

# CANOE CANADA OUTFITTERS



## 2014 -2015 NEWSLETTER



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**Hello Dear Friends of Canoe Canada!**

**We are pleased to be presenting our first email newsletter. Many of our customers let us know they missed getting the newsletter by mail. Unfortunately the cost has risen too high so we have come up with this solution to keep in touch!**

**Thank you to everyone who generously shared their photos with us and allowed us to use them in our publications.**

**Hope you enjoy.....**



**Shore Lunch!**



# OUTPOST UPDATES!!

Jeremy Dickson, Owner and Outpost Manager



This is our first newsletter in 3 years and we have done so many cabin improvements that I don't even know where to start! In the last few years we have completely changed over all of our fridges to a much more reliable model. Sawbill Bay now has 25 hp outboards on 16-foot boats. We have officially completed Gamble Lake's rebuild; we have also added brand new boats at this location and purchased the other cabin on the lake so it is now a single cabin outpost lake. Mercutio got a new floor, dock and boat shed..... we will be putting new boats at this location this winter. The big news is that we will be building a new cabin on Little Gull, hopefully starting next spring but it will be ready for the 2017 season.

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fishing

nickname "Three-peat" but I'm still content in knowing that I won their money.

As most of you are aware, being an outfitter I don't get out fishing too often but was able to make time for a few trips this year. I recently went fishing at Sawbill with my sister's family and my nieces out fished me 3 to 1!!!! In August I was able to go to Mercutio, walleye fishing for 3 days on my annual guys trip. There were 12 of us year and I am happy to report that for the third year in a row I won our tournament!!! My friends refuse to call me by my new self-proclaimed

Of course my favorite fishing trip of the year is always my family trip, which we call The Chumbucket. We went to McQuat this year and even though it poured rain 98% of the time Amanda, the kids and I all felt that it was a great success. Amber and Thomas both caught 20 plus inch Smallmouth and Amanda fed us with her walleye catching ability. I am very glad that we chose to go to McQuat because with the rain we spent most of our time in the screened-in porch area of the sauna building.

I hope that all of you have had a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all again on your Canoe Canada adventures or during the winter at our sports shows.

Jeremy





# More News.....

## New Website!

We are very pleased to share our new website with you. It went up in May and has received much praise from our customers. We thank all the customers who were kind enough to let us know when they found a glitch for us to fix. A website is always a work in progress! Please visit. Any feedback is welcome.

We also thank the many customers who shared their photos with us. Many of them have been used on our site! We look forward to more in the future.

[www.canoecanada.com](http://www.canoecanada.com)



If you're looking for a new adventure please ask us about the King of Quetico Fly In Canoe Trip!



### Canoe Canada Sports Show Schedule

Let's Go Fishing Show	Collinsville, IL	January 8 - 10, 2016
All Canada Show	St. Charles, IL	January 14 - 17, 2016
Boat & Sportshow	Kansas City, MO	January 21 - 24, 2016
Fishing & Outdoor Expo	Schaumburg, IL	January 28 - 31, 2016
Boat, Sport & Travel Show	Indianapolis, IN	February 19 - 28, 2016
Boat and Sportshow	St. Louis, MO	February 24 - 28, 2016
Journal Sentinel Sports Show	Milwaukee, WI	March 2 - 6, 2016
Deer and Turkey Expos	Madison, WI	April 1 - 3, 2016

# Welcome to Quetico Park!

**Trevor Gibb , Quetico Park Superintendent**



you. 2015 has date, because as just beginning. If the most rewarding typically warm, humour about this visitation throughout summer adventures, will find that it is yellows of our changing the stars it is a hard time of year to beat! Please give us a call at (807) 597-2735 for information on visiting the Park in the fall.

Hello Canoe Canada newsletter subscribers. Thank you for your past visits to Quetico. I am hopeful you will come visit us for another paddling adventure in the near future, or if you have never done a trip in Quetico and are considering it, we hope to welcome

been a good one at Quetico to date. I say to I write this some of the year's best paddling is weather holds, September can be one of the months to explore the Park. The weather is although Mother Nature can have a sense of sometimes. Once September rolls around, the Park drops as people wrap up their so if you do foray into Quetico in early fall, you exceptionally peaceful, and when you throw in the beautiful

deciduous trees, abundant wildlife, and the clear crisp nights under the stars it is a hard time of year to beat! Please give us a call at (807) 597-2735 for information on visiting the Park in the fall.

