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Wolf Lake First Nation
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Abstract

Tourism as a means of economic development is an attempt to recognize, develop and link the importance of Algonquin themed natural and cultural resources in Quebec and across the border in Ontario into market ready tourism products. These rich cultural and natural attributes relate to an important part of Canadian history that shaped the relationships among early French and English explorers, settlers, and the future of Algonquin peoples. Product development will link these people, events and sites to a better understanding of modern day Algonquin history as a dynamic and interrelated tourism experience. First Nation waterway planning and management is just beginning but clearly provides great opportunities for local natural, cultural and heritage stewardship, economic development, and cross-boundary collaboration on the traditional territory.

The traditional territory is a geographic corridor connected to the land and waterways Algonquins used throughout history. Wolf Lake First Nation (WLFN) core territory begins at the Dumoine River north to the headwaters at Dumoine Lake then west following interconnected lakes and tributaries to Kipawa Lake and the Kipawa River where it empties into the Lake Temiscaming basin. The boundary continues downstream along the Ottawa River to Mattawa, Deux Rivieres and Stonecliffe where once again the Dumoine River enters the Ottawa River. In total area the Territory of Interest is approximately 13,800 square kilometres. These boundaries have been established through a formal land use and occupancy study process conducted by WLFN.

Guiding Principles

Cultural authenticity.

Participation of Algonquin people.

Social and cultural sustainability.

Protecting sensitive cultural activities and places.

Algonquin education and awareness within the tourism industry.

Environmental sustainability.

Business development and sustainability.

Building Guest -Host relations.

Biographical sketch:

Rosanne Van Schie is a tourism resource development consultant who lives on the Amable du Fond River near Algonquin Park in Ontario, Canada. She has worked extensively in eco-adventure tourism development and management since 1990. She is currently involved in eco-tourism as a main axis of economic development for Algonquins in Quebec and Ontario, and as a result has become very connected with this vast landscape of rivers and lakes, the Algonquin people and their land use planning and economic development initiatives. She is an avid whitewater enthusiast.