

39th Annual Tour of Madawaska - Thanksgiving Weekend – October 9 - 11, 2010
Now, there can be no excuse for failing to enjoy Fall's golden splendour and
Claudia and Dirk's excellent cuisine at the Madawaska Kanu Centre, near Barry's Bay.

Madawaska tours are designed for those who are challenged by tough terrain and are undeterred by inclement weather. The Madawaska Valley offers splendid scenery and quiet roads while this woodland retreat offers cheerful camaraderie in a cottage atmosphere. In keeping with its appeal to the more seasoned riders, this tour is unsupported - participants are expected to come equipped to deal with inclement weather, flats and mechanical problems.

Each day there is a choice of routes, 60km, 100km & 130+ km, starting and finishing at the Centre. For mountain bikers, there are logging trails behind the property, an organized ride on Sunday, led by our hosts, and, for those who don't mind driving 60km, a marked set of ATV trails in Algonquin Park, west of Whitney. If the weather is really bad, there are hiking routes along the river and logging roads in the adjacent hills.

In the bunkhouse participants share 2-3 to a ground floor room or 4-6 in an upstairs dormitory. Linen is not provided so everyone must bring their own towel and sleeping bag. Wilderness is not totally without its consolations, however. Both showers and a sauna are available. Guests are expected Friday evening, leaving on the afternoon of the final day, after the ride.

The Madawaska Kanu Centre is located 2 km east of the Centreview / Siberia Road between Purdy and Barry's Bay. Where possible, a car pool will be organized from Ottawa - details on the entry form.

From Ottawa, it's via 17 west to Renfrew, 60 west to Eganville and Barry's Bay. From Barry's Bay, it's left on Dunn St, past the bus station and out along Siberia Rd for 18km to the Madawaska River Road. Then it's a left turn (1km short of the Madawaska bridge) and 2km east on the left.

From Toronto, it's via 401 and 115 to Peterboro, 28 north (Water St) to Bancroft, 62 north to Maynooth and east to Purdy (don't blink or you'll miss it). From Purdy, it's left at the Baptist Church and north on Centreview Road to Centreview. There, 200 meters past the Bangor Community Centre, turn right and continue for 6km north on Siberia Road to the Madawaska bridge. Cross the bridge and in 0.5 km, turn right on River Rd. Continue along River road - the Madawaska Kanu Centre is 3 km on the left.

Available rooms include 4 rooms with 1 queen size bed, 6 rooms for 3 persons sharing 1 single & 1 upper & lower bunk, 2 dormitories (3 upper & 3 lower bunk beds). Over and above that there are 2 overflow dormitories, one for men and one for women each with 3 upper & 3 lower bunk beds. All are to be filled on a first come, first served basis. For those who wish to bring their own tent, campsites are available at a reduced rate.

Cost : \$255 for the weekend (including meals, indoor accommodation, cycling maps and guide).
Email paddle@owl-mkc.ca, identifying the members of your party, accommodation desired and any special dietary considerations you might have. Alternatively, phone 613-756-3620, before Sept 5th, or 594-5268, after Sept.6th.

Send your cheque by mail or secure your booking with Mastercard or Visa. Mail in registration form is available below - complete it and mail to Madawaska Kanu Centre, 39, First Ave., Ottawa, Ont., K1S 2G1, before September 30th., cheques / POs payable to Madawaska Kanu Centre.
If you are unable to get through to the office, for more information, contact Les Humphreys - 819-956-1982 (days) or at 613 256 2498 (evenings after 7) or email leshum@magma.ca

Please accept the following entry for the Tour of Madwaska, Oct 9 - 11 2010:

Name: _____

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Payment for _____ persons at \$255 = \$ _____