

FALL 2020

Return to Baskatong- Cook P.4 Husband/wife enjoy a late-September BWCAW trip through Polly/Malberg/Kawishiwi River. Prime-time paddling season through the rebirth of the 2011 Pagami Creek Burn area.

BWCAW October Rescue- Hennessy P.14 Missing solo paddler puts rescuers at risk on a cold, wet, dark October night on Caribou Lake. Lots of lessons to learn here as searchers save him from the grip of hypothermia.

Painting the Boundary Waters- Highlen P. 18 Writer/painter couple finds inspiration to get creative on BWCAW trip through Mudro/Horse/Basswood

River/Crooked/Wagosh/Gun/Fourtown route in October. Painting the fall color highlights of canoe country.

Grand Slam Spring/Summer 2020- Osthoff P.28 BWJ Publisher/Wilderness Guide, Stu Osthoff, shares his annual guiding season report of his wilderness fishing trips. COVID closed all access to his Quetico haunts so this was the year to make it happen on the BWCAW side. Big bass trips to Basswood, Lac La Croix and Knife Lake.

BWCAW Master Angler Lands New Perspective- Klos P. 50 Elite canoe country trout anglers persevere through pandemic, urban riots, family health issues, business worries and wilderness restrictions. Their rewards are big trout and priceless wilderness spiritual renewal.

“SoloTripper” Toughs It Out- Carrier P.56 Veteran wilderness paddler, Neal Oberlee, endures the ups and downs and a serious injury to complete his three-week solo Quetico adventure. A most impressive story and canoe tripping philosophy for sure.

Paddling Through the Pandemic- BWJ Field Editors P. 68 Our Field Editors all weigh in on how COVID 19 affected their 2020 canoe trip route plans and how those trips were executed under plague restrictions and recommendations. 2020 was a paddling season like no other. True believers paddle on.

A Wet and Wild Quetico September- Foley P. 82 Late-September tough stretch of weather doesn't dampen the spirits of this die-hard paddling couple.

Pickerel/Sturgeon/Antoine/Olifaunt/B-Chain/Fern. Includes campsite evaluations for Olifaunt/B-Chain.

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You Can Go Home Again, True, P. 4 Author spent many family trips as a kid on Quetico's Wet Lake. This story describes his return, after a 38-year hiatus, with his own adult son. Lots of history and contrast to then and now.

Paddling With Mom, Hoeg, P. 14 Mother and son take a travel type trip through Saganaga/Knife/Kekekabic/Fraser/Little Sag. A challenging four-day trip but lots of family time.

The Essence Of Time, Blazino, P. 22 Tips on how to travel efficiently to save time/energy for the things you like best like fishing/photography/swimming/berry picking. Also gear that saves work in the woods.

Solo Angling Tactics, Brauer & Teach, P. 28 The definitive BWJ article on how to command that canoe while still making a serious fishing effort. Tips on all four species – tackle/tactics and gear. Special advice on managing solo canoe and fishing in the wind.

The Cardinal Rules Of Wilderness Canoe Tripping, Osthoff, P. 38 Top 5 rules to live by to make the most of your BWCAW/Quetico trips. Super-detailed advice on how to play this game at the highest level. Innovative approaches to improve your canoe tripping style.

It's Never Too Late, Monthei, P. 54 The story of B's Wilderness Paddlers, Bea Brophy and Barb Anderson started an Ely outfitting and guide service in their 60's. Fascinating profile of two unique canoe country personalities.

Owls Of The BWCAW, Kvam, P. 60 All the interesting biology and behavior of the 8 different species of owls that inhabit the BWCAW. Learn how to recognize their calls and appearances so you can identify the owls you encounter in the BWCAW.

Collective Wisdom- Critical Wilderness Skills, P.68 BWJ Field Editors dig deep into their top three wilderness canoe tripping skills. Valuable advice from the experts on how to upgrade your wilderness skills and why each is so important. Everyone has strengths/weaknesses- and everyone can improve- it makes for safer and more enjoyable tripping.

Minimal Stress Handling Of Canoe Country Fish, Brauer, P. 94 Important tips on how to catch and release trophy canoe country fish with minimal stress. Learn what the research and experts recommend to conserve this priceless fishery.

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Cache Lake Beatdown- Chmelik, P. 4: This fearsome foursome tackles the toughest portages in all of Quetico. In-depth account of what you're up against, if you are up to the challenge of going from Baptism Lake to Mckenzie Lake.

Keeping My Promise- Blazino, P. 14: Special father/sons trip to the hallowed trophy walleye waters of Conmee Lake. The trip lived up to all their dreams and then some. Solid walleye fishing advice.

Quetico's Cache Bay Ranger- Janice Matichuk- Friedrichs, P. 20: Harrowing cold water rescue in 2000 in Cache Bay of Saganaga Lake by Quetico Ranger, Janice Matichuk. A tragic tale with valuable lessons to learn about paddling big water in big wind.

Mastering the Quetico Smallmouth Game- Osthoff, P. 28: The definitive BWJ article on putting the whole canoe country smallmouth game plan together. Expert advice on paddling down the hot smallie topwater bite as the season moves from pre-spawn, to peak spawn, to post-spawn to summer feeding pattern. Super-in-depth intel on techniques, tackle and specific lakes for big canoe country bronzebacks.

Paddling Down BWCAW History- Monthei, P. 48: Author shares a lifetime of exploring and tracking down the fascinating sites and remaining signs of human history all across the BWCAW. Includes specific details on how you can find and enjoy these places and what you can expect to still see at each. Just be sure not to disturb any of the remaining artifacts or history you find there.

The Guide- Jebb, P. 58: The romantic version of the dream summer job working for an Ely outfitter as a wilderness guide doesn't pan out but the author perseveres and leads an epic Quetico adventure that changed his life and his partner's, BWJ Publisher, Stu Osthoff.

Collective Wisdom- To Build A Fire- BWJ Field Editors, P. 66 The last word from eight experts on finding, selecting, dropping, hauling, sawing, splitting and cooking with wood in canoe country. From beaverwood driftwood to red pine, learn how to make the best fires, even in the rain.

The 1963 Grand Portage Trip- Evetts, P.91 Teenagers take canoe trip in 1963 out of what became the Outward Bound School in Ely up the border route and finishing with trekking the Grand Portage. Lots of character-building episodes along the way and an interesting look back at the way it was in the good old days.

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BWCAW Winter Camping- A Family Affair- Paulsen- P. 4: Family and friends ski into Cherokee Lake to enjoy two weeks of winter adventure from the comfort of a heated wall tent camp.

Wilderness Teacher- Wahlstrom- P. 14: High school teacher runs a BWCAW winter camping program to teach life lessons to his students and appreciation for wilderness values. These kids learn a lot fast out in the BWCAW in February.

Winter Lake Trout Along the Gunflint Trail- Friedrichs- P. 22: Everything you need to know about how, when, and where to get started chasing down your own lake trout action through the ice. Warning- it ain't easy, but it is very rewarding.

