



**Black Feather**  
the wilderness adventure company

# Summer 2011

## NAHANNI RIVER TRIPS

### Nahanni Classic

Our most popular 2 week canoeing trip! This is the trip of a lifetime through spectacular Nahanni National Park. The trip goes through the whole of Nahanni National Park including Virginia Falls, the Tufa Mounds, Pulpit Rock and fabulous canyons and hot springs. Basic whitewater canoeing skills are an asset. Skill Level 2.

11-01 Fri. June 24 - Thurs. July 7  
 11-02 Fri. July 8 - Thurs. July 21  
 11-03 Fri. July 22 - Thurs. Aug 4  
 11-04 Fri. Aug 5 - Thurs. Aug 18  
 11-05 Fri. Aug 19 - Thurs. Sept 1  
 2011 Fee: \$5,495.00 CAD

### Nahanni Classic 'Women only'

11-06 Sat. July 9 - Fri. July 22  
 2011 Fee: \$5,495.00 CAD

### Nahanni Classic 'Family Trip'

11-07 Sat. July 30 - Fri. Aug 12  
 2011 Fee: \$5,495.00 CAD, Children \$4,995. CAD

### Nahanni Whitewater - Moose Ponds

Our Nahanni Whitewater canoeing trip starts at the river's source and traces the entire watershed! Over the first 150 kilometres, known as the Rock Gardens, the river drops over 2,000 vertical feet in the form of fabulous grade I, II and III rapids. This is an excellent trip for confident paddlers! Skill Level 3.

11-08 Sat. July 1 - Fri. July 21  
 2011 Fee: \$6,395.00 CAD

### New for 2011 - Nahanni - Broken Skull

The Broken Skull River is one of the Nahanni's wild tributaries. To our knowledge the river has never been paddled. This exploratory trip is for experienced paddlers prepared for almost anything. Upon reaching the Nahanni, paddlers may join the Mooseponds trip (11-08, see above) or fly to Ft. Simpson. Skill Level 3.

11-08a Wed. June 29 - Fri. July 8  
 2011 Fee: \$6,395.00 CAD

### Nahanni Canoeing and Hiking

Our Nahanni Hiking/Canoeing trip combines two weeks of paddling in Nahanni National Park, with one week of



Rob Huberman - Virginia Falls, Nahanni River - 2005

spectacular mountain hiking. Trek to the magnificent Cirque of the Unclimbables and explore much of the alluring wilderness that makes Nahanni a World Heritage Site! Skill Level 2.

11-09 Wed. Aug 3 - Tues. Aug 23  
 2011 Fee: \$6,195.00 CAD

### Nahanni Getaway

Our Nahanni Getaway is the perfect quick escape into Nahanni country. This 10 day trip starts at Virginia Falls, then continues by canoe through the spectacular canyons that make the Nahanni a World Heritage Site. Hikes to spectacular lookouts, campsites on cobblestone gravel bars, exhilarating vistas and excellent camaraderie make this a trip to remember! Skill Level 2+.

10-10 Tues. June 28 - Thurs. July 7  
 10-11 Sun. July 31 - Tues. Aug 9  
 2011 Fee: \$4,395.00 CAD

### New for 2011 - Nahanni - Stand-Up Paddle

Our Stand-Up Paddle trip is a new twist on a fabled river. This 10 day trip follows the Getaway route but on stand up paddle boards instead of canoes. With raft support for all the gear we can accommodate 3 people who would like to float the river. There will be instruction and coaching. Skill Level 1 (raft) Level 3 (paddle).

11-76 Wed. July 20 - Fri. July 29  
 2011 Fee: \$4395.00 CAD (raft)/\$5,495.00 (paddle)

All Nahanni Trips: - start in Fort Simpson, NWT  
 - add \$175.00 Park Fees & Levees

# CANOEING RIVERS

## Hood River

The Arctic's most spectacular Barren's river stretches north with exciting rapids & paddling. Muskox graze and Barrenlands caribou migrate, allowing amazing wildlife viewing. Peregrine Falcons, golden eagles and gyrfalcons grace the sky. The midnight sun entices us to explore long into the evening. Finally, the Hood plunges over Wilberforce Falls twice the height of Niagara! Skill Level 2+.

