tower, Temagami



TOP 5 SUMMER ACTIVITIES

1. Camping
2. Hiking
3. Swimming
4. Fishing
5. Paddling



TOP 5 PLACES FOR PADDLING

1. French River
2. Killarney
3. Lake Temagami
4. Mattawa River and Ottawa River
5. Spanish River



TOP 5 MOTORCYCLE ROUTES

1. Manitoulin Island Circle Tour
2. Georgian Bay Coastal Route
3. Lake Nipissing Circle Tour
4. Lake Temiskaming Circle Tour
5. Great Legends Circle Tour

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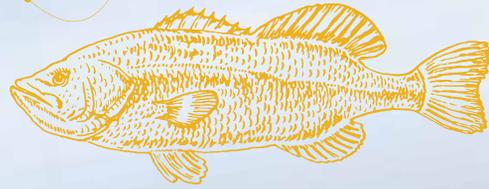
TOP 5 FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

1. Northern Lights Festival Boréal, Sudbury
2. Summer in the Park, North Bay
3. Mattawa Voyageur Days
4. Sudbury Jazz Festival
5. Summer Concert Series, Timmins



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GIRLS *Just Wanna Go* **Fishin'!**



By Amy Nesbitt

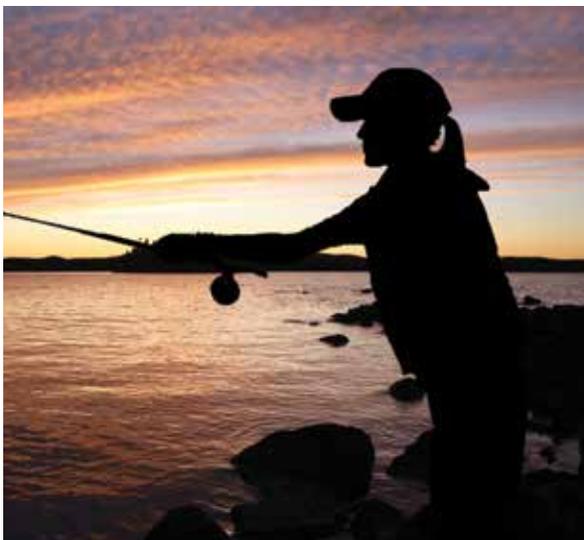




Fishing, hunting, and the outdoors

in general play a major role in the lives of most children who grow up in Northern Ontario. For me, fishing has been my passion ever since I was a little girl. There was nothing I loved more than leaving school on Fridays, sometimes even during the week, to go to camp on Lake Nipissing with my dad or grandparents, and fish all weekend. To this day, there is nothing I look forward to more than being able to spend all day out on the water.

Every person who identifies as an angler, hunter, outdoorsman or outdoorswoman understands what I mean when I say that it is the driving force behind what we do. Fishing, hunting, and being in the outdoors is what we love. It's why we breathe, it's who we are. There is nothing that separates the men from the women when it comes to outdoor sports other than our biology.

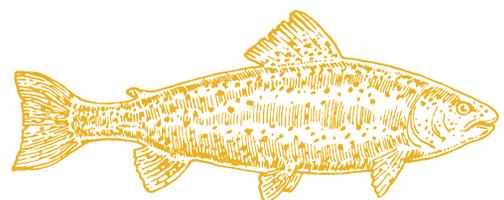


I have been fishing in tournaments for 14 years, and over those years I have put my body through days and nights of not nearly enough sleep. I'm not alone either. Anglers in general have endured downpours of rain for days on end. We've endured snow and crazy winds so big that we could no longer keep our balance in the boat and have had to fish on our knees. And we've endured extremes in temperatures from bitter cold to scorching heat. And it's in enduring these weather changes that help us succeed.

Whether you identify as a male or female, if you fish, you are an angler. Being a female angler can present its very own set of unique challenges, but this is not a negative thing; male anglers also face their own challenges. People call anglers crazy for everything we endure, but we call it determination—determination to do better the next time we are on the water, determination to learn more about techniques or fish handling, or the feeding patterns of certain bodies of water. Being on the water and catching fish is an addiction and as everyone knows, addictions do not discriminate.

As a young woman involved in the fishing industry, I have been under much scrutiny. That scrutiny might intimidate some people, but it has only motivated me to do better as an angler and to get more young women involved.

So, for all the girls and women who would love to go fishing, I say, "Go for it!" You will fall in love with the sport as much as I have, and the people you meet will become some of your greatest supporters and friends.



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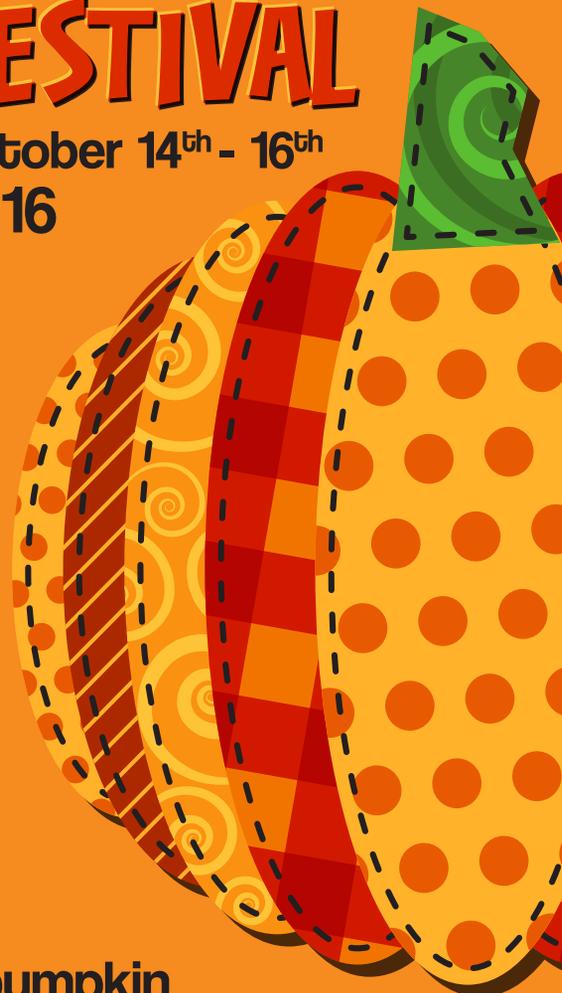


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JUNE

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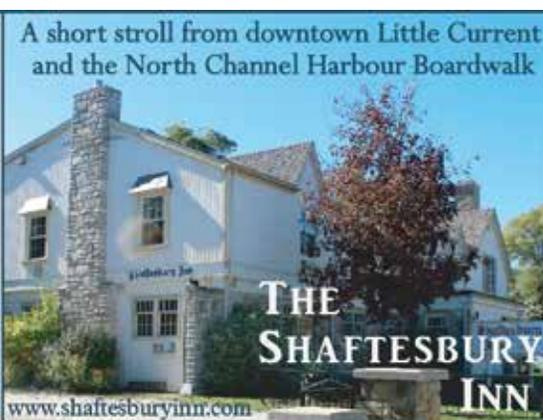
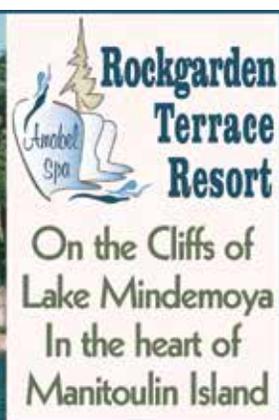
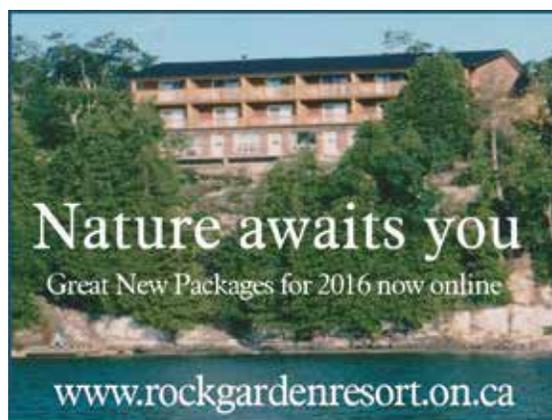
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