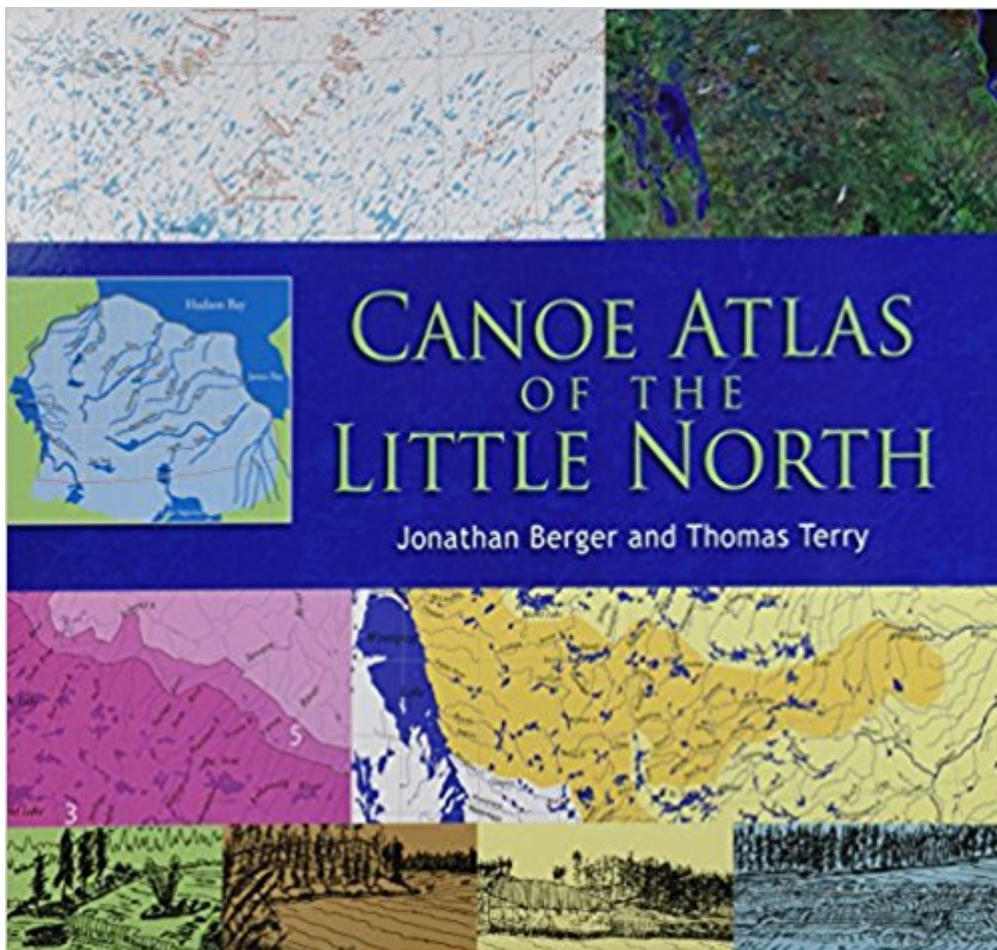


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# Canoe Atlas Of The Little North



## Synopsis

A landmark reference on a vast and historic area. First Nations people call it Nishwawbe-Aski, "Land of the Original People." The area known as the Little North lies in Ontario and Manitoba, north of Lake Superior, east of Lake Winnipeg, west of James Bay and south of Hudson Bay. Early French fur traders referred to it as Le Petit Nord, as distinguished from the vast area west and north of Lake Winnipeg, Le Grand Nord. Despite its name, the Little North encompasses over 20 major lake and river systems within more than 500,000 square miles. This remarkable atlas, in an oversize format, is a landmark publication -- the result of five decades of travel, research and documentation. Its first section provides an overview of the region's geography, the nature of its canoe routes, and the influence of natural and cultural history on those routes. Its second, larger section features annotated versions of 50 topographic maps derived from the well-known Canadian National Topographic System and constructed in digital form by the Geographic Information Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley. Annotations include points of interest, portages, rapids and difficult passages. This atlas is sure to be treasured by canoeists everywhere and by anyone fascinated by the history of the North.