Heading Towards the Light- Mohagen- P. 28: This deeply personal essay shares how a winter trip to the BWCAW helped the author gain valuable perspective on his life and future. The power of the wilderness experience knows no off-season.

Living on The Edge- Fall- 2019- Osthoff- P. 34: BWJ Publisher, Stu Osthoff shares the highlights of his September elk hunts, October BWCAW trip to Malberg Lake area, grouse hunting with his pointers around Ely and the BWCAW, deer hunting season and more.

A Few Quetico Highlights- Dailey- P. 48: Recalling "the good old days" of canoe tripping the Quetico in the 1950's and 60's. Fascinating how the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Paddling On, No Matter What- Young- P. 56: Author overcomes a cancer diagnosis scare, motivated by her passion for wilderness canoe tripping to get back out there and keep on paddling. A powerful reminder not to take any of our canoe trips for granted and to get out there as much as possible.

Collective Wisdom- "What's in Your Pack?" – BWJ Field Editors- P. 60: BWJ staff give you an up-close look at the latest and greatest new canoe tripping gear that they use and recommend. Upgrade your own outfit with this expert advice on what really works in canoe country, trip after trip.

Soloing Against All Odds- Yates- P. 76: Solo-tripper battles big wind and big portages on the BWCAW route below Lac La Croix- a real wilderness adventure with both adversity and that special sense of accomplishment.

BWCAW Campsite Review- The Fire Lakes- Henning- P. 91: The lowdown on all the campsites on Smoke, Burnt, Flame, Kelly. Know the best sites when planning your trip and save time/energy out there.

Quetico Grand Slam Poetry-Teach- P. 98: Author reveals his passion for canoe country smallmouth, walleye, lake trout and pike through these heart-felt poems. Music to the ears of all anglers.

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Sweet September- Carrier- P. 4: Four older solo paddlers rendezvous on Burntside and Jean Lakes for fall fishing and solitude. Keeping the canoe country passion alive by paddling smart and with the right crew.

Alpine Storm- Cook- P. 14: Husband wife embrace challenging autumn winds and rain on this BWCAW route and delight in the peak color show.

Sag/Knife/Amoebur/Cherry/Hanson/Ogish/Alpine/Seagull

Dashwa's First Trip- Paulsen- P. 22: New parents, who are expert wilderness paddlers, introduce their infant son to the BWCAW, 18-day trip, Lake One area, heated wall tent, first snow of season and lots of quality family time.

Grand Slam Spring/Summer 2019- Osthoff- P. 36: BWJ Publisher and wilderness guide, Stu Osthoff, recounts his Grand Slam Guide Service trips for the season, five Quetico trips plus Sutton River trip, lots of super-detailed info on how, when and where to pursue big fish. Great trip planning advice and gear recommendations.

Tuscarora Lake Enchantment-Zhuikov- P. 58: Author guides her husband on the BWCAW route she first paddled 33 years ago. A special reunion canoe trip with special memories from both trips.

October Surprises- Wiegel- P. 66: Rough, cold, snowy weather and a persistent camp bear make for a challenging October trip into Duncan Lake for this crew of guys.

Collective Wisdom-Loading/Unloading Savvy- BWJ Field Editors- P. 70: All the nitty-gritty details on how to load/unload/portage safely and efficiently. Oftentimes, getting all the gear in/out of the canoe on rough landings is more of an art than carrying it all across the portage trail. Hard earned advice from canoe country experts.

Don't Put Those Rods Away Yet- Teach- P. 94: How, when and where to get into September fishing action for the big four in the BWCAW/Quetico. Fall fishing is a different ballgame than summer- these tips will help you find the fish.

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The Grandson's First Trip, Tade, P. 4. BWJ Photographer Mark Tade takes his 9 & 11-year-old grandsons on their first BWCAW trip. Lots of coaching, sharing and learning about the delights and challenges of canoe country on Beth Lake.

Tubing Canoe Country Walleyes, King, P. 10. A whole new approach to jigging Quetico walleyes with bass tube jigs. Just hook the bass tubes to your standard walleye jigs and hold on for plenty of spectacular big walleye action. Great walleye "how to" insight for the no-live bait Quetico angler.

Dream Trip, Fiedler, P. 18. Fascinating account of Gary Fiedler's 108-day Quetico adventure, photographing all aspects of the Park for his Radiant Spirit Gallery. Compelling solo challenge with seven laps per portage and superb photography results.

The Storm, Shaheen, P. 38. First-hand account of living through the wicked July 21, 2016 storm on Disappointment Lake and the blowdown aftermath that claimed the lives of other BWCAW campers.

BWCAW vs. Quetico, Osthoff & Reichbach, P. 40. The definitive BWJ article on comparing/contrasting the BWCAW canoe trip experience with that of the Quetico. Permits, regulations, camping, portaging, solitude and fishing have very different approaches and

expectations. Both have lots of water and wilderness to enjoy but Quetico is the ultimate for many.

Hades Bound- Myth Becomes Real, Wahlstrom, P. 54. Solving a BWCAW map mystery with a dose of history and imagination. Giving these pre-Cambrian rocks their due.

Wooden Canoe Heritage, Grace, P. 61. The Wooden Canoe Heritage Association celebrates their 40th anniversary with a deep dive into the history and lore of wood and wood/canvas canoes in North America. How the wooden canoe legacy is being preserved and why it matters.

Collective Wisdom Column- How I Got My Start Canoeing, BWJ Field Editors, P. 68. Eight different BWJ contributors share the background story of how they developed an affinity for wilderness canoeing. There are different ways to get hooked on canoe country, what really matters is what you do with that gift once you appreciate it.

Deep Down Lake Trout, Simula, P. 91. Tackle and tips for going down deeper to 50 feet for canoe country lakers, and still catch and release them to thrill another angler someday.

Excellent “how to” intel for lake trout fishing.

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Knee Deep In Mack Creek, VandeBerg, P. 4 : Brother duo bust through Greenwood and Mack Creeks, with low water, beaver dams and waist-deep mud to reach the hallowed walleye and bass waters of Mack Lake. The fishing was worth it but it is an adventure they are not anxious to repeat.

April Encounter On The Sioux Hustler Trail, Simula, P. 10: Spring fever BWCAW backpack trip before ice out seemed like a routine escape, until Dad and teenage-son on his first trip have a wolf in camp under their hammocks. Made for a restless night but an adventure to remember.

Be Ready For Big Pike, Brauer, P. 18: Expert advice on how to catch/land big canoe country pike while targeting walleyes. Be ready for that big “gator” strike, with the right know-how and gear.

Surviving The Boundary Waters With Kids, Lundquist, P. 24: Savvy advice on gear, packing, coping with wind, rain, bugs, mud with kids in tow. How to show a positive attitude and teach your brood how to overcome the inevitable adversity of wilderness canoe tripping. The take home message, forget all the excuses to put it off, go now before it is too late.