Many of you are reading this because you have visited Quetico before or plan on visiting in the future. Quetico paddlers are our eyes and ears on the ground, and the actions of visitor's factor heavily into our ability to protect Quetico Provincial Park for future generations. Our Research crews at Quetico regularly monitor Quetico's lakes for the presence and spread of aquatic invasive species. This year, our crews set traps for Rusty Crayfish on Basswood and Crooked Lakes along the international border with Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Rusty Crayfish is only one of the invasive species we are concerned about at the Park. Information on invasive species of concern is available at all Park entry stations. On your next trip into the Park, we encourage you to report to Park staff any sighting of invasive species that you might encounter. You can also help to protect the Park by ensuring you take measures to prevent the spread of invasive species while you are on your canoe trip. Even small acts, such as transferring unfiltered water from one lake to another via your water bottle, have the potential to cause harm. Our park orientation, which backcountry campers receive at park entry stations (and from Canoe Canada Outfitters), outlines a number of ways you can prevent the spread of invasive species. Your contributions truly do help us to protect our beautiful wilderness Park.



There is another way, which you can help Quetico during your next visit. Back by popular demand is our Adopt-A-Lake program. This volunteer program has Park users clean up a small number of campsites along their travel route (they can even be the ones you stay on) and report back to the Park afterwards on what you accomplished. After the season is done, a token of recognition will be sent out to each participating group. For Adopt-A-Lake and keep Quetico clean and beautiful, please sign up at a Quetico Entry Station. Of course, whether you formally volunteer or not we appreciate anything you can do to help the park during your visit. Packing out more than you bring in and practicing leave no trace camping.

Happy Paddling.



**QUETICO  
FOUNDATION**

**Glenda McLachlan, Executive Director**

Quetico Park.....Canada's quintessential wild place.....a place where we can be one with nature in its purest form.....a place free of intrusions and distractions.....a place of inspiration and peace.....a place where we can be one with ourselves.....a place we want to keep that way in perpetuity! For over 60 years, The Quetico Foundation has been working hard at protecting the legacy of Quetico as one of the few quiet places in the world through our research activities, education programs, advocacy initiatives, and conversations. We recognize that scientific research is fundamental to our understanding of wilderness ecology and management. We understand that education is integral to wilderness protection and sustainability...most importantly of our youth to ensure that the decisions they make in the future are consistent with our wilderness values! We recognize the power of liaison and collaboration, fostering partnerships and relationships with organizations that share common interests and objectives. Canoe Canada is one of those organizations!

We are extremely grateful for Canoe Canada's committed support of the Foundation over many years.....our fundraising initiatives, our local profile and our program logistics. Jim Clark has figured prominently in that relationship and we are going to miss him! We hope that he will find himself in the Park more frequently living his love for Quetico, and are comforted knowing that his passion for Quetico Park and wilderness protection will continue to ring loud and clear with everyone he encounters both within and outside the Park for years to come. Thank you Jim!

Quetico Park serves as an important icon for wilderness protection in Ontario and in Canada. Please visit us at [www.queticofoundation.org](http://www.queticofoundation.org) and friend us on Facebook and support our vision for the future!

*'There's a lot more resting on your shoulder than just a canoe.....'*





# Quetico Reflections



Jim,

Now that everybody is back in Germany, I wanted to say 'Thank You' again.

We were sitting together last night, and everybody was in wild agreement that we had a fantastic and truly enjoyable trip, which in good part was due to your excellent advice, your helpful attitude, and the high quality gear, which made a big difference. I am still amazed how you put dots into the map at high pace, and every single dot turned out to be precisely located.

Many thanks again,  
Jan and the Germans



Just wanted Jim to know that we have all arrived home safe and sound and are still reveling in the aftermath of our wonderful trip. It was a great route and everyone enjoyed the beauty and the challenges presented by Quetico. One of the added pleasures to our canoeing experience is just seeing our old pals at Canoe Canada. You are really a terrific group of people and I always feel that we receive the very best of attention from each and every one of you... thank you.

We will be back!!  
Hilarie Woods



My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our brief trip into Quetico this summer. A trip into the Quetico interior has always been on my bucket list and when circumstances brought us to the area, we had to take advantage, even though we only had three days to do it in. Jim put us onto a spot that was everything we were hoping for: quiet, scenic, great fishing, and only a couple of hours paddle from the access point. In fact, we didn't see another person the whole time we were camping, despite it being peak time in the park. Will definitely be back, next time with more time to explore further into this special place.