11-12 Sat. July 2 - Fri. July 15

2011 Fee: \$6,995.00 CAD ex Yellowknife

## Coppermine River

Trace the Coppermine to the Arctic Ocean. We start just downstream of 'diamond country', where prospecting continues. The river itself traces the treeline to the arctic ocean ... and we will re-live the route travelled by explorers Samuel Hearne and Sir John Franklin, as they were opening the great north. Caribou, great Arctic Char fishing and moderate whitewater make this a great trip! Skill Level 2.

11-13 Sun. July 17 - Sat. July 30

11-14 Mon. Aug 1 - Sun. Aug 14

2011 Fee: \$5,995.00 CAD ex Yellowknife



Naomi Nemeth - Nahanni River

## Thelon River

The Thelon is a true arctic experience - exceptional wildlife, sweeping barrenlands, Inuit culture past and present, and impressive scenery. The trip begins on the Clarke River and descends a beautiful deep-cut valley past side canyons with nesting peregrine and gyrfalcon. We join the Thelon at its canyon and paddle on past Wardens Grove, Grassy Island, Hornby and Lookout Points, eventually reaching our takeout at Beverley Lake. (In Co-operation with Bathurst Developments) Skill Level 2.

## Detailed Information Packages

A detailed information package with pictures, itinerary, flight and travel info, maps, etc. is available by e-mail for each trip. Just email us at

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or order the package from our website:

**www.blackfeather.com**

or call toll free in North America

**1-888-849-7668**

11-15 Mon. Aug 15 - Sun. Aug 28

2011 Fee: \$6,995.00 CAD ex Yellowknife

## Mountain River

'Guide's choice' as the best wilderness canoeing river in Canada! Awesome scenery, dramatic canyons, fabulous grade 1 to 3 whitewater and pristine wilderness make this a 'must!' Caribou, Dall's sheep and fascinating tufa and natural spring formations add to the interest. Ridges and tributary creeks provide excellent access to lots of alpine hiking. This trip is perfect for the intermediate whitewater canoeist. Skill Level 3.

11-16 Sun. July 10 - Sat. July 23

11-17 Sun. July 24 - Sat. Aug 6

11-18 Sun. Aug 7 - Sat. Aug 20

2011 Fee: \$5,095.00 CAD ex Norman Wells

## Bonnet Plume River

The Yukon's Bonnet Plume River finds its headwaters high in the Yukon's northern mountains. Isolated and remote, it races through an assortment of grade I, II and III rapids. Technical, rocky drops and tight canyons challenge the intermediate to advanced paddler. The surrounding mountains fall to the river's edge, allowing easy access to the ridges and alpine. Incredible scenery and fun whitewater make this a wonderful trip for the experienced paddler. Skill level 3.

11-19 Thurs. July 7 - Fri. July 22

2011 Fee: \$5,895.00 CAD ex Whitehorse

## Snake River

The beautiful Snake River runs over 300 kilometres through the Yukon's northern mountains. Isolated and remote, from its headwaters at Duo Lakes it flows north along the NWT's border. An assortment of fun, grade I and II rapids stretch between gravel bars decorated with fireweed. The pace of the trip allows for numerous day hikes to fantastic vistas. Runnable rapids and remote wilderness make this a treat for any keen paddler. Skill Level 2.

11-20 Sat. July 23 - Fri. Aug 5

2011 Fee: \$5,795.00 CAD ex Whitehorse

## Wind River

The Wind River is another of northern Yukon's great rivers. Starting at McCluskey Lake, there is a short portage to the Wind. The upper section has no mighty rapids, but there is definitely some fun maneuvering. Chutes, sharp bends and converging currents allow for some easy to intermediate whitewater, often braided with gravelly shoals. Hiking is good, particularly in the upper section, where the alpine ridges and peaks are close to the river. This is an excellent trip for the novice to intermediate whitewater paddler. Skill level 1+.