Finding Your Own Wilderness Canoe Tripping Style, Stuart Osthoff and Rob Kesselring, P. 32: Rob and Stu rekindle a decade old debate about wilderness canoe tripping light and fast vs. targeting big fish. No matter where you fall between these two extremes, there is plenty of precious advice here from two elite wilderness guides.

The Toadbusters Hit Quetico, Fondow, P. 50: 1984 Quetico adventure with seven teenage boys (adjudicated youth) delivers more than its share of challenges and surprises. But most of all, the wilderness experience taught life lessons these guys still appreciate, 35 years later.

The Doofus Awards, King, P. 60: Have fun with keeping score when trip partners screw-up and break rods, capsize, forget the camera etc. Whoever racks up the most Doofus Points – must wear the infamous Doofus Hat all the way back home. Real-life canoe country blunders by expert paddlers and anglers. Stuff happens- to just about everyone out there.

Collective Wisdom- Canoe Country Blunders, BWJ Contributing Editors, P. 68: Lots more classic canoe country mistakes by the tripping pros, plenty of hard lessons for everyone to learn

from. The school of hard knocks is one way to gain canoe country experience, BWJ helps you avoid some of these blunders.

Zulu Magic Update, Teach, P. 92: New insights on how to fish this super-effective soft plastic jerk bait for top end smallmouth. Not all jerk baits are created equal. Get the low-down on the best presentation by the foremost pro.

All About Hull Speed, Evans, P. 95: Be ready with the science behind making that canoe go better when your bow partner is dogging it. It is not all about physics but it is part of the picture.

WINTER 2018

*Return to Angleworm, Day, p. 4

Solo winter showshoe/camping trip into Angleworm Lake area of BWCAW. Great winter gear advice

*Confessions of a BWCAW Winter Photographer, Waltenbaugh, p. 18

Solo trip into Tuscarora to snowshoe, camp, and meet the challenges of wilderness winter photography. All the gear and techniques for great winter photos

*Living on the Edge-Fall 2018, Osthoff, p. 26

BWJ Publisher shares his 2018 Colorado Elk bowhunt, Ely area grouse and deer hunting, October canoe trip in Alice Lake with wolves and first snow of the season

*Earning Our Lac La Croix Patch, Dangoy, p. 46

Couple capsize in big wind and waves on Lac La Croix. Lessons learned while floating for three hours

*My First Canoe Trip in 1956, Dailey, p. 52

Man recalls first trip as a teenage to Quetico with family. Illustrates timeless wilderness values and power to canoe county to change lives

*Triple Lure Challenge, Klos, p. 56

Super-detailed expert advice on fishing lipless crankbaits for trophy lake trout and walleye. Troll, cast and jig this versatile lure for big fish

*Digging Deep, Erickson, p. 64

Veteran paddler reminisces about 30 years of priceless memories with "56", his treasured Bending Branches paddle

*Collective Wisdom-Campsite Routines, BWJ Field Editors, p. 66

The experts share detailed advice on how to set up the perfect wilderness campsite. Routines and gear to keep you safe and a happy camper

*Easing off the Gas, Volkening, p. 92

Hard-core, long-distance, ultralight paddlers concede that 70-year-old bodies should slow down and pack some creature comforts

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*Fall Fishing Final Flurry, Smith, p. 4

September Quetico fishing trip to Quetico/Cirrus Lakes, hot lake trout action plus walleyes and big pike too.

*Just the Two of Us, Monahan, p. 8

Couple takes an autumn tour through the lakes below Lac La Croix, great adventure and lots of wildlife encounters.

*September Crash Course, Foley, p. 16

Veteran paddlers introduce the in-laws to the wonders of Quetico. Despite rough weather and brutal portages, the trip is a success.

*Prime Time on Knife Lake, Cook, p. 22

Couple fight through a rainy week to enjoy the peak color season along the border route.

*Grand Slam Spring/Summer 2018, Osthoff, p. 30

BWJ Publisher Stu Osthoff gives a detailed report on the 5 Quetico trips he guided this past season. Super-in-depth valuable advice on where, when and how to enjoy trophy angling in the western half of Quetico.

*Border Route Trail- Hiking/Paddling Combo, Rudd, p. 60

Three friends combine hiking and paddling the Border Route Trail during the peak color season and finish with the Grand Portage.

*BWJ Collective Wisdom-2018 Paddling Adventures, BWJ Field Editors, p. 68

Lots of great route planning advice and adventure paddling to incorporate into your own trips.

*Where There's A Will There's A Way, Carrier, p. 80

Aging, achy body is retooled for the rigors of Quetico and it is all good again. It is never too late to get back in shape and hit the canoe trails.

*"Dub", Fast, p. 93

Profile of Delbert "Dub" Ehret from Atchison, KS, who recruited/mentored/guided hundreds of folks to life-changing adventures in canoe country. It is all about respect for your fellow paddlers and this unique wilderness.

*Quetico Fall- BWJ Poetry, Teach, p. 98

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*The Voyageur Spirit-Keane, p. 4

Three couples share a BWCAW 12-day paddling adventure from Crane Lake to the Gunflint Trail. Strong historical background and Voyageur Era/route

*Footloose and Broken-Young, p. 16

All women's group deals with a trip-ending injury on Agnes Lake. Savvy advice on how to handle non-life-threatening emergencies in BWCAW

*Why I Love It So? – Klos, p. 22

Passionate Canoe Country angler shares why fishing in a wilderness setting makes all the difference.

*Walleyes Down in the Weeds-Brauer, p. 28

Super in-depth how-to advice for catching Canoe Country walleyes in the weeds. How to zero in on and exploit these rare but phenomenal hot spots.

*Pickerel Lake Base Camp-Steiner, p. 36

Two couples in their 60's slow down and enjoy a week of great fishing on Quetico's massive Pickerel Lake. Great canoeing and fishing without the portaging.

*The Camp Mishawaka Way-Reardon, p. 42

This Quetico trip report was 56 years in the making. Looking back on how a fateful Quetico trip as a youth influenced life-long values and affinity for the outdoors. Paying it forward message.

*Fishing for Food in Canoe Country-Osthoff, p. 45

Super detailed advice on which fish to eat on your canoe trips, how to handle, fillet, prepare and cook them. Strong conservation message along with how to eat fish the right way in Canoe Country.

*Canoe Country Pride-BWJ Field Editors, p. 58

Eight great takes on the proudest moments in Canoe Country for BWJ Field Editors. Hard core paddling, fishing and adventure stories. Many believe it or not tales.

*BWCAW Campsite Review-Monthei, p. 78

Detailed descriptions and ratings of the 36 campsites on the BWCAW side of Crooked Lake.

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*Cache Lake Challenge-Blazino, p. 4

Father and three young sons tackle Quetico's toughest portaging route and discover many rewards.

*Mosquitoes of Paradise-Wahlstrom, p. 12

Attitude adjustment, clothing, tripping strategies are all as much a part of Canoe Country bug defense as DEET. This story is the last word on dealing with mosquitoes.