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Rarely does a book come along that reinvents the canoe-routes book..... The Canoe Atlas of the Little North has done it now through the sheer breadth and depth of the information collected, the effort that went into presentation, and the staggering ambition of mapping routes over an area larger

than most of the world's countries.... This is more than a canoe-route planner, this is a dreamer's book for those long, chilly winter evenings when your imagination drifts north, and you are looking for comfort in a faraway place where you want to drop your canoe and paddle around the next point. (Brian Back Ottertooth.com 2007-08-01) This is one book that a dedicated wilderness canoeist will find hard to put down.... This is an impressive, truly wonderful book of very high production quality. Obviously not one to take along on a canoe trip, but a treasure to study at home at great leisure, dreaming of wonderful canoe trips to far-away places. (Toni Harting Nastawgan) This annotated collection of 50 topographical maps and canoe routes covers more than 1.3 million square kilometres of land and waterways in Manitoba and Ontario, providing detailed information about one of the last remaining great wilderness areas of North America. Little North, the area referred to as Le Petit Nord by early fur traders, lies north of Lake Superior, east of Lake Winnipeg and south of Hudson Bay, and encompasses more than twenty major lake and river systems -- a wealth of potential exploration for paddlers. The atlas is a large, hardcover book, designed to be used at home as an aid to planning a trip, rather than a take-along field guide. Leafing through its pages, you will be amazed at how much water there is in this area, and how endless are the possibilities for expeditions. Each map (scale of 1:427,807) is matched with a page of text outlining routes, portages, rapids, etc., and giving advice about hazards, possible campsites and other useful information. The maps are prefaced by general geological, botanical and cultural information about the area. The Canoe Atlas of the Little North would be a great gift for anyone who has aspirations to explore this vast and beautiful landscape. (Diana Mumford Coast and Kayak Magazine 2007-09-01)

Jonathan Berger holds a PhD in environmental planning. He has traveled, sketched and mapped the Little North since the early 1960s. He lives in Philadelphia. Thomas Terry is an instructor in wilderness rock-climbing, canoe-tripping and first-aid. He outfits and guides custom canoe trips and serves as a community development and wilderness consultant. He lives in Sioux Lookout, Ontario.

This masterpiece was obviously a labor of love for the authors. The sheer amount of waterways described is astounding and makes the numerous long canoe trips I have taken in the Little North and beyond seem trivial in comparison. Because of the sheer size of the region covered, the maps are necessarily of small scale, but these are of immense value in identifying routes that include everything from the major waterways used by early traders, native peoples, and modern-day paddlers to obscure, height-of-land routes and tiny waterways known almost exclusively to native folks living in the area. The authors, knowing that no one person could ever paddle or know every

waterway in the Little North in many lifetimes, wisely tapped the knowledge of many local native people, as well as a wide variety of recreational paddlers who have paddled the region over the decades. As valuable as the maps are, the pages of info on the region's human and natural history are also extremely informative, and provide great reading even for those folks who may never travel in the Little North.

The Canoe Atlas of the Little North is an amazing book covering N.W. Ontario's traditional canoeing routes. It's a beautiful over sized 13.5" x 16" gem of a book. There are drawings, pictures or maps on most every page. It provides both an overview of historical canoe routes, geology, vegetation, wildlife, land use as well as descriptions of many canoe routes. The 1:250,000 scale maps are much too large for navigation but are helpful with general route planning. We are summer residents near Kenora and there is little information on the vast and remote area of lakes and rivers north of Hwy 17. The book is an amazing and wonderful source of information. It is a magnificent book and a truly amazing resource for this beautiful, secluded and largely inaccessible area.

This is the best overview of canoe tripping in the Little North of Canada. I appreciate the authors' willingness to share their collective knowledge of the area through detailed descriptions, artwork, and pencil sketches. I have certainly added a some locations to my "Bucket List".

I have paddled my share of the Little North. The book takes me back. The illustrations are wonderful. I have been some of those places. The maps are well detailed. I have been on many of the lakes and portages. The atlas is invaluable for those who canoe.

Canoe routes of the Little North is an excellent document for the serious student of Ontario's canoeing history and culture. It is a must have for anyone interested in understanding traditional canoeing routes and connections. The early pages give a great overview of the topography and how it has shaped the travel through the area. The bulk of the book is devoted to 1:250,000 scale maps of the entire Little north area with emphasis on the connecting links from route to route. I highly recomend this atlas for those interested in learning more about this area or considering a canoe trip in this remote region.

I bought this atlas as a special birthday gift for my husband - he's from Sioux Lookout and LOVES

the north... canoeing... hunting... etc... he also loves to pour over maps. We live further down south at the moment - very far away from the North and he about had tears in his eyes reminiscing on all his adventures up north and even dreaming about future excursions with our kids. Highly recommended... very detailed maps. I was a little disappointed that there were no scenery pictures - instead they had pencil sketches/drawings.

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