11-21 Mon. Aug 8 - Sun. Aug 21

2011 Fee: \$5,795.00 CAD ex Whitehorse

## Natla-Keele River

The Natla/Keele is one of the most spectacular, yet unknown, rivers in the NWT. The Natla drops over 2000' in 200 km of swifts and rapids, very similar to the Nahanni's Rock Gardens. This section of the river is appropriate for the advanced whitewater canoeist. After joining the Keele, the river flows over 300 km, traversing some of the most beautiful ranges of the Mackenzie Mountains. Caribou, grizzly, dall sheep and wolf call it home. Paddling is excellent - lots of easy, runnable rapids make this stretch fun for any canoeist!

Skill Level 3 (Natla), Level 1+ (Keele)

### Natla-Keele Combo:

11-22 Sat. July 2 - Fri. July 22

2011 Fee: \$5,595.00 CAD ex Norman Wells

### Keele only:

11-23 Sun. July 10 - Fri. July 22

2011 Fee: \$4,595.00 CAD ex Norman Wells



Martin Huelskamp - Nahanni Mooseponds trip - 2003

## Soper River

The Soper River winds through the tundra covered hills of southern Baffin Island. Its valley, sheltered from harsh winds, supports a 'forest' of willows and a lush profusion of arctic wildflowers. Caribou, ptarmigan and arctic hare make the valley their home, and you can find arctic char in the river. The Inuit have used the Soper River as a vital source of food and travel for thousands of years. Also called 'Kuujuak' (Great River), The Soper

has been designated a Canadian Heritage River. Our trips covers 60 km of current, class 1 and occasional class 2 whitewater, and will take place in SOAR inflatable canoes. This is a fabulous arctic adventure. Skill Level 1+.

11-24 Mon. July 18 - Mon. July 25

2011 Fee: \$2,995.00 CAD ex Iqaluit, NU



Peter Tuck - Dumoine River - 2005

## Dumoine River - 7 day

Quebec's Dumoine River flows over 100 km from the Kipawa highlands to the Ottawa River. This Heritage river boasts great whitewater canoeing ... a wild river with foam flecked rapids, smooth chutes and beautiful lakes surrounded by pine and spruce. Early Indian tribes paddled this river to hunt and fish, and in recent history, log drives echoed from its shores. We design this trip with time for instruction and coaching in all whitewater techniques. Skill Level 1+.

11-25 Sun. July 3 - Sat. July 9

11-26 Sun. Aug 7 - Sat. Aug 13

2011 Fee: \$1,895.00 CAD ex DesJoachims, QC

## Dumoine Getaway - 5 Day

A shorter trip on the Dumoine River from Lac Benoit to the Ottawa River. We will paddle the lower 60 km of river, enjoying many rapids, great campsites and excellent camaraderie. We've added a day to the Family trip for a more relaxed pace. We design this trip with time for instruction and coaching in all whitewater techniques. Skill Level 2.

11-27 Thurs. June 30 - Mon. July 4

11-28 Thurs. July 28 - Mon. Aug 1

11-29 Thurs. Aug 25 - Mon. Aug 29

2011 Fee: \$1,195.00 CAD ex Stonecliffe, ON

## Family Dumoine - 6 Day:

A Dumoine Getaway for families with school aged children. We add a day so there is time for extra instruction and a more relaxed pace. Skill Level 2.

11-30 Sun. Aug 14 - Fri. Aug 19

2011 Fee: \$1,295.00 (\$1,050 children) ex Stonecliffe, ON

## Noire River - 7 Day

The Noire River is a beautiful river, which flows from its headwaters at Lac Coughlin in Quebec into the Ottawa River near Deep River, Ontario. Compared with the Dumoine River, the Noire has the highest total running length of rapids, lowest distance of portages, the best opportunities to view wildlife and the lowest river traffic. Our 7 Day Noire trip is designed to provide coaching in whitewater skills and safety while having an enjoyable holiday descending the river. We start at Lac Patrice and paddle approximately 110 km to our take out at the Black River Inn. Skill Level 1+.