*BWCAW Heritage Trout—Hobbs, p. 20

Only 35 of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes have completely naturally reproducing populations of Lake Trout and have never been stocked. Most of them are off the Gunflint Trail. Learn what lakes are Heritage Trout lakes and how to fish them.

*Speed Paddling the Voyageur Route-Johnson, p. 25

Bob "BeaV" Vollhaber sets a solo canoeing record of 91 hours from Rainy Lake to Grand Portage. An impressive feat; read of paddling and portaging toughness.

*Revelations of a Canoe Country Guide-Osthoff, p. 30

BWJ Publisher/Wilderness Guide, Stu Osthoff, shares 40 years of canoe tripping savvy. This is the definitive BWJ article on "putting it all together"; trip planning/paddling/portaging/camping/fishing.

*Birding in the Boundary Waters-Kesselring, p. 48

Tips on how to find, observe and enjoy some of The Boundary Waters amazing 150 species of birds.

*Against All Odds-Lundquist, p. 56

Tale of losing your dog in the BWCAW and the emotional roller coaster that ensued-ultimately with a miraculous happy ending. Lots of food for thought about bringing your dog along on your canoe trip.

*Making That First Trip a Good One, p. 62

BWJ Field Editors weigh in on how to plan and deliver a great first canoe trip experience for rookies. Many schools of thought for both sides of the equation.

*Barefoot in the Park-Tade, p. 81

Meet Mark Zimmer who portages barefoot in the BWCAW and forages for edible plants on his month-long solo trips.

*Highlights of the 2017 Quetico Angling Survey-Jackson, p. 91

Some interesting science and statistics behind our overall angling preferences and performance while fishing Quetico.

*Quetico Spring-Teach, p. 94

Canoe Country Poetry

*Biffy Fit for a Queen-Secoy, p. 96

A humorous, yet practical approach for getting the wary to try wilderness canoe tripping.

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- *BWCAW Christmas Visit-Voytilla p. 4
A December visit to Amy & Dave Freeman's winter camp during their amazing Year in the Wilderness. What's it really like to live in the BWCAW for a full year?
- *Balancing Solitude and Camaraderie-Johnson p. 14
Solo winter camping adventure to Hegman/Little Bass Lake area. Comparing the solitude of winter BWCAW travel to tripping with friends and family.
- *Cold Hard Realities-Friedrichs p. 20
Winter Trout fishing off the Gunflint Trail; First impressions of BWCAW by a cancer survivor.
- *Living On The Edge-Osthoff p. 28
BWJ Publisher reports on his Colorado Elk hunting season, BWCAW October canoe trip and Ely area deer hunting season.
- *Breaking in the Girls-Simula p. 47
Savvy advice to parents on easing young girls into the whole canoe country experience. How to make them love it and ask for more.
- *Collective Wisdom-Winter Prep for Summer Paddling- p. 52
BWJ Contributing editors share their off-season routines for getting ready for another year of paddling adventures. Great canoe trips are made in the winter: Get ready now.
- *BWCAW Campsite Review-Monthei p. 70
Lakes One, Two, Three and Four
- *BWCAW Rhythms-Barr p. 91
Solo BWCAW trip. Things to think about: goals and safety advice
- *Outward Bound Girl-Harris-Bond p. 94
Teenage girl endures all the adversity of Quetico to discover the wilderness experience can teach us a lot about ourselves.

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- *Horse River Challenge-Cook p. 4
Elderly couple finds adventure on their annual Fall BWCAW trip; Mudro/Horse/Crooked/Wagosh/Gun/Fairy/Boot/Fourtown
- *Tuscarora Reconnaissance-Highlen-p. 10
Couple ventures into the Ham Lake fire zone-still a beautiful, wild place that nature is reclaiming. September trip to Round/Brant/Gotter/Flying/Tuscarora/Crooked/Little Saganaga
- *Shutting Down the Season-Brennan-p. 18
Solo October trip; Iron/Crooked/Horse River/Horse/Range. Australian closes out the paddling season
- *Grand Slam Spring/Summer 2017-Osthoff-p. 24
BWJ Publisher/Wilderness Guide reviews his canoeing/fishing in Quetico and Sutton River. Great detailed how, when, where to fish trophy smallmouth, lake trout, walleye, pike, and brook trout
- *Quetico Revelations-Fondow-p. 44
Youth group learns some hard lessons on the epic Quetico adventure
- *Far North Expeditions-Part Two-Kesselring-p. 52
All the inside info on making a Far North River trip happen

*Collective Wisdom-p. 64

BWJ Field Editors share the highlights of the all their own 2017 paddling adventures

*Have a Nice Day-Janssen-p. 80

Essay by a Canoe Country Veteran

*September Reunion-Carrier-p. 92

Fall Quetico trip; Cirrus/Kasakowog/McAlpine/Batchewaung. Fishing

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*Route Less Traveled-Foley-p. 5

Husband/wife canoe trip into the very heart of the remote Quetico interior-super-remote, tough portaging route & detailed campsite review;

Pickerel/Maria/Jesse/Baird/MetaCryst/Cutty/Heroshaw

*So Much Water, So Little Time-Osthoff-p.17

BWJ Publisher Stu Osthoff shares all he knows about maximizing your precious hours of actual fishing time on your BWCAW/Quetico trips. Super-detailed info on fishing specific species, at peak times in specific lakes. Best info on “go to” tackle and proven angling strategies

*Thank you, Dr. Lang-Urbanik-p. 31

Wilderness essay on the importance of canoe country mentors

*Lure of the Far North-Part One-Why I Go-Kesselring p. 35

The motivation behind taking your wilderness canoe tripping adventures to the world’s most revered rivers

*Northstar Canoes-Monthei-p. 47

The story behind the rebirth of Bell/Northstar Canoes; what many consider the very best in wilderness tripping canoes

*Alone, But Not Lonely-Mead-p. 51

Quetico veteran tries his first kayak solo into Canoe Country; Basswood Lake

*Dog Days Smallmouth-Teach-p. 57

Proven tackle and tactics for late-summer trophy smallmouth in the BWCAW from the expert on the matter

*Collective Wisdom-Wilderness Gear, Hits and Misses-p. 63

BWJ Field Editors report in on some of their favorite wilderness gear and of some items to steer clear

*BWCAW Campsite Review-Henning-p. 91

The Lady Lakes Chain: Beth/Ella/Alton/Grace/Phoebe (Map that coincides with this appears in Fall 2017)

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*Spring Lake Trout Circuit-Kangas-p. 4

May trip through Tuscarora/Gillis/Little Saganaga/Gabimichigami-for Lakers

*That Lake Bushwack-Brenton-p. 12

Quetico adventure from Wink Lake into That Lake-for Spring Lake Trout

*Spring Solo-Rhodehamel-p. 18

Man and his dog-alone in late-May on The Man chain route

*All in the Family-Bunton-p. 24

Three generations reflect on a lifetime of great Quetico trips-passing on the passion

*What's in Your Canoe-Osthoff-p. 30

The definitive BWJ article on what to pack for a wilderness canoe trip and the rationale behind each item. Super-detailed, brand-name advice on the best, proven gear for BWCAW/Quetico trips

*First Trip/Last Trip-Steiner-p. 46

Two couples join up for what promises to be the first trip for one and the very last for the other; Beaver House/Cirrus/Kasakowog/McAlpine/Pickerel route

*Collective Wisdom-Life Lessons Learned in Canoe Country-p. 52

BWJ Field editors do some deep, soul-searching to share what a lifetime on the canoe trails has taught them. It's about so much more than camping/canoeing/fishing.

