

2008 WCHA Assembly

Information Packet

Compiled by Rob Stevens and the Northern Lakes Chapter/Assembly Program Committee

July 16-20, 2008

(Wednesday afternoon through Sunday breakfast)

Gzowski College, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

Celebrating



Lakefield Ontario Canada



and featuring;

The Canadian Canoe Museum

<http://www.canoemuseum.net/>

&

The Trent Severn National Historic Waterway

http://www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/index_e.asp

Preliminary Program for the 2008 Assembly

Welcome to the 2008 WCHA Assembly! The Assembly begins with registration Wednesday afternoon, July 16, and ends with breakfast on Sunday morning, July 20. The Bear Mountain Boats “Smallcraft Builder’s Rendezvous” will also take place during Assembly on Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19). Thanks to the efforts of Pam Wedd (Bearwood Canoes), the Construction portions of the program include a wide range of demonstrations representing several different building techniques and many aspects of restoration. Many of the activities and workshops offered are suitable for family participation. Public recreational swimming will be available at the campus pool. Also, there are quite a few off-site attractions which will take you away from campus and give you an opportunity to visit the Peterborough/Kawartha Lakes area. See the list of Local Activities in this program.



Gzowski College at Trent University

This program includes feature presentations and other activities tentatively planned for the Assembly (subject to change). Please pick up a copy of the final event schedule in the Information & Registration Tent when you arrive for exact times and locations.

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2008 Assembly Committee Members

Assembly Program Mentors: Tom and Karen MacKenzie

Assembly Program: Coordinator Rob Stevens

Construction & Repair: Pam Wedd

Vendors: Maury Breslow

Other contributing members of the Northern Lakes Chapter:

Alex Guthro	Al & Pat Witham
Robert von Bitter	Robert Pammett
Art & Erna Gibson	Joan Barrett
John Hupfield	Ted Moores

Assembly Logistics

The Information Tent

The Information Tent is located in the inside angle of the “L”, Gzowski College (East Bank). Please check here daily for updates on schedules.

Directions To Campus

See back page for map and directions.

Check in (room keys, meal tickets, parking passes)

Registration begins at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 16. Upon arrival, please check-in at the Information/Registration Tent on the grass at Peter Gzowski College. Limited early arrival—before July 16—accommodations may be available.

Check-out by 10:00 am Sunday, July 20, 2008.

Housing

Otonabee College (Lodging Option A): Dormitory-style rooms with 1 single bed, bathrooms down the hall: \$35/room/night.

Gzowski College (Lodging Options B & C): Room with 1 double bed, shared bath (one per two rooms), AC, space for 1 child on floor. Option B: 1 adult or youth (age 9 and over) \$55/room/night. Option C: 2 adults or youth (age 9 and over) \$65/room/night.

Bed linens, towels and soap provided for all options.

Pre-registration

Completed Assembly Registration forms must be received with payment before June 13 download a form from the WCHA Web site, or request by e-mailing WCHA Treasurer Annie Burke <annieburke@gmail.com>.

On-site Registration

If you have not preregistered, upon arrival, please register for the Assembly at the Information Tent on the grass at Peter Gzowski College. The event fee is \$15/adult attendee per day, or a flat fee of \$40/adult attendee for the entire event. Children under 12 participate for free.

Meals & Schedule

Simple college fare in the cafeteria. If you pre-register (by June 13, 2008), meals for adults are: breakfast, \$8; lunch; \$10, dinner, \$12; children ages 3-8 half price; children under 3 eat free. Pre-registered participants can pick up meal cards at the registration desk in the Information Tent when they arrive on campus. If you are not pre-registered, on-site meals are very limited and you will need to purchase from Conference Services.

The Gzowski College dining room (& outdoor patio) is open as follows: Breakfast, 7:30-8:45; Lunch, 11:30-12:45; Dinner, 5-6:30.

Vendors

Register upon arrival at the Information Tent and check in with Maury Breslow. He will have directions to “Cedar City,” where to set up your display, parking, etc.

Parking

Campus parking is \$4.25/vehicle/day.

Pets

Sorry, **no pets are allowed** on campus in keeping with health regulations.

