

MAIN LAKES (Non-portage)

- ◆ Bear, Rocky Channel, Little Bear, Walker, Plunge, Hannah, and Little Hannah.

PORTAGE LAKES (No guide needed)

- ◆ Cranberry, Beaver, Little Vanwinkle, Vanwinkle, Hanwood, Leech, Cat, and High.

PORTAGE LAKES (First Time - guide recommended)

- ◆ Howery, Gem, Bassoon, Murray, Mile,

PORTAGE LAKES (First Time - guide mandatory)

- ◆ Billy, Little Lake, Round Otter, Fish, Stoney, Burnt Cabin, Ringer, Scott, and **Heart**.

Explanation

Main Lakes are interconnected lakes in the main lake system. These are non-portage lakes. You do not have to leave your boat to get these lakes. However, you may have to go through one or more series of narrows. Extreme caution should be used going through the narrows, especially at night. Many props and lower units lie at the bottom of these narrows.

A recommended method (and a way we have all used) of getting through the narrows is to go through backwards. That way the man operating the motor can see where the boat is going. Do not be embarrassed to turn the motor off and paddle through. We have all done it at one time or another. It may cause some minor humility, but we won't have to charge you for damages.

Portage Lakes (No guide needed) are just that. There are boats waiting for you after a short walk. Almost everyone can make the portages to the lakes in this category and honestly, much of the best fishing awaits you at a portage lake.

Portage Lakes (First Time - guide recommended) If you are coming to these lakes for the first time, we strongly encourage you to get at least ½ day guide. Why are these lakes in this category? There are several reasons why, but the compelling reason is for your health and safety. Lakes like **Bassoon** and **Howery** are big lakes. They each pose risks. Bassoon has many underwater shelves and cliffs. A guide can point these out to you so you can avoid them in the future not to mention showing you where the big ones are. Howery is a long East – West Lake with strong winds. This is a canoeing lake. You need to have at least one experienced person in each canoe.

The other lakes in this category are hard to get to and getting lost is a distinct possibility. Are guides a must on these lakes: absolutely not. Nobody is going to tell you that you can't go to these lakes without a guide. Our intent is not to force guide service. It is to insure your well being.

PORTAGE LAKES (First Time - guide mandatory)

For mostly the same reasons as above, the lakes in this category require at least a half-day guide. Most of these lakes require multiple portages and are a “bridge too far” for many. Lakes in this category are very hard to get to and getting lost is a distinct possibility even with a guide. I have served in the military all over the world and I have been temporarily misoriented on some of these trails. This is not just some money making scam. Our concern, first and foremost, is the health and safety of our guests...and our guide!

Once you have negotiated the portage trail with a guide, feel free to go back as much as you like without one. You will be better prepared for that fishing expedition. We only ask that you make sure you sign out on the Lake Sheet so we know where you went.

Heart Lake is highlighted because it is a Catch and Release Lake. It is extremely shallow and could be fished out in one season. This is a great lake for kids to learn how to catch pike. The numbers of pike are phenomenal and will keep any child or adult hopping.