11-31 Sat. July 30 - Fri. Aug 5

2011 Fee: \$1,595.00 CAD ex Waltham, QC

## Noire River - 5 Day

Our 5 Day Noire trip paddles the exciting lower section of the river. We start at Lac Raymond and paddle approximately 75 km to our take out at the Black River Inn. Skill Level 1+.

11-32 Mon. July 18 - Fri. July 22

2011 Fee: \$1,195.00 CAD ex Waltham, QC

## Family Noire - 6 Day

Our 6 Day Noire trip for Families paddles the exciting lower section of the river. We paddle the same route as the 5 day trip but add a day for a more relaxed pace suitable for families with school aged children. Skill Level 1+.

11-33 Sun. July 10 - Fri. July 15

2011 Fee: \$1,295.00 CAD (\$1050 Children) ex Waltham

and good deep-channel runs. The river is equally interesting in high and low water levels. There are many scenic chutes and falls. Our Coulonge trip is designed to provide coaching in whitewater skills while having an enjoyable holiday descending the river. Skill level 1+.

11-34 Sat. July 23 - Fri. July 29

2011 Fee: \$1,695.00 CAD ex Waltham, QC

## Bazin River

For whitewater canoeists, few rivers in eastern Canada can surpass the Bazin. With more than 60 km of Level 1, 2 and 3 rapids, only a few portages and beautiful boreal scenery, it is a whitewater treasure. Located deep in the Laurentian backwoods, it offers exceptional paddling: turbulent rapids interspersed with deep pools and just enough water volume to keep things interesting. More isolated and less travelled than rivers like the Dumoine, you'll find more wildlife and better fishing. With no dams to regulate the water flow, the Bazin is best run in June and July. Skill Level 2+.

11-35 Wed. June 1 - Sun. June 5

2011 Fee: \$1,350.00 CAD ex Ste. Anne du Lac, QC

## Petawawa River

Algonquin's Petawawa is a wonderful run of class I, II and III rapids. We'll start at Traverse Lake with river running and safety instruction, then head downstream to McManus Lake. Crooked Chute, Rollaway and the Natch rapids offer countless opportunity for instruction and coaching from our excellent guides. Skill Level 2.

11-36 Fri. July 1 - Mon. July 4

11-37 Sat. Aug 27 - Tues. Aug 30

2011 Fee: \$795.00 CAD ex Petawawa, ON



Colin Overy - Noire River - 2005



Wendy Grater - Upper Magnetawan River - 2003

## Coulonge River

Quebec's Coulonge River has a great combination of lake travel and river paddling. A diverse geography of Canadian Shield bedrock and sandy esker meanders makes it a fascinating and ever-changing landscape. The whitewater boasts primarily ledge-type descents,

## Upper Magnetawan River

The 'Mag' is a wonderful run of class I, II and III rapids. We'll start at Ahmek Lake with river running and safety instruction, then head downstream to Wawashkesh Lake. Rapids such as Ross's, Porter and Upper and Lower Burnt Chute offer opportunities for instruction

and coaching from our excellent guides. A great warm up for northern trips. Skill Level 2.

11-38 Sat. May 21 - Mon. May 23

2011 Fee: \$495.00 CAD ex Dunchurch, ON

### **Lower Magnetawan River**

This Mag trip starts at Ahmek Lake, and then follows the river downstream to our take out at Highway 69. Lots of fun whitewater, including Canal Rapids, Three Snye and Thirty Dollar are interspersed with small rocky lakes and meandering river. There will be lots of opportunities for instruction and coaching. Skill Level 2.

11-39 Mon. May 23 - Fri. May 27

2011 Fee: \$750.00 CAD ex Byng Inlet, ON

**Special, register for both Upper and Lower Magnetawan trips and save \$100!**



Wendy Grater - Blue Shute - French River

### **French River**

Trace the historic French River - an excellent beginner river trip. Fabulous campsites, easy whitewater and excellent swimming holes make this a great holiday.

A review of canoeing strokes and intro to whitewater highlight this adventure. Skill Level 1.

11-40 Fri. July 15 - Mon. July 18

11-41 Sat. Aug 13 - Wed. Aug 17

2011 Fee: \$750.00 CAD ex French R. ON

### **Family French**

11-42 Tues. July 5 - Fri. July 8

11-43 Mon. July 25 - Thurs. July 28

11-44 Thurs. Aug 18 - Sun. Aug 21

2011 Fee: \$750.00 CAD / \$550.00 (children)

## **SEA KAYAKING**

### **East Greenland**

Ammassalik area of Greenland was discovered by Europeans less than 100 years ago. Surrounded by high mountains with tidewater glaciers, protected fjords reach

inland and provide exceptional kayaking! This is true wilderness - the coast is sparsely populated with the descendants of the Thule Inuit leading a very traditional lifestyle. Icebergs, astounding scenery and excellent paddling combine for a fabulous adventure. Skill Level 2.

11-45 Fri. July 8 - Fri. July 22

2011 Fee: \$5,595.00 CAD ex Reykjavik, Iceland



Wendy Grater - Scorebysund Greenland - 2003

### **Scorebysund Greenland**

Far above the arctic circle, a huge fjord system cuts into the east coast of Greenland toward the inland ice.

Flanked by steep mountains, the area is home to seals muskox and narwhals. The remains of past civilizations of Greenlandic Inuit peoples are seen as tent rings or stone walls. We access this remote area by charter aircraft and will spend 2 weeks exploring by kayak and on spectacular day hikes. The fjords are protected, making this is an excellent trip for the intermediate paddler or seasoned adventurer. Skill Level 2.

11-46 Wed. Aug 10 - Wed. Aug 24

2011 Fee: \$7,995.00 CAD ex Reykjavik, Iceland

### **Pond Inlet - In Search of the Narwal**

Pond Inlet is a beautiful Inuit hamlet on the north coast of Baffin Island. This area is ruggedly beautiful and has good populations of narwhal, seal and birdlife. In mid August the ice of Eclipse Sound breaks up for its brief summer season. At this time we will spend two weeks exploring the coasts of Eclipse Sound, Milne Inlet and Navy Board Inlet, watching for the ever-elusive narwhal. Skill Level 3.

11-47 Fri. Aug 5 - Sat. Aug 20

2011 Fee: \$4,995.00 CAD ex Pond Inlet, NU

### **Georgian Bay Islands - Key to Killarney**

The 30,000 Islands are a kayaker's dream. Clear waters, protected coves and a myriad of granite islands offer us a beautiful trip that appeals to intermediate kayakers.

Our 7 day route takes us through an untouched corner of the Georgian Bay. Skill Level 1.

11-48 Sat. July 2 - Fri. July 8

11-49 Sat. July 30 - Fri. Aug 5

2011 Fee: \$1,350.00 CAD ex Key River, ON



Paul Fiddler - Route Finding - East Greenland

### North Channel - Spanish to Whitefish Falls

Starting at Spanish, we will trace the north shore of Georgian Bay, eastward towards the town of Whitefish Falls. The trip is through the stunning Georgian Bay landscape and a complex archipelago of islands. The pace will be relaxed with time for exploring, swimming and photography. Skill Level 2.