Campus Contacts

Contacting the campus: Toll Free: 1-888-739-8885.

Campus Security: Blackburn Hall (first building to the right as you enter Symons Campus): (705) 748-1328.

Emergencies: (705) 748-1333. Security related queries, requests and reports can also be sent via e-mail to security@trentu.ca.

Pay-as-You-Go Events

Most Assembly program activities are offered free of charge. However, a few workshops will require pre-registration and payment of a fee to cover the cost of materials, and so instructors will have an idea of the numbers of participants and materials needed ahead of time.

Paddle Carving. Lloyd Stonehouse will offer ongoing paddle carving workshops Wednesday to Saturday. Participants will have a choice of otter tail, beaver tail or voyageur style blanks in various sizes and woods (cherry, maple, ash, walnut). The cost is \$90. Sign up in the Registration/Information Tent when you arrive.

Soapstone Carving. Lloyd Stonehouse shares his skill at shaping stone in this hands-on workshop. A small fee may be charged to cover the cost of gas in transporting tons of rock to the Assembly site.

Family Fun

Many of the activities and workshops offered are suitable for family participation. Public recreational swimming will be available at the campus pool. Friday evening there will be a family campfire sing-a-long. Parents are responsible for the conduct and supervision of their children.

Canadian Canoe Museum

Exclusive, guided tours of the warehouse collection of the Canadian Canoe Museum will be offered to WCHA members Thursday morning from 10 A.M. to noon. Sign up for limited spaces in the Information Tent. Regular museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10A.M.-5P.M.. For more information visit <http://www.canoemuseum.net/>

Tour of Historic Canoe-Related Sites

Maps and directions for self-guided tours of local historic sites of interest such as current and former canoe building locations, notable grave sites (Lakefield cemetery), and other venues will be provided. A list describing a number of short canoe trips will be provided in the Information Tent.

Paddling On-site

The Otonabee River splits the campus property in two. It is relatively wide at this point, with water level controlled by a series of dams and lift locks that form part of the Trent Severn Canal (National Historic Waterway).

What to Bring

For Programs

- Quilting** – fabric, scissors, needles, thimbles, etc.
- Ladies Tea** – hat and amenities
- Paddle-By-And-Salute** – dress-up clothes
- Canoeing** – paddle, PFD

Adult Check List

- Alarm clock, reading lamp
- Hangers
- Extra bath towels
- Paper tablet, pen/pencil
- Bug dope
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- Water bottle
- Comfortable shoes
- Binoculars, pocket knife
- Raingear
- Beach towel, water-shoes
- PFD! (a must if you paddle)
- Health Insurance Card
- Checkbook, ATM card
- Camera, film
- Flashlight, extra batteries
- Musical instrument
- Camp/folding chair

Kids Check List

- Crayons, coloring books
- Paper, pencil, activity books
- Playing cards, board games
- Frisbee, outdoor games
- Sandals, tennis shoes, swimming shoes (water shoes)
- Raingear
- Favorite hat, cool shades!
- Beach towel and swimsuit
- PFD! (a must!)
- Musical instrument

The canal is in active use during the summer boating season. Power boats (many of them houseboats) pass along the river through the campus contributing the usual wakes, fumes and noise. Just south of campus, the river splits into two sections. One is concrete lined, being a portion of the Trent Severn canal. The east branch is broader, and in places, shallow and provides quiet paddling areas away from the canal.

The bank of the river directly in front of the Gzowski College site has a rocky shoreline with a drop off of 4 to 6 feet. Consequently, canoe launching (from a dock, grass bank and trailer launch ramp) will be at the Peterborough Rowing Club, next door (less than 100 yards south) to Gzowski College. PFD's and water-shoes (old tennis shoes will do) are necessary for water activities.

Local Activities and Information

Volunteers of the Northern Lakes Chapter have planned a few off-site activities. There are also numerous area attractions that are well worth seeing, so plan to take time out from the regular Assembly Program, or add a few days before or after Assembly to explore the area.