Cam and Patti Byne



The lake we stay on is called Batchewaung and is an Indian name, which means bad wind. The lake is a little tough to be on when it is like this. When we left this morning it was a clear sunny day. Things can change quickly and when I leave for the day I am always prepared to spend the night away from the cabin if weather makes it too dangerous to cross the lake in a canoe.

Robert Ryder



Thanks again for the great experience we had on our trip up! Thanks especially for the great weather you ordered for us - it was awesome! The fishing was terrific (Tell Jim thanks for the tips and guidance). I definitely have the guys hooked on this trip and I'm sure we'll be back up again to see you.

Thanks again and have a great "off-season".

All the best,  
Bart Putzer



### Jim's recommended reading list:

**Quetico: Near to Nature's Heart** by *Jon Nelson*

**The Voyageurs Highway** by *Grace Lee Nute*

**Saving Quetico-Superior: a Land Set Apart** by *R. Newell Searle*

**The Fist in the Wilderness** by *David Lavender*

**Canoeing with the Cree** by *Eric Sevareid*



# Outpost Happiness



Thanks for making us feel at home again last week. Please let everyone else at CCO know how much we appreciate everything you all do for us. The weather made the

fishing a little more challenging on a few of the days, but it was still a great trip overall. I am already looking forward to my next trip.

Kyle Schrink



Just letting you know this was my best fishing trip to Canada ever, and I've been doing this once or twice per season for the

last 18 years, and off and on before that. Between the two of us we estimate we caught about 700 fish in a week, with 350 coming at Elsie, mostly at the hotspot by the rapids (we counted 200+ fish one day). Our biggest fish were:

- 19" bass
- 24 " walleye-2 of them
- 37" pike-3 of them
- 22" Lake Trout
- 23" Whitefish

Wayne Kottman



Pictures from our wonderful vacation at Little Gull Lake this summer. We had such a wonderful time and will definitely be back again.

Thanks for everything,  
Mary and Chip



I want to thank you all for making our trip to Nym Lake a very pleasant and productive one. A great time was had by all, first timers and old friends of Canoe Canada. Our accommodations and equipment was as usual the best, we really enjoyed the comfort of the cabin. We have rarely had the situation where we had to throw fish back because they were too big! but it made for a fun time and we still had enough to eat, and photos of the rest. Although I am getting up there in years I still want to see your beautiful part of the world every year. Nym Lake was a great joy, and the chance to see all the backwaters and bays was a great thrill (I have only paddled thru from the landing to the portage to the park) thank you for making it available to us. Next year will be my 30<sup>th</sup> year with your wonderful organization, God willing. My best to Jim, Bud & Sandy.

your old friend Dave McCandless





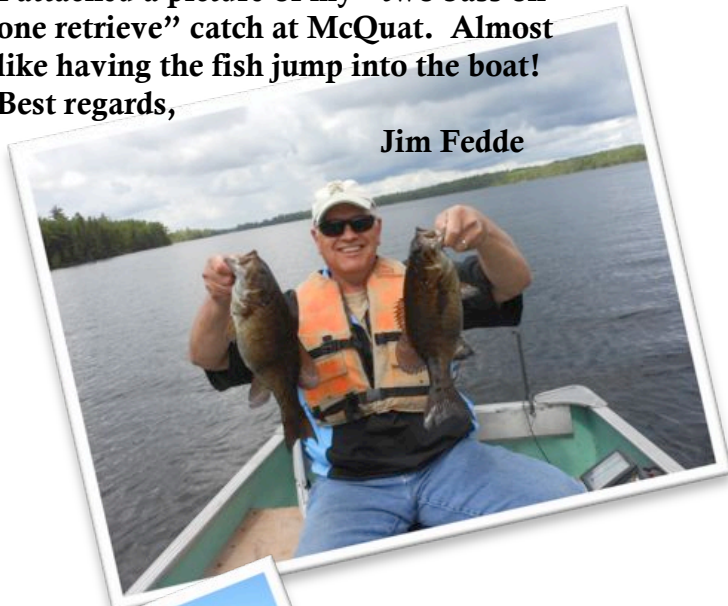
I just wanted to drop you a note and to thank one and all for providing us with such a satisfying experience. We lacked for nothing and appreciated everything we had.