11-50 Mon. July 11 - Fri. July 15

11-51 Mon. Aug 8 - Fri. Aug 12

2011 Fee: \$1,050.00 CAD ex Spanish, ON

### North Channel - Whitefish to Killarney

Paddle the North Channel from Whitefish Falls east to the town of Killarney. The trip starts in the sheltered channels of Iroquois Bay before reaching the open waters of McGregor Bay with its beautiful views of the Blue Ridge of the La Cloche Mountains. Explore spectacular Baie Finn, a 15 km fjord leading to 'The Pool' - perhaps the most scenic anchorage in the Great Lakes. We finish with some exposed paddling to the

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Sarah Hackett - Lower French River - 2005

fishing village of Killarney. Skill Level 2.

11-52 Sat. July 16 - Wed. July 20

2011 Fee: \$1,050.00 CAD ex Whitefish, ON

**Special: Register for both North Channel trips and save \$100**

### Lower French/Bustard Islands

The granite archipelago of the Lower French River is a perfect kayaking environment. Tracing part of the historic Fur Trade route, we will camp on beautiful rocky islands. Meandering through the 'Fingerboards', we'll make the crossing to the Bustard Islands and enjoy the rugged beauty of Georgian Bay. This trip is great for the novice or intermediate kayaker. Skill Level 1.

11-53 Mon. July 25 - Fri. July 29

11-54 Mon. Aug 15 - Fri. Aug 19

2011 Fee: \$995.00 CAD ex French River, ON

### Georgian Bay Getaway

The 30,000 Islands of Georgian Bay are perfect for a wilderness getaway! Rocky islands, wooded bays and spectacular Shield scenery make this an ideal location for a 3 day kayak introduction. Skill Level 1.

11-55 Thurs. July 21 - Sat. July 23

11-56 Sat. Aug 20 - Mon. Aug 22

2011 Fee: \$495.00 CAD ex Killbear, ON



Great Lakes kayaking



Peter Raegan - Lupis Glacier Campsite - Ellesmere - 2005

## HIKING

### Ellesmere - Hazen to Tanquary Traverse

Quttinirpaaq National Park is the world's most northerly park. Situated on the northern tip of Ellesmere Island, it is less than 500 miles from the north pole. It is an arctic oasis. Stunning mountains and glaciers, muskox, arctic wolf and fox and many bird species make this a naturalist's delight. Our route will be from Lake Hazen to Tanquary Fiord - a route which will access the most spectacular parts of Ellesmere! Skill Level 2+

11-57 Fri. June 24 - Sat. July 9

2011 Fee: \$12,995.00 CAD ex Resolute, NU  
add \$150 CAD Park Fee

start our expedition in the Truelove Lowlands, home of herds of muskoxen and arctic fox. Heading inland, we trek into the highlands, by glaciers and huge waterfalls. We'll circle back by the north shore towards the Svedrup Lowlands, looking for the remains of the historic Svedrup explorations, as the North was being opened up, and ancient ruins of Thule sites. Skill Level 2.

11-58 Sat. July 23 - Fri. Aug 5

2011 Fee: \$5,395.00 CAD ex Resolute, NU



Brenda West - Auyuittuq - 2006

### Auyuittuq Classic

Baffin Island's Auyuittuq Park is blessed with towering cliffs, snow-mantled mountains and breathtaking vistas. Our two week hiking trip begins in the Inuit community of Pangnirtung and then explores the famous Pangnirtung Pass. We will cross the Arctic Circle and trek towards Glacier Lake. This is a route appropriate for the average hiker. Skill Level 2.

11-59 Sun. July 3 - Sat. July 16

2011 Fee: \$3,395.00 CAD ex Pangnirtung, NU

### Auyuittuq Getaway

This trip is the perfect chance for a taste of the Arctic! From the Inuit town of Pangnirtung, we'll trek in Auyuittuq Park. We'll hike up the Pang Pass, crossing the Arctic Circle and see huge glaciers, rushing waterfalls and snow-capped mountains. Skill Level 1+.

11-60 Sun. July 17 - Tues. July 26

2011 Fee: \$3,195.00 CAD ex Pangnirtung, NU

### Auyuittuq Traverse

The Traverse will give the hiker the chance to hike pass from its trailhead at North Pangnirtung Fiord to the southern terminus at Overlord. We ascend the Owl R. valley to the height of land, then explore the Glacier Lake region with remarkable Mt. Asgard before completing our hike down the Weasel R. Valley. Skill Level 2+.