Attractions available in the Peterborough/Kawartha Lakes region

Consult the resources available at:

- Peterborough & the Kawarthas Tourism: <http://www.thekawarthas.net/index.html>;
- Trent Severn.com: http://www.trentsevern.com/live_index.cfm,
- Peterborough Centennial Museum & Archives: <http://www.pcma.ca/>
- Lang Pioneer Village: <http://www.langpioneervillage.ca/>
- Whetung Ojibwa Crafts & Art Gallery (Curve Lake First Nations): <http://www.whetung.com/>
- Petroglyphs Park (2 hours minimum round trip drive): site of the largest known concentration of aboriginal rock carvings in Canada, carved into the white marble rock face hundreds of years ago, the 900 petroglyphs depict turtles, snakes, birds, humans and other images marking this location as a significant spiritual site for First Nations peoples. <http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/petr.html>
- Serpent Mounds Park/Rice Lake near Rice Lake features nine aboriginal burial mounds, now recognized as a National Historic Site and operated as a campground by the Hiawatha Nation. <http://www.serpentmoundspark.com/index.htm>

Ongoing Programs Wednesday– Saturday

Cedar City: Vendors & Displays (indoors & out)

A wide selection of canoes and canoe-related items are offered up for sale by professional and amateur builders and traders. Visit their individual and collective tents, booths and tables on the Green. The folks setting up shop in Cedar City will include many of the world's top names in wooden canoe building. Plan to spend some time viewing their

wonderful wares. Should a new canoe be on your summer agenda, you'll not do better than to take advantage of the scores of fine canoes on display. Whatever your needs, be they a new or used canoe, a new paddle, or any other canoeing accessory, the WCHA member-vendors can probably make your trip much more enjoyable! The vendors will be congregated on the "green." Stop by when you have a few moments and browse around a bit.

Canoes, Canoes, and more Canoes

There will be a few areas next to Cedar City to display all of the wonderful canoes. There will be an area for canoes "for sale" and another area for "display only" canoes. All canoes displayed on the Green should be accompanied by an identification and a description form that indicates whether or not it is for sale. Pick up forms at the Information tent. Also, some items such as historic canoes and models and information displays may be seen indoors.

Construction Tent

Construction of a Wood and Canvas Canoe. Roger Foster and other members of the **Wooden Canoe Builder's Guild** will provide leadership for the ongoing hands-on construction of a Chestnut-style canoe. Participants will learn any or all of the standard construction techniques including preparation and installation of stems, inwales, installing ribs, planking, decks, thwarts, and (hand-caned) seats, as well as stretching canvas, to ready this canoe for filling painting and varnishing. The almost completed canoe will be auctioned on Saturday afternoon.

All-wood Canoe Construction. Will Ruch demonstrates the techniques used to construct a traditional cedar strip canoe historically associated with Lakefield area builders.

All-wood Canoe Construction. Dick Persson will discuss board and batten construction developed in the early years, prior to wood and canvas covering becoming more common.

WCHA Store

The WCHA Store sells T-shirts, sweatshirts, WCHA pins, books and other canoe related stuff. Be sure to stop by. Hours are: Wed.: 2-5 P.M. Thurs. and Fri.: 9-11 A.M., 3-5 P.M.; Sat.: 9-11 A.M., 1-3 P.M. If interested in volunteering to help at the store, please contact Richard Greene (rgreene@vfglovesl.com or phone 610-543-4690).

Annual Raffle & Auction

The perennial team of Bill Conrad and Jay Boyer offer up all manner of canoe-philia to benefit the WCHA. The annual communally-made quilt, which will be raffled winner at the auction, will be available for inspection at the tent. Please bring any donations to the auction to the Info & Registration tent where available items will be on display all week. View all the great items to be sold at our auction. The tent opens at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday. The tent is open every day 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The auction will be held on Satur-

day afternoon at 3 P.M. Please contact Bill Conrad (<bccconrad@alltel.net> or, 814-781-1068,) if you can help and/or if you have items to donate to the raffle and auction.

Wednesday

Afternoon:

Guided Nature Hike (Family Event). Adam Smith, a local biologist accompany and inform folks interested in a nature hike in the nearby forest.