*BWCAW Campsite Review-Monthei-p. 70

Polly/Koma/Kawasachong/Square/Kawishiwi Lakes; lots of great camps here

*Twice as Nice-Blazino-p. 81

Family trip to Crooked/Argo/Brent/William/Darky/Maligne River. This trip illustrates how much we miss the first time over a canoe route.

*Invasive Species Coming to Canoe Country-Brenton-p. 95

The threat of exotic plants and organisms is very real in Canoe Country, and there are steps each of us can take to minimize their spread into the wilderness.

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*Searching for Crag – Paulsen – p. 4

Winter ski trip in BWCAW – Round/Gotter/Green/Crag/Flying/Brant – Bushwacking Crowd

*Gunflint Renewal – Hennessy – p. 10

savvy advice for those who want to try a winter ski trip into the BWCAW

*BWCAW Cold Camping – McCarthy – p. 18

how to "cold camp" in BWCAW winters; all the gear and "know how" you need to pull it off

*Living on the Edge: Fall 2016 – Osthoff – p. 26

BWCAW fall color trip (Horse/Fourtown) and the 2016 Deer Elk hunting season

*The Voyageur Way – Johnson – p. 47

this group hand-made their own 26' north canoe, then paddled/portaged it through Quetico. Quite the challenge at 260 lbs. over rough trails!

*Collective Wisdom: Canoe Country Hazards – BWJ Field Editors– p. 54

field editors share advice on minimizing exposure to lightning, high winds and other wilderness hazards. 2016 was a bad year for trees falling on tents. Learn how to "camp smart" out there.

*Lac La Croix First Nation –Monthei – p.81

learn about the First Nation people and their culture who still live next to the BWCAW/Quetico on Lac La Croix

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*Clearwater Delight – Cook – p.4

fall BWCAW trip to Clearwater/Mountain/Watap/Caribou/Pine/Canoe/Alden/Bearskin

*October Surprise – Dailey – p.12

winter strikes early – turning this October canoe trip into an icy survival test. Thomas Lake area

*Down Under Perspective – Brennan – p.19

father/son from Australia target the Quetico Grand Slam and catch trophies of all 4 species
Brent/Conmee/Argo area

- *Canoe Country Black Bears – Spindler – p. 26
all about the fascinating black bears that live in the canoe country
- *Grand Slam Spring/Summer – Osthoff – p. 34
trip by trip review by BWJ Publisher of his Grand Slam Guide Service trips through Quetico in 2016. Lots of in-depth "where to go" and "how to" fishing advice
- *Collective Wisdom – Believe it or Not – p. 53
BWJ Field Editors share their best – amazing, but true – Canoe Country tales
- *Piragis Northwoods Company – Monthei – p. 75
the story behind the scenes at this favorite Ely shop and outfitter
- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Monthei – p. 82
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- *Go When You Can – Klos – p.4
emotional tribute to a special Dad for teaching his sons/grandsons the wilderness values of canoe country
- *Dear Dad Paulsen – Paulsen – p. 12
another thank you to Dad for inspiring a love of the outdoors in his son; a passion that has taken him to the great paddling places of North America
- *Camp Magic – Hallgren – p. 20
Quetico route through Falls Chain, Kawnipi, Mack Lake; great fishing and camp camaraderie
- *The Herring Gull – Spindler – p. 27
fascinating profile of this common Boundary Waters bird
- *Fishing From Shore In Canoe Country – Mead – p. 32
when, where and how to catch fish from shore in the Boundary Waters
- *Portaging Like The Pros – Osthoff – p. 38
the definitive BWJ story on managing portage efficiency and safety while transcending the ordinary canoe trip
- *Through The Eyes Of A Toddler – Haverkamp – p. 54
Mom & Dad take 3-year-old daughter on here canoe trip; everyone learns a lot and has a great time
- *Collective Wisdom – High, Dry, And Happy – p. 60
BWJ field editors share valuable advice on staying dry in canoe country, from rain gear to tents, tarps, how to pack gear, etc.
- *Playing Around The Edges – Brotzler – p. 78
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- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Monthei – p. 83
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- *Rising To The Top Of Canoe Country Angling – Osthoff – p. 10
the definitive BWJ article on how, when and where to enjoy world-class top water smallmouth action in the BWCAW/Quetico
- *Soloing For Solitude – Norbury – p. 26
solo BWCAW adventure Burntside, Crab, Cummings, Clark, Meat, Boulder area; detailed campsite and portage info
- *River Otters Of Canoe Country – Spindler – p. 35
the behavior and ecology of otters in canoe country
- *Safely Navigating Quetico's Falls Chain – Lorenzen – p. 40
super-detailed description of how to navigate all eight of the dangerous portages along the Falls Chain; must reading for all those traveling through here
- *Collective Wisdom – Old vs. New Wilderness Canoe Tripping – p.48
BWJ field editors weigh in on new vs. old ways and gear; tried and true vs. latest high tech
- *The BWCAW Fish Stocking Program – Friedrichs – p. 66
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- *The Dangerous River – Jensen – p. 74
a first-hand account of a paddling adventure down the Nahanni River in Canada's Northwest Territory; one of the world's elite paddling trips
- *Veterans On The Lake – Monthei – p. 91
this BWCAW resort on Fall Lake near Ely caters specifically to American veterans and their families
- *Impatient As The Wind – Rolling – p. 95
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- *Gunflint/Ely Hosting Canoe Events – Rebollo – p. 98
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- *Fifty-Three Hours Of Winter – Witschen – p. 16
father/son endure untold challenges, bad luck and close calls to ski the Basswood River route
- *Character Development In The BWCAW – Johnson – p. 24
youth group tackles the Angleworm Trail to winter camp in snow shelters
- *Living On The Edge – Editor's Column – Osthoff – p. 30
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- *Fly Fishing The Canoe Country Grand Slam – Notbohm – p. 42
all the gear and know-how to get serious about fly fishing the BWCAW/Quetico
- *Collective Wisdom –Canoe Country Delights – p. 54
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- *Paddling Partners—Forever – Monthei – p. 68

- tragedy strikes this couple on the Basswood River; lessons learned for canoeing and for life
- *The Back Forty – Osthoff – p. 74
BWJ publisher shares what it is like to actually live, work, play and raise a family from a log cabin on the edge of the BWCAW
 - *Zup's Fishing Resort And Canoe Outfitters – Monthei – p. 91
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- *October Paddling – Smith – p. 4
a collection of Quetico/BWCAW late fall canoe trip memories
- *221 Day Canoe Country Solo – Part Three – Fiedler – p. 12
late August til late October, epic solo journey concludes with many highlights and take-aways
- *Jordon Lake Revival – Cook – p. 28
husband/wife team enjoy late September solitude on BWCAW trip
- *Grand Slam Summer 2015 – Osthoff – p. 34
BWJ publisher reviews the adventures and spectacular fishing from four Quetico trips plus Sutton River brook trout trips he guided in 2015; great where/how to fishing advice
- *The Bending Branches Paddle Story – Monthei – p. 57
leading wood paddle manufacturer, a behind the scenes look at how the best paddles are made
- *Passing On A Passion For The Outdoors – Postler – p. 61
phy ed teacher shares wisdom from leading 67 BWCAW trips for high school kids; all the thrills and spills, and encourages others to pass on the wilderness experience
- *Don Beland—My Life In The Boundary Waters – Osthoff – p. 66
Boundary Waters icon Don Beland shares a lifetime of memories from guiding canoe trips, running his resort/outfitting business, racing sled dogs, trapping in the BWCAW, knife making and much more
- *Collective Wisdom – Canoe Country Dilemmas – p. 76
BWJ field editors share their biggest canoe country pet peeves and how to minimize their negative impact on your wilderness canoe trip

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three generations of this family enjoy fishing trip through northern Quetico
- *Stormy Bushwhack Into Range Line Lake – Bailey – p. 12
high school boys endure July 22, 2014 windstorm and bushwhack out the Sioux Hustler Trail
- *221 Day Canoe Country Solo—Part Two – Fiedler – p. 18
June, July, August segment of this epic solo canoe trip through Quetico
- *Racking Up Double-Digit Lakes – Klos – p. 34
how, when, where to target 10-pound plus lake trout in BWCAW and Quetico
- *Wabakimi Baptism—2014 – Clampitt – p. 43
harrowing tale of capsizing in cold, big water in Wabakimi; 2 hours battling wind & hypothermia and the lessons learned
- *Crystal Lake Solitude – Benson – p. 53

how to find BWCAW solitude without a lot of portaging during busy August season

- *Collective Wisdom – Sherpa Power – p. 58
BWJ field editors offer valuable advice on portaging techniques; learn how to develop your own efficient/safe portaging routine
- *Ely Folk School Opening This Summer – Powell – p. 75
the Ely Folk School will offer classes of all kinds: arts and crafts to outdoor skills
- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Henning – p. 77
Takucmich, Trillium, Trygg, Tesaker, Gun, Little Beartrack, Eugene, Steep, South and North Lakes campsite descriptions and reviews
- *Centennial Trail – Monthei – p. 91
enjoy lots of Gunflint Trail history on this short day hike
- *Girls' Week Out In BWCAW – Young – p. 94
this all-women's group enjoys great camaraderie on an aggressive loop below Lac La Croix

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- *Ice-Out Indoctrination – Richard – p. 4
a rookie joins veteran paddlers up Agnes, S chain for early season fishing and paddling adventure
- *Spring Escape – Demmer – p. 10
husband & wife get out early to paddle the Pagami burn through Kawishiwi Lake to Malberg then Lady chain east to Sawbill; a scary spill in the current of the Phoebe River with cold water provides lessons for all
- *221 Day Canoe Country Solo – Fiedler – p. 18
BWJ photographer Gary Fiedler lives his dream trip, a continuous solo trip in the BWCAW & Quetico from March 20 to October 26; here he awaits a late ice out on Fall Lake and watches spring come alive in the Boundary Waters
- *Wilderness Canoe Tripping At The Highest Level – Osthoff – p. 28
the definitive BWJ article on developing a mindset to make the absolute most of your canoe trips: trip planning, canoeing, paddling, portaging, camp savvy, gear, real food menus and a serious fishing approach; the more you put into wilderness canoe tripping, the more you'll get back out of it; this article tells you how to make this happen
- *The Alec Boostrom Story – Blackwell – p. 49
living off the land on the Gunflint Trail from 1914–1967; fascinating historical account of Boostrom's work on the International Boundary Survey crew from 1915–1918; also trapping, fishing, guiding and homesteading in the Boundary Waters
- *Top Five Walleye Lures – Brauer – p. 58
the best proven strategies and tackle for canoe country walleyes, when to use what; valuable walleye advice from a real expert
- *Collective Wisdom – Paddle Power – p. 64
BWJ field editors share lots of paddle stroke advice: bent shaft vs straight shaft, hut stroke vs J-stroke; special paddling situations: wind, current, angling, kids and more
- *Rules Of Engagement In The BWCAW – Friedrichs – p. 94
strange but true tales illustrating the BWCAW regulations and why it is so important for us all to follow and respect them

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- *Romancing The BWCAW Winter – Paulsen – p. 4
hard-core winter campers ski on through tough conditions to find adventure and companionship
- *Winter Camping With The Kids – Waltenbaugh – p. 16
wall tent & wood stove makes for the perfect approach to get the kids interested in winter camping; gear essentials
- *Living On The Edge – Editor's Column – Osthoff – p. 22
October BWCAW fall color trip into Beartrap River country plus 2014 deer hunting season review
- *Wild Girls Night Out – Zuaro – p. 35
bad windstorm hits an all-women's group on Loon Lake, knocking big trees onto tents inflicting serious injuries with evacuation needed
- *Planning Your Groups Canoe Trip – Volkening – p. 39
all the pre-trip planning details are important for successful wilderness canoe trips
- *Collective Wisdom – One Last Trip – p. 46
BWJ field editors sit back and imagine if they could take just one final canoe trip....where would it be, with who, what would they do, etc.
- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Monthei – p. 64
East Bearskin, Alder, Canoe, Crystal, Moon, Deer, Caribou, Little Caribou and Crocodile Lakes campsites are all described in detail and rated
- *The Quetico Foundation – Kesselring – p.73
the history and mission of this 60-year-old organization which is looking out for the future of Quetico
- *The Geezer Route – Budd – p. 78
Quetico route, summer trip: Beaverhouse, Quetico, Kasakokwog, McAlpine, Batchewaung; easy portage route with good fishing
- *Mother/Daughter Wilderness Tripping – Daanen – p. 91
a mother watches her daughter grow up on the canoe trails; helping teenage girls develop an interest/passion for the outdoors
- *Daypack Delights – Osthoff – p. 97
how to carry/organize all the gear you need while on the trail each day

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- *Weird Lake Moose Country – Cook – p. 4
autumn husband/wife BWCAW trip: Sawbill, South Temperance, Weird, Jack, Kelly, Burnt, Snake, Smoke lakes; lots of rutting moose
- *September Trout And Pictographs – Foley – p.12
autumn husband/wife Quetico trip: Nym, Batchewaung, Maria, Jesse, Elizabeth, Lonely, Sturgeon, Rouge, Burntside, Jean, Quetico lakes; lake trout fishing & Burntside Lake campsite review
- *Colorful First Encounter – Demmer – p. 22
fall BWCAW trip: Oyster, Finger, Lac La Croix lakes; first timer gets a good first impression
- *Grand Slam Summer 2014 – Osthoff – p.27

BWJ publisher reviews the adventures and fishing from five Quetico trips and two Sutton River trips he guided in 2014; great where to/how to fishing advice

- *North American Bear Center – Monthei – p. 48
learn all about this "must see" Ely attraction
- *Collective Wisdom – Moving Water Savvy For Canoe Country – p. 52
BWJ field editors give valuable advice on safely handling current areas in the BWCAW/Quetico
- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Monthei – p.70
Ensign Lake 39 campsites reviewed/rated
- *Recollections Of Growing Up "Up North" – Tapio – p. 81
seasonal highlights of living near the BWCAW
- *Boundary Waters Fall – Teach – p.98
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- *Circumnavigating Quetico – Gregoire – p. 4
Father/son reconnect on a 17-day trip around the Quetico perimeter; adventure travel, no fishing
- *50th Anniversary Of Wilderness Act – Monthei – p. 10
a look back at the 1964 National Wilderness Act: the unique history of how the BWCAW became a designated wilderness area and what the future holds for "America's Favorite Wilderness Area"
- *Paddling The Pagami Burn – Friedrichs – p. 19
paddling through the BWCAW's largest forest fire zone (93,000 acres) two years after the blaze; seeing the rebirth of the forest and an update on campsites and more
- *Girl Scouts In The BWCAW – McNally – p.24
50 years of Girl scouting/canoe tripping in the BWCAW, program leaders recall trip highlights and scouting accomplishments
- *Canoe Country Grand Slam Series Part 4-Northern Pike – Osthoff, Brauer, Fisk – p. 32
the definitive BWJ article on when, how and where to fish BWCAW/Quetico northern pike; super-detailed advice on tactics and tackle: includes pike lakes index with synopsis and ratings for 35 Quetico lakes and 33 BWCAW lakes
- *The Ultimate Day Trip – Morris – p. 49
solo kayak trip from Ely to Gunflint in less than 24 hours
- *Collective Wisdom – Beating The Heat – p. 58
BWJ field editors give valuable advice for coping with summer heat while paddling, portaging and camping
- *Tackling Top-End Smallmouth – Teach – p.78
targeting 20-inch plus smallmouth with the Strike King Zulu 5-inch soft plastic jerk baits
- *Seeking Peace – Prouty – p.82
wilderness essay
- *Rock Solid Return – Weiss – p. 91
returning a BWCAW rock souvenir to its rightful place on the Granite River

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- *Solo Challenge – Norbury – p. 4

- spring solo trip: Little Indian Sioux River North, Loon, Beartrack, Finger, Pocket, Gebonequet, Oyster, Hustler, Lynx, Shell, Lower Pauness; adventure, wildlife; no fishing
- *Winds Of August – Janssen – p. 14
Quetico fishing trip to north end of Agnes; paddling and fishing in high winds
 - *French Lake Mystery – Pierce – p. 24
a strange natural phenomenon few canoe country paddlers have ever seen
 - *Canoe Country Grand Slam Series–Part 3–Lake Trout – Osthoff, Colgate – p. 28
the definitive BWJ article on when, how and where to fish BWCAW/Quetico lake trout: super-detailed advice on tactics and tackle that are proven to work; includes lake trout index with synopsis and ratings for 55 Quetico lakes and 32 BWCAW lakes
 - *Collective Wisdom – Campsite Savvy – p. 44
BWJ field editors give valuable advice on setting up on a safe, comfortable and enjoyable canoe country campsite
 - *The Ultimate Canoe Country Bushwhack – Zabokrtsky – p. 61
amazing cross country hike & swim from Atikokan to Ely; think you could walk through the woods and swim the waters of the Quetico/BWCAW? this guy makes it happen
 - *The Packing List – Foley – p. 72
all the essentials for your canoe trip checklist
 - *Emergency Protocol For The BWCAW/Quetico – Monthei – p. 79
what to do if your group has an emergency in the wilderness including communicating messages to rescue personnel
 - *40th Anniversary Canoe Trip – Joseph – p. 95
these two couples have been paddling the canoe country together for 40 years and still loving it

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- *Sawbill At Thirty-Five Below – Hennessy – p. 4
overnight ski/camping trip in intense cold
- *Winter Pursuit – Haugen-Wente – p. 9
winter camping with a wolf pack on Thunder Lake
- *Living On The Edge – Editor's Column – Osthoff – p. 12
BWJ publisher reviews his BWCAW fall color trip (Little Indian Sioux River, Lower Pauness, Lynx, Heritage, Hustler, Oyster, Moose River and the 2013 hunting season)
- *A Grand Dream – Johnson – p. 21
father/daughter paddle from Crane Lake to Grand Portage in 11 days in his hand-made cedar strip canoe
- *400 Miles Down The Noatak River – Kesselring – p. 32
paddling with 3 women down Alaska's pristine river through mountains, grizzlies and caribou; far north adventure paddling
- *Collective Wisdom – Searching For Solitude – p. 44
BWJ field editors give tips on how, when and where to find canoe country wilderness solitude
- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Monthei – p.63
Knife Lake's 57 campsites located and evaluated; super-detailed info in Knife Lake campsites
- *Fly Fishing BWCAW Bass And Pike – Watkins – p. 78
how-to tactics for bass/pike in September on a flyrod

- *Back Again – Burgman – p.93
wilderness essay on camp camaraderie
- *Boundary Waters Winter – Teach – p.98
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- *Fairy Lake Magic – Cook – p.4
BWCAW fall trip: Mudro, Fourtown, Boot, Fairy, Gun, Beartrap
- *Still Going Strong – Volkening – p.12
fall Quetico trip; two 60-year olds paddle 156 miles around Quetico on an ultralight, single portage, travel trip
- *The Alton Lake Tragedy – Fleck – p.22
An experienced couple perishes after capsizing in an October storm; lessons to learn
- *Grand Slam Summer – Osthoff – p.32
BWJ publisher reviews the adventure and fishing from five Quetico trips and two Sutton River trips he guided in 2013; great fishing advice
- *Racing The Ice – Hennessy – p.54
late October travel trip on the brink of freeze-up: Saganaga, Northern Lights, Greers, North, South, Rose & Duncan
- *Quetico Ridley Research Library – Monthei – p.58
inside the greatest resource on Quetico Park
- *Collective Wisdom – Canoe Country Brotherhood – p.62
BWJ field editors cover ways to help fellow paddlers in canoe country and inspire wilderness ethics while on the canoe trails, and why it matters
- *Quetico Campsite Review – Foley p.91
Basswood Lake - North Bay and Lost Bay; 28 campsites located and rated in detail

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- *Back To Bentpine – Maas – p.4
family canoe/fishing trip to Quetico, Beaverhouse, Quetico, Jean, Burntside, Sturgeon, Bentpine & Badwater; walleye fishing
- *The North American Beaver – Spindler – p.12
beaver ecology in canoe country
- *Canoe Country Grand Slam Series–Part 2–Walleye – Osthoff, Brauer, Blazino, Maas – p.18
the definitive BWJ article on when, how and where to fish BWCAW/Quetico walleye; super-detailed advice on tactics and tackle that are proven to work; includes walleye lake index with synopsis and ratings for 75 Quetico lakes and 60 BWCAW lakes
- *A Wood Canoe – Fleck – p.44
the romance and intrigue of paddling wood canoes, Old Towns and Seligas through Quetico
- *The Early Days Of BWCAW Scouting – Hall – p.48
scouts taking BWCAW canoe trips in the 1940s
- *Collective Wisdom – Bears And Bug Phobia – p.52
BWJ field editors share savvy advice for dealing with canoe country bears and camp bugs; don't let bugs and bears spoil your canoe trip
- *Stars Of The Hegman Lake Pictographs – Glonek – p.80
a theory explaining the meaning behind the pictographs based on seasons and constellations
- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Doubleday –p.91
Ogishkemuncie Lake, 11 campsites rated in detail

*Boundary Waters Summer – Teach – p.98
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- *Come What May – River – p.4
solo tripping in May before most people arrive; no bugs, good fishing and lots of wildlife;
safety and gear recommendations for cold-weather tripping
- *Wild Women of A Certain Age – Greenley – p.13
group of women, all in their 60s, still enjoying the canoe trails; the keys for planning and pulling off
great canoe trips with special camaraderie
- *Destined for Delahey – Foley – p.16
Quetico route to the infamous Olive Jar on Delahey Lake; jar contains trip messages from fellow
paddlers over the years; includes campsite reviews of Camel, Veron and Delahey Lakes
- *Canoe Country Grand Slam Series–Part 1–Smallmouth – Osthoff – p.28
BWJ Publisher and guide Stu Osthoff shares 35 yrs of hard-core canoe country smallmouth fishing
experience; this is the definitive BWJ article on when, how and where to fish BWCAW/Quetico
smallmouth; super detailed advice on tactics and tackle that really work: includes smallmouth lake
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- *Down the Coppermine – Sproat – p.46
A 40-day "Far North" paddling adventure down the Northwest Territories' Coppermine River;
whitewater, caribou, grizzlies and the thrill of paddling to the Coronation Gulf on the Arctic Ocean
- *Collective Wisdom – Bayley Bay Rescue – p.58
BWJ field editors share their advice for cold-water rescue of capsized paddlers in heavy wind/waves;
be ready if some day you are either the one in the water or doing the rescuing; super valuable advice
that could save a life
- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Monthei – p.82
Cherokee Lake, 20 campsites are rated in detail
- *Boundary Waters Spring – Teach – p.98
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- *Softcore Winter Camping – Voytilla – p. 12
BWCAW winter camping in comfort just a few miles from the trailhead
- *Fishing With "Charlie" – Carrier – p. 18
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- *Living on The Edge – Editor's Column – Osthoff – p.26
BWJ Publisher shares his BWCAW fall deer hunting trip stories
- *The Italian Battalion: A Pack Story – Wahlstrom – p.36
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- *Good Country for Old Men – Isle – p.43
a canoe trip reunion shows you are never too old for another BWCAW trip
- *Collective Wisdom – Water, Water Everywhere—But Where Am I To Go? – p.47
BWJ field editors share route planning savvy and hard-earned advice for selecting canoe trip routes
- *Boundary Waters Brookies – Strandlund, Strom, Kaiser – p. 69
BWCAW brook trout waters; where, when and how to fish them
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- *Testing the Limits – Monthei – p.16
BWCAW fall trip to Tuscarora, Gillis, Crooked during Pagami Lake fire
- *A Wild October – Danielson – p. 27
a four-week trip adventure in Quetico with plenty of natural challenges
- *Grand Slam Summer 2012 – Osthoff – p.37
BWJ publisher Stu Osthoff reviews his summer of guiding Quetico fishing trips for bass, walleyes, lake trout and pike, plus Sutton River brook trout
- *Ober's Long Season – Glover – p.52
the history of Ernest OberHoberholtzer in the canoe country, including his 1909 Quetico trip that inspired him to become one of the area's major conservationists
- *Swimming Across Quetico – Nelson – p. 56
Tom Hainey swam nearly 50 miles across the top of Quetico in 1993; the incredible story of how and why he did it
- *Collective Wisdom – Canoe Trip Dynamics – p.61
BWJ field editors examine managing canoe trip group dynamics; advice for leaders and participants on how to enjoy each other's company in the wilderness
- *Paddling Whitewater: A Primer – Kesselring – p.91
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- *5-Star – Teach – p. 97
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- *Quetico Trout Hole – Olson – p.4
fishing summertime lake trout on Quetico's big Pickerel Lake
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- *Transcendent Canoe Trip Strategies – Osthoff – p.14
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- *Call Of The Loon – Spindler – p.28
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- *The Art Of The Weekender – Notbohm – p. 36
short BWCAW trips that can still deliver solitude, great fishing and wonderful canoe trip memories
- *Sophomoric Tripping – Wachtel – p.49
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- *Collective Wisdom – Hunters Island Showdown Debate – p.53
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- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Monthei – p.79
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- *Recipe For Self-indulgence – DeValk – p.94
canoe tripping in style and cooking great camp meals

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- *Lessons Of The Lakes – Sproat – p.5
focuses on the life lessons that teenagers can learn on the canoe trails. Gunflint Trail canoe routes
- *Pagami Fire Scramble – Stierman – p.9
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- *Hunters Island Showdown – Osthoff & Kesselring – p.16
account of this classic route through Quantico; authors co-guide a group of eight with contrasting canoe tripping styles; lots of great gear, paddling, portaging & camping advice
- *Walleyes Before The Storm – Maas – p.36
savvy BWCAW "how to" advice; targeting trophies as storm fronts approach
- *Listening Point – Heather Monthei – p.40
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- *Coping With Rain – Foley – p.45
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- *Pike Of A Lifetime – Walsh – p.54
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- *Collective Wisdom – Top Ten Tips For Rookies – p.56
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- *Minnesota Citizen Lake Monitoring Program – Volkening – p.76
how BWCAW paddlers help collect water quality samples on canoe trips to help manage the area's lakes
- *BWCAW Campsite Review – Hicks – p.78
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- *Paddling Basswood, Pondering Life – Wahlstrom – p.18
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- *Crash Into Swartman – Young – p.28
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