11-61 Thurs. July 28 - Fri. Aug 12

2011 Fee: \$3,995.00 CAD ex Qiqitarjuaq, NU

All Auyuittuq trips: add \$150 CAD Park Fee



Farida Machane - Auyuittuq - 2006

### Devon Island

Nunavut's Devon Island is a rugged wilderness of soaring plateaus covered by thick icecaps, rich lowlands and ringed by arctic waters teeming with life. We will

## BASE CAMPS

### **New for 2011 - Axel Heiberg Basecamp**

When explorer Otto Svendrup first spotted Axel Heiberg island in 1899 its jagged peaks and wild mountains transfixed him. In the century since his discovery, few people have visited the island, and it remains remote and alluring. The west coast is storm tossed and ragged so we'll make our base camp on the gentler east side, sheilded by the high mountains and the ice caps of the interior. From here we'll make exploratory hikes, discovering the secrets held by this high actic landscape. Skill Level 2.

11-77 Fri. July 8 - Fri. July 22

2011 Fee: \$12,995.00 CAD ex Resolute, NT

### **Nahanni Hike - The Ram Plateau**

Explore one of the majestic highlands of the Nahanni. The Ram Plateau is a spectacular flat-topped dome, incised with dramtic canyons and covered in wild flowers. We may see Dall sheep, caribou, grizzlies and reptors. From our comfortable alpine basecamp, we hike each day to discover a new delight: mountain outlooks, small caves holding unique biological secrets, crystal clear springs and soaring vistas. Skill Level 1+.

11-62 Fri. July 15 - Thurs. July 21

2011 Fee: \$4,150.00 CAD ex Ft. Simpson, NT

**Combine this trip with the Nahanni Classic canoe trip, July 8 - 21 for the ultimate Nahanni adventure.**

### **Nipika Lodge - Paddle and Hike**

Nipika Mountain Reort is snestled in the British Columbia wilderness, adjacent to Kooteny and Banff National parks. Our 5 day adventure includes 5 nights at the lodge. We will have 2 day hikes: up Mitchell Ridge to view Mount Assiniboine and to Aurora Creek. We will also have 2 day trips on the Kootenay. We will pass many fascinating features on the Kootenay: the Cross River natural bridge, tufa deposits and wind and water sculpted Hoodoos. The river flows swiftly, with class I and II rapids interspersed. No previous experience is required to paddle our forgiving SOAR inflatable canoes. Skill level 1.

11-63 Sun. May 29 - Fri. June 3

11-64 Sun. July 3 - Fri. July 8

11-65 Sun. Sept 18 - Fri. Sept 23

2011 Fee: \$1,195.00 CAD ex Radium Hot Springs, BC

### **Blachford Lodge - Aurora, Canoe & Hike**

**New for 2011-** Blackford lodge sits on a jewel of a lake set in precambrian rock, just a few kilometers north of the east arm of Great Slave Lake. You can hike, canoe and kayak daily with the guides. The lodge features gourmet meals and a licenced lounge. In late August Aurora watching joins the activities. The northern light

display can stretch from across the night sky and on calm nights the lake reflects the light show. Pull up a seat on one of the decks by an open fire or recline in the hot tub with a million dollar view of the sky. Skill Level 1+.

11-78 Sun. Aug 28 - Fri. Sept 2

2011 Fee: \$2,675.00 CAD ex Yellowknife, NT

## WOMEN'S TRIPS

### **Women's Georgian Bay Sea Kayaking**

On our 3 day sea kayaking trip you will learn the techniques and safety to sea kayak along this beautiful coastline. Great food, cozy campfires and excellent paddling make this a time to remember. Skill Level 1.

11-66 Wed. June 29 - Fri. July 1

11-67 Fri. July 22 - Sun July 24

2011 Fee: \$495.00 CAD ex Killbear Park, ON

### **Women's French River**

Trace the historic French River - an excellent beginner whitewater trip. A review of canoeing strokes and into to whitewater highlights this adventure. Skill Level 1.

11-68 Mon. July 11 - Thurs. July 14

2011 Fee: \$750.00 CAD ex French R. ON

### **Women's Nahanni River - Classic**

Our most popular 2 week canoeing trip ... and for women! This is the trip of a lifetime through spectacular Nahanni National Park. The trip goes through the whole of Nahanni National Park including Virginia Falls,



Julie Kerekes - Women's Georgian Bay - 2003

the Tufa Mounds, Pulpit Rock and fabulous canyons and hot springs. A basic knowledge of canoeing an asset. Female guides, great camaraderie. Skill Level 2.

11-06 Sat. July 9 - Fri. July 22

2011 Fee: \$5,495.00 CAD

add \$175 Park Fees and Levees

### **Women's Nahanni River - Getaway**

**New for 2011** A quick escape on the Nahanni. This

Nahanni Getaway for women begins at Virginia Falls and travels through the most scenic canyon section of the river. A basic knowledge of canoeing an asset. Female guides, great camaraderie. Skill Level 2.

11-75 Thurs. June 30 - Sun. July 10

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### Women's Wind River

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11-79 Sun. July 24 - Sat. Aug 6

2011 Fee: \$5,795.00 CAD ex Whitehorse

safety and tripping techniques will be covered. Included is instruction, canoes, paddles and camping fees. Skill Level 1.

11-70 Sat. May 28 - Sun. May 29

11-71 Sat. June 11 - Sun. June 12

11-72 Sat. June 25 - Sun. June 26

2011 Fee: \$325.00 CAD ex Palmer Rapids, ON

### Canoe Tripping Clinic

A preparation course for northern river paddlers. This 3 day weekend focuses on outfitting, rigging, safety and resues, gear selection, and whitewater manoeuvres specific to multi-day northern river trips. Practice sessins will include swimming with and rescuing a fully loaded canoe, big water paddling and paddling manoeuvres. This course is for expereinced paddlers and is more about the big picture than specific stroke development. Less experienced paddlers should consider the Whitewater Canoe Clinic. The course is run by Black Feather guides in co-operation with Madawaska Kanu Centre, at MKC. Skill Level 1+.

11-73 Fri. June 3 (eve) - Sun. June 5

2011 Fee: \$440.00 CAD ex MKC, Barry's Bay, ON

### Dumoine Warm Up

Our 3 day Dumoine Warm Up is a long weekend of paddling designed to hone your whitewater and rescue skills for the upcoming summer. This is a great opportunity for a 'northern river' participant to practice and check out your gear before the trip. The spring water level will be high making the rapids challenging and fun. The trip starts at Robinson Lake. We'll paddle the majestic lower river, and cross the Ottawa to our take out at Driftwood. An excellent warm up for intermediate paddlers. Skill Level 2.

11-74 Sat. May 21 - Mon. May 23

2011 Fee: \$595.00 CAD ex DesJoachims, QC

### Detailed Information Packages

A detailed information package with pictures, itinerary, flight and travel info, maps, etc. is available by e-mail for each trip. Just email us at

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or order the package from our website:

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## SKILLS CLINICS

### Sea Kayaking Clinic

Our weekend clinic will allow you to learn the techniques and safety to enjoy sea kayaking our wonderful shorelines. Strokes, rescues, safety and touring techniques will be covered. Included is instruction, sea kayaks & gear and dinner Saturday night. Skill Level 1.

11-69 Sat. June 18 - Sun. June 19

2011 Fee: \$325.00 CAN ex Killbear Park, ON

### Whitewater Canoeing Clinic

Our weekend whitewater canoe clinic will allow you to learn the techniques and safety to enjoy canoe tripping on our wonderful rivers & lakes. Strokes, rescues,



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