Quilters' Meeting. Janet Isabelle, Joan Hall and other quilters gather for "show and tell" and to distribute kits for the 2009 raffle quilt. There will also be a draw for the winner of the "Quilter's Quilt" from among this year's contributors.

Canoescapes. Kevin Callan, a local author of twelve outdoors and canoeing books, will provide examples of his work to kick off this participatory sharing of your favorite literary tidbits.

Evening Features:

The Life and Times of Walter Walker. John Jennings, Professor of History, Trent University, and author of *The Canoe; A Living Tradition* and *Bark Canoes: The Art and Obsession of Tappan Adney* introduces us to Centenarian, Walter Walker, master canoe builder in Lakefield. Walter is currently building his "last" canoe (sponsored by Prince Andrew) which will be donated to the Canadian Canoe Museum.

Paddler's Gathering & Welcome Reception. Following the evening program, the Northern Lakes Chapter welcomes you to Canada with a casual social reception including hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, wine and cheese.

Thursday

Morning:

New Attendee Orientation. WCHA President Bill Conrad welcomes first-time Assembly participants with an introductory information session followed by fielding questions and answers.

Kawartha Highlands Guided Canoe Excursion. Kevin Callan leads a half-day paddling excursion north of Peterborough. Be prepared to paddle until your gut aches from laughing.

Food Drying. Susan Thompson will demonstrate simple techniques for dehydrating fruits, meats, sauces, and vegetables for delicious and healthy eating on canoe trips, while saving time, money, weight and hassle. Recipes and samples will be provided

Rib Repairs. Dave Alguire reviews various methods for repairing damaged canoe ribs.

"Deck"orative Inlay for Dummies. Al Witham will demonstrate how those of us with limited artistic abilities can still produce attractive pieces of inlay in canoe decks or

other wooden articles. These simple scroll saw and gluing techniques can be used by all skill levels

Afternoon:

Introduction to Canoe Sailing. John Hupfield (Lost in the Woods Boatworks) expounds on canoe sailing rigs.

Seat Caning. Jean Bratton walks folks through hand caning a canoe seat.

Stem repairs. The inimitable Bill Miller demonstrates canoe stem replacement.

Voyageur Errant. Jay Bailey talks about his life and travels as a "Voyageur" in a birch bark canoe with traditional gear.

Lakefield Canoe Marsh by Canoe. Jeremy Ward, Manager of Public Programs as the CCM, leads the way in some quiet paddling to a nearby marsh.

Strike a Fire Light. Mark Zalonis reprises his demonstration and informative discussion of traditional fire lighting materials and techniques.

Ladies Tea. Women and girls of all ages are invited to attend the Ladies Tea. This event will focus on the hat, honoring the most original design, be it dainty or outrageous. Our aim is to enjoy each others company and make new friends. Please bring a teapot, a tea cup and your favorite tea. Immediately following the tea is the Ladies Tea Picture. Bring your smile, and show off your hat!

Evening Features:

A History of the Canadian Canoe Museum. Kirk Wipper, assembler of the original collection which became the basis for the CCM, and James Raffan, Curator of the CCM, talk about the challenges of establishing and maintaining an internationally renowned museum collection of historic artefacts.

Kids Video Night with ice-cream sundaes. While the adults listen to Kirk and James, younger Assembly participants can watch junk videos and eat junk food.

Friday

Special Event Friday and Saturday, All Day. The Bear Mountain Boats' "Small Craft-builders Rendezvous" comes to the Assembly. Local strip builders will join us Friday and Saturday before spending Sunday on the water at nearby Lakefield College School.

Morning:

Meet the Harry Macfie Canoe Club of Sweden!: Mats Rehnström and a bunch of other Swedes will traveled all the way to North America to tells us how they got infected with the same bug: a love of wooden canoes.

Classic Solo Paddling Demonstration by Becky Mason. A demonstration of solo paddling technique by the daughter of the late, great Canadian canoeing icon and film-maker, Bill Mason.

Make a Bush Paddle. Dave Fleming will demonstrate how to make an emergency paddle from a tree using a hatchet and crooked knife.

Soapstone carving. Lloyd Stonehouse shares his skill at shaping stone in this hands-on workshop.