Hope to see you again in the fall.  
Thanks Again  
Gary Schmidt

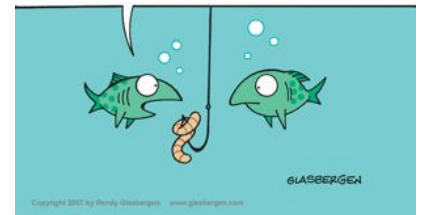


Jeremy and all at Canoe Canada,  
Thank you for a great trip. A good time was had by all and all want to return. I attached a picture of my "two bass on one retrieve" catch at McQuat. Almost like having the fish jump into the boat!  
Best regards,

Jim Fedde



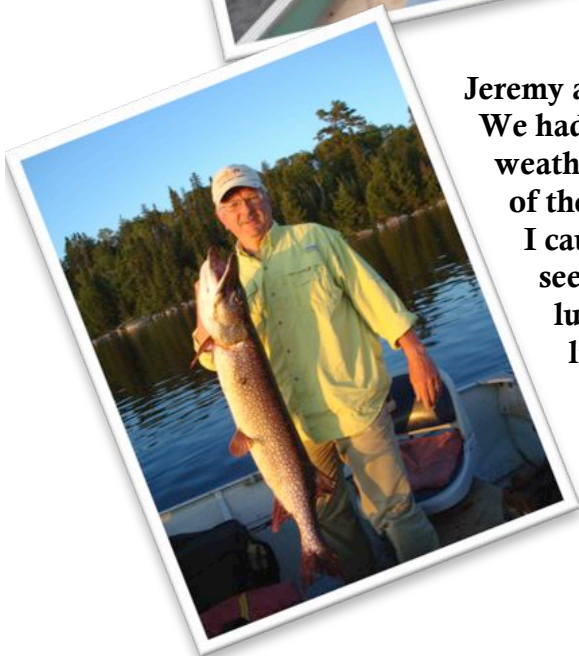
I'M THINKING ABOUT GOING ONLINE,  
BUT I HEARD IT CAN BE DANGEROUS!



Jeremy and the Canoe Canada Crew,  
We had another fantastic trip to Dimple this summer. The weather was mixed as usual, but thankfully cooler than many of the previous years. Attached is a photo of a 42" Northern I caught on a top water lure on Dimple. It was something seeing this huge fish come out of the water to attack the lure. It was a thrill getting it in the boat on only 10 lb. line without a leader. My guess on the weight is 22-23 lb. A great fish by any standards.

The Dean Crew will see you again next year.

Thanks for another great year,  
Randy Dean



# Fond Farewell.....

**Jim Clark, Canoe Manager**



**Thank You !!**

I have decided that it's time for me to 'retire' from the work I love at "Canoe Canada". It has been a wonderful way to meet great people and share my enthusiasm for Quetico Park and its wild places.

Thank you all so much for the stories you have shared years! You may have heard a few from me in the past too, and they are happy memories. The good friends and family that I worked with here at 'Canoe Canada' are also due my heart-felt thanks.

Looking ahead, "Quetico" seems secure as a world-class water wilderness, but who knows. Climate change has already affected moose populations in the park. We see more hummingbirds but few whiskey jacks; more garter snakes, deer and wolves. I guess change is inevitable. Certainly the pattern of people paddling in the park is much different now. Today is September 10th, and we have almost all of our Kevlar canoes out on the water; paddlers are older now and can come when they want. While we don't see the numbers of young campers we once did, interior use in Quetico increased in 2015 after 20 years of steady decline; a very encouraging sign! More then ever before, we need what wilderness does for us.

I have three strong, smart, beautiful granddaughters and they let me join them on a canoe trip in 'Quetico' this summer! Together, we paddled, portaged, swam, ate simple food, slept on the ground, gazed into the fire and up at the moon, listened to baby woodpeckers demanding more food (till midnight), and afterwards, planned where to go next year.



So, I hope this cyberspace greeting finds you in good health and high spirits. I look forward to seeing you on a portage somewhere sometime. Thank you !!

**Jim**







Well the end of our first email newsletter has arrived. We hope you enjoyed reading it as much as we enjoyed making it for you! Everyone here at Canoe Canada sends wishes for a good winter, good health, a happy Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas.



*It was great to see all the regulars this year and all the newcomers. We look forward to seeing you next year!*  
*Thank you.*  
*Sheila, Jada & Brette*



*We enjoyed our time shuttling customers, helping with gear and food and loading canoes. See you again next year!*  
*Chloe, Dayna, Jesse, Matt and Scott*

