

Hap Wilson

Canoeing the Trans Canada Trail "Path of the Paddle"



Hap Wilson mapped out 1,000 miles of the Ontario section of the Trans Canada Trail, called the "Path of the Paddle" in northwest Ontario. His new guidebook illustrates the numerous exciting canoe routes found along this national historic waterway trail. Wilson will talk about why this route offers so much to kayakers, canoeists, hikers and paddleboarders through spectacular photographs and artistic maps.

Author of 14 guidebooks, novels, and short stories; photographer, artist and wilderness guide. Wilson co-founded the environment group Earthroots in Toronto, is an International Fellow of the Explorer's Club (New York) & the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Wilson is the recipient of the prestigious Bill Mason Award for lifetime conservation of watersheds; his book "Voyages"- Canada's Heritage Rivers, won the Natural Resources Council of America Award for Best Environmental book.

Wilson has traveled more than 50,000 miles by canoe, mapping out much of the Canadian wilderness. On the lighter side, Wilson taught actor Pierce Brosnan (007 fame), how to paddle a canoe and throw an axe for the Attenborough movie Grey Owl. Wilson is accompanied by his wife Andrea who is a key figure in the paddling community and owner/operator of the "canoe-in" ecolodge in Temagami's wilderness park.