Afternoon:

Group Paddle To The Lift Lock. An attempt to eclipse the world record number of wooden canoes in a hydraulic lift lock staged at the 1992 Assembly. A leisurely paddle down the Trent Severn canal for yet another photo opportunity. We will be accompanied by the 36-foot birch bark built by Jeremy Ward at the CCM. Rumor has it that we will also be joined by a contingent from "Fiddles on the Trent."

Lakefield Canoes on The Green. Prior to his evening presentation featuring the history of Lakefield Canoes, Dick Persson will provide insightful commentary about the construction and identifying features of examples of Lakefield built canoes on display on the green.

Evening Features:

WCHA Membership Meeting. The Board of Directors will address the membership. Come and meet them and hear what's going on in the organization. All members are welcome!

Family Campfire. Sing around the campfire at the Rowing Club.

Lakefield Canoes. Dick Persson will give an interesting and in-depth insight into history of canoe building in the area with a particular emphasis on the people who the designed and developed the construction techniques.

Saturday

Special Event All Day

The Bear Mountain Boats' "Small Craft-builders Rendezvous" comes to the Assembly. Local strip builders will join us all day Saturday before spending Sunday on the water at nearby Lakefield College School.

Morning:

Canoe Design & Performance. Skip Izon (Shadow River Boatworks) will lead a discussion of canoe hull design and performance parameters.

Staple-free Strip construction. Ron Frenette, Bob Arthur & Brian Heaslip will demonstrate alternative strip building techniques without the use of staples, and incorporating fancy inlay strips.

Assembly Feedback: An opportunity to give feedback to the Assembly Coordination Committee about what went well and what needs improvement.

Afternoon:

Chapter Head meeting: A gathering of Chapter representatives to discuss ideas and issues affecting regional activities.

2009 Assembly meeting: An opportunity to contribute ideas towards planning next year's Assembly.

Painting & Varnishing. Will Ruch and Pam Wedd will share their secrets for professional grade painting and varnishing.

Canoe models. Ted Behne and others show and discuss scale models (salesman and birch bark).

Annual Auction & Raffle. The perennial team of Bill Conrad and Jay Boyer offer up all manner of canoephilia to raise a significant portion of WCHA operating revenue.

The annual communally-made quilt will be awarded to this year's raffle winner.

Evening Features:

The Adney Biography, A Progress Report: Ted Behne will

update us on how it's going with his research and writing of a biography of Tappan Adney.

Paddle-By & Salute. Al Sienkiewicz and Bill Hall introduce paddlers showing off their newly built and restored vintage canoes in this annual appreciation event. If you would like to participate, please fill out a short information form about yourself and your canoe in the Info tent. Canoeing participants launch at Peterborough Rowing Club and paddle up to Gzowski College. Spectators; lounge on the grass or picnic tables beside the pedestrian bridge.

Sunday

Breakfast, pack up, good byes and departure.

Off Campus Accommodations:

For those who prefer to camp, or stay in accommodations other than college dormitory style, information about off site accommodations ranging from campgrounds to bed and breakfasts and hotels can be found on one of the local information Web sites:

Peterborough & the Kawarthas Tourism; <http://www.thekawarthas.net/index.html>

Trent Severn.com; http://www.trentsevern.com/live_index.cfm

Bed & Breakfasts, Town & Country; <http://www.festivalhost.com/>

There are many campgrounds in or near Peterborough.

Anchor Bay Camp Ltd
292 Anchor Bay Rd., RR#1 Peterborough 705-657-8439
www.anchorbaycamp.com

Buckhorn Narrows Resort
PO Box 99, Buckhorn Narrows Rd. Buckhorn
705-657-8802
www.buckhornnarrows.com

Cadigan's Camp
305 Cadigan Rd. RR1 Peterborough 705-292-9075
www.cadiganscamp.com

Camp Ashtabula Cottages & Trailer Park
334 Elim Lodge Rd., RR#1 Peterborough
705-657-8521 1-877-657-7977
www.campashtabula.com

Camp Fisherman
Fire Route 75, RR#1 Peterborough
705-657-8321 1-800-616-6712
www.campfisherman.com

Emