

**BWJ T.R.I.P.S. QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**Trip Routing Information & Planning Service**

To participate in BWJ T.R.I.P.S. program:

1. Email BWJ editor Stu Osthoff at [stu@boundarywatersjournal.com](mailto:stu@boundarywatersjournal.com) to determine if your selected route is one he is familiar with. If you receive confirmation, BWJ can help with your route.
2. Complete and mail the T.R.I.P.S. Questionnaire along with a photocopy of a Fisher or McKenzie map of your proposed route plus a self-address stamped envelope to BWJ TRIPS, 9396 Rocky Ledge Rd, Ely, MN 55731.
3. Helpful information will be noted on your maps regarding portages, campsites, fishing opportunities, current conditions and other interesting things to see and do along your route. Please allow 2-3 weeks for response.
4. The BWJ T.R.I.P.S. program is a benefit for active 3 and 5 year BWJ subscribers. If not currently a 3 or 5 year subscriber, please extend your subscription to that level before participating. Thank you.

**T.R.I.P.S. QUESTIONNAIRE**

Party name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be an active 3 or 5 year BWJ subscriber.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Party size: #Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

#Kids/ages \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Trip dates Begin: \_\_\_\_\_ End: \_\_\_\_\_ #Nights: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry point: \_\_\_\_\_

Exit point: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Lakes on Route:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tow Services planned (explain where to): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# of different camps planned: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of group's paddling experience 1-10 (1=low): \_\_\_\_\_

Level of group's portaging experience 1-10 (1=low): \_\_\_\_\_

Level of group's fishing experience 1-10 (1=low): \_\_\_\_\_

Check if appropriate for your group:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mostly interested in canoeing, camping and enjoying overall wilderness experience.

\_\_\_\_\_ Solitude is very important to our group. We will not be satisfied sharing lakes with several other groups.

\_\_\_\_\_ Willing to paddle/portage hard to find real solitude

\_\_\_\_\_ A few other groups around us each day is okay.

\_\_\_\_\_ Our focus is on fishing. The majority of our time will be devoted to fishing. While we enjoy the overall wilderness experience, the challenge and thrill of sportfishing in the wilderness is our primary interest.

Rank species in order of preference. Include 1-4 with #1 as first choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Walleye

\_\_\_\_\_ Smallmouth

\_\_\_\_\_ Northern Pike

\_\_\_\_\_ Lake Trout

List any other specific fishing goals: (i.e. fly fishing, top water/spawning smallmouth, subsurface bass, ice out/shallow trout, quantity of fish vs. trophy size, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Indicate the # of fish meals your party expects to eat on this trip.

\*Please understand BWJ strongly encourages catch and release angling in canoe country. Out of respect for this priceless fishery and those who cherish it, we cannot send parties into small lakes who plan to harvest/have a significant impact on the fishery. Do you pledge to largely practice catch & release of larger breeding sized fish, keeping only smaller fish for a meal or two?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please indicate any special limitations your party has, physically, etc.

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Please indicate any other interests you have for this trip. (i.e. historical sites, waterfalls, beaches, berry picking, wildlife, etc.)

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Additional comments, any specific questions you have or additional information that would help us plan an enjoyable trip for your group.

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