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# A Snapshot of 'Naturally Wild' Atikokan

From its establishment in 1899, Atikokan has been a community that has been shaped by its people, its experiences and in getting the most of the beauty around it.

Steeped in rich tradition Atikokan - derived from Ojibwa-Chippewa meaning 'caribou bones' or 'caribou crossing' - has seen its share of transition, of boom, and of bust. However, even in the face of challenges to our way of life, Atikokan's people and their spirit have always overcome what appear to be insurmountable adversity to thrive and prosper.

Atikokan is a fun, family-friendly community that takes pride in what it is, and never tries to present itself as something it cannot be, or does not wish to be. Though easily accessible, Atikokan retains a sense of remoteness and basks in the tranquility and relaxation that can only be found away from the big lights of the city. It relishes its small-town charm, and its ability to exceed everyday expectations.

Atikokan is on the doorstep of one of Ontario's most traditional wilderness areas, as Quetico Provincial Park stands among the best for its beauty and its ruggedness. It hosts one of the very best bass fishing tournaments, with the Atikokan Bass Classic drawing rave reviews and accolades from around the world. Its snowmachine trails and cross-country ski trail networks are unrivaled, and connect us with the rest of Canada and the northern United States. And the range of local services, from the Little Falls Golf Course

to the outfitters, to the schools and the businesses that are here to serve you with a smile - work to make sure your Atikokan experience is the very best it can be.

It's a big part of the reason we're telling the world we're Naturally Wild. In a world with constant distraction, we're here to tout our relaxed attitude, leisurely pace, friendly conversation and peaceful activity - these have always been the hallmarks of Atikokan, and we're proud of it.

We're only too happy to have you here, whether it's for a day, for a week, or a lifetime. We are the Canoeing Capital of Canada. We are the Gateway to Quetico Provincial Park. We are Naturally Wild.

See you soon!  
Gord Knowles,  
Tourism Atikokan Project Coordinator

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Photo: Alan Poelman



## A Fish Tale

by Mike Sorenson



The Atikokan Bass Classic has proven what has been in the wind for many years now - that the Atikokan area has some of the best bass fishing in the world.

But it isn't just big bass that makes the Atikokan Bass Classic (and we're quoting Bob Richardson of Outdoors in the Heartland) "the best bass fishing tournament in North America," it's the simple fact that the whole community of Atikokan is 100-percent behind the overachieving group of volunteers that organize the whole thing. You can bet, therefore, that if you can drag yourself off the lake to attend the weigh-in, it'll be well worth it. There's nothing like rubbing elbows with the whole town and finding yourself cheering when big bass are hoisted and twenty pound plus bags of hawgs are announced. You know it's special when fathers and mothers and grandparents are in the tournament with the next generation, when weddings and summer vacations are planned around the tournament, when time away from the office is booked off solid. It's big, real big - and it's a part of Atikokan's Naturally Wild character.

If you're interested in giant smallies jumping out of the water against a backdrop of pine forest and glacier-carved granite shores, just watch the video. You can view past episodes of Outdoors in the Heartland on [www.VisitAtikokan.ca](http://www.VisitAtikokan.ca) - if that doesn't get you planning a trip to Atikokan - nothing will.

For a full schedule of local events that are fun for the whole family, check out [visitatikokan.ca](http://visitatikokan.ca) and [atikokanbassclassic.com](http://atikokanbassclassic.com) for more details.



# SUMMER IN ATIKOKAN

## Quetico Provincial Park

Quetico Provincial Park is one of Ontario's finest wilderness canoeing parks. With over 450 000 hectares of protected land and thousands of interconnected lakes, rivers, and streams, Quetico truly offers a lifetime of canoe tripping opportunities. It's not just the variety of canoe routes that draws folks back to Quetico throughout the years, it's the special trips shared with family and friends, the quiet solitude of a misty lake in the morning and it's the way the lakes and forests draw you in. Quetico Provincial Park means many different things to different people. Each of us take away an experience unique to the rest, but share in a recognition that there is something special about this place.



## Charleson Recreation Area

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If you are into outdoor sports to the extreme, then Charleson Recreation is the place for you. From motocross to horseback riding there is always something to keep you on the go!

**The Airport Trails:** The Airport trails are a number of single-track mountain bike trails located in the area around the Atikokan airport. Trails range from relatively easy, to a more technical single-track, to short but steep downhill.

Whether you are spending time in the vast backcountry of the park or at our Dawson Trail Campground, there are plenty of things to see and experience. Consider spending time at Quetico in the fall or winter. At the Dawson Trail Campground there are 30km of groomed ski and snowshoe trails and several cozy rustic cabins. In the backcountry every season can provide a unique and adventurous wilderness trip.

**Reservations:** Backcountry and campground reservations can be made up to five months in advance of the arrival date by website at [www.ontarioparks.com](http://www.ontarioparks.com) or by phoning the call centre at 1-888-668-7275, or 1-519-826-5290 (Outside of Canada & U.S.) daily from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (EST).

**Dawson Trail Campground:** Visit our beautiful Quetico Park campground located on French Lake. The Chippewa and Ojibwa areas have a combined total of 106 campsites which include 49 with electricity, 3 rustic cabins, laundry facilities, showers, comfort stations and parking facilities. Some services are not available during the off-season. We have approximately 30 kms of groomed hiking, skiing or snowshoe trails at Dawson Trail.

**Roofed Accommodations:** Dawson Trail has 3 rustic cabins available year round for rent, and an additional cabin available in winter. The cabins are equipped with a BBQ for cooking, electric heat, and many other amenities. They sleep 2-4 people and offer a comfortable wilderness retreat anytime of the year. All of our rustic cabins have lake views of French Lake. Reserve a cabin by calling 1-888-668-7275. For more information on cabin amenities, call the Quetico Park headquarters line at (807) 597-2735.

**Natural Heritage Education:** From Victoria Day weekend until Labour Day, join us in guided hikes, nature and wilderness skills workshops and presentations at Dawson Trail Campground. Programming is available to all park visitors. In the spring, autumn and winter enjoy nature workshops, book an educational program or explore Quetico on your own.

**Artist in Residence:** The Quetico Artist in Residence Program welcomes artists to explore the beauty of Quetico. With the generous help of the Quetico Foundation, the program hosts multiple artists each year. A beautiful studio overlooking French Lake provides the perfect setting for placing the artists' interpretations to paper or whatever media they choose! Residencies are available from May to September for a two week pre-determined period. Information and application forms can be found on website [www.quetico100.com](http://www.quetico100.com).

**Pal Lake Lookout Trail:** The Pal Lake Lookout Trail follows gravel and paved roads up a hill to the scenic Pal Lake Lookout near the site of a former fire tower. Enjoy the ride back down the hill but be on the lookout for vehicles that might be heading up to Pal Lake to go fishing for smallmouth bass. It makes an enjoyable short evening or early morning ride.

**Atikokan Sno-Ho Club:** The Atikokan Sno-Ho Snowmobile Club has been maintaining trails in the Atikokan area for over 40 years. This volunteer organization is responsible for almost 500 kilometers of trail including a section of the Provincial A Trail. The Sno-Ho holds many events during the year for its 200 club members. Member benefits include organized trail rides, poker derbies, potluck suppers and periodic newsletters.

**Motocross Track:** The Atikokan Motocross area has been used by dirt bikes on and off since the early 70s. We boast a safe and exciting track for all skill levels and are a favourite amongst anyone that rides here.

**Atikokan Equestrian Club:** Wherever you look, breathtaking scenery surrounds you as you ride along old mine roads, snowmobile trails and Mother Nature's endless path-ways and explore the many marked trails available for your riding pleasure.



**Steep Rock Mountain Bikers:** Atikokan is not just known for its canoeing, but also for their extensive Mountain Biking Trails. There are a number of trails throughout the Charleson Recreation Area that lead into lakes and rivers.

# Atikokan



- To Hwy 11
- Tourist Bureau
- Beaten Path Nordic Trails

# WINTER IN ATIKOKAN

Just because the snow flies doesn't mean your adventures have to go into hibernation! Winters in Atikokan are where we shine, as our town transforms into an exciting canvas of winter activities just waiting for you to make your mark on.

Photo: Alan Poelman



With hundreds of lakes, ice fishing opportunities abound, with access by foot, sled or even driving right up to your favourite fishing hole – our rich lakes are teeming with walleye, trout and bass all year round. In Atikokan, great friends, outdoor fun and all the shore lunch you can handle are a year-round occurrence!

Downhill skiing at Mount Fairweather provides some of the best skiing on this side of the Rockies, with runs for all skill levels and easy access that puts it less than 10 minutes outside of Atikokan. Or check out all of Atikokan's public skating areas, take part in snowshoeing, head out for a winter hike or try your hand at winter camping – it's all here for you when you make your days in Atikokan.

Winter is cold, crisp and perfect for snowmobiling in Atikokan! With access to over 2500 km of beautiful trails in the region, the Atikokan Sno-Ho Snowmobile Club is located in the Heart of the Continent. The club offers top level riding experiences for riders of any skills. There are kilometres of trails winding through the bush or hidden bays full of powder or lake riding. For the nature seekers you may be able to see deer, moose, lynx, bald eagles or other wildlife along the trails. The low population density allows you to ride all day, virtually undisturbed – just you and nature on the open trails! The new White Otter Loop lets riders visit the infamous White Otter Castle between the hubs of Atikokan and Ignace, a serene and relaxing 200km day trip. Atikokan is also a part of the Northwestern Ontario Snowmobile Trails Association Wilderness Loop, with over 1000 km of trails stretching throughout our corner of Ontario. Be sure to get your valid OFSC permit today to experience some of the best trails in Ontario!

# SERVICES DIRECTORY

## Dining - Restaurants, Fast Food

Big "A" Western/Town & Country Restaurant 400 Front Street	Outdoorsman Restaurant 105 Main Street East	Sapawe Corner Diner Highway 11 East at Sapawe
Chips R Us 114 Gorrie Street	PJ's Pizza & Pasta 107 Main Street East	Triple T Lunch Bar 411 Mackenzie Avenue
Little Darlings Restaurant Voyageur Mall	Quetico North Highway 11 East	White Otter Inn's Castle Dining Room 710 Mackenzie Avenue
Nite Club Restaurant 214 Burns Street	Robin's Donuts 724 Mackenzie Avenue East	

## Shopping & Gifts

Atikokan Home and Cottage Building Supply Centre 119 O'Brien Street	Fletcher Canoes Highway 11B	Revive Resale Store 101 Main Street East
Atikokan Home Hardware 201 Main Street West	Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) 116 Main Street East	Souris River Canoes 106 Reid Street
Best West Pet Specialty Experts 216 O'Brien Street	Lorraine's Creative Decorating & Garden Centre 2022 O'Brien Street	Sweet Stella Z's Fine Foods & Gifts 216 O'Brien Street
Celestial Gold 109 Main Street West (Voyageur Mall)	Pictograph Gallery 115 Main Street West (Voyageur Mall, Lower Level)	The Bargain Shop 104 Main Street East
Enchanted Florist 115 Main Street West (Voyageur Mall)	Picture This Home Décor 115 Main Street West (Voyageur Mall)	The Beer Store 711 Mackenzie Avenue East
		Walt's Dry Goods 207 Main Street West
		XY Company Paddles 626 Mackenzie Avenue

## Grocery & Convenience Stores

Atikokan Foodland 110 O'Brien Street	Johnson's Esso 2 Mercury Avenue	Marg's Northern Convenience 210 O'Brien Street
Atikokan News Stand 303 Main Street West	Warren's Lone Pine Market 1100 O'Brien Street	Voyageur Bait & Tackle Highway 11B
Atikokan Wholesale 109 Gorrie Street		

## Taxi/Buses

Atikokan Taxi 598-1222	Caribou Coach Bus Lines 597-4226	Roy's Taxi 597-6727
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## Banking

CIBC 100 Main Street West	Royal Bank of Canada 112 Main Street West	TD Canada Trust 100 Main Street East
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## Hotels, Motels & Camping

Atikokan Hotel 400 Front Street	Quetico Inn 310 Mackenzie Avenue	White Otter Inn 710 Mackenzie Avenue
Bunnell Park Campground Highway 622 at Hawthorne Ave.	Sapawe Motel Highway 11 at Sapawe	

## Resorts/Outfitters/Tourist Industry

Branch's Seine River Lodge Banning Lake, Highway 11 West	Finlayson Resort Finlayson Lake, Highway 622	Morris' Camp Niobe Lake, Highway 11 East
Browns' Clearwater West Lodge Highway 622, Clearwater West Lake	Indiaonta Resort Calm Lake, Highway 11 West	Niobe Lake Lodge Niobe Lake, Highway 11 East
Camp Quetico Eva Lake, Highway 11 East	Kashabowie Outposts Ltd. Eva Lake, Highway 11 East	Powell Lake Resort Powell Lake, Highway 11 East
Canadian Quetico Outfitters Quetico, Highway 11 East	Marr's Perch Lake Lodge Perch Lake, Highway 11 West	Quetico North Tourist Services Eva Lake, Highway 11 East
Canoe Canada Outfitters 300 O'Brien Street	McCauley Lake Resort McCauley Lake, Highway 11 West	Tip Top Lodge Sanford Lake, Highway 11 East
Crystal Beach Resort Crystal Lake, Highway 11 East	Exclusive Wilderness Excursions Niobe Lake, Highway 11 East	White Otter Wilderness Adventures Finlayson Lake, Highway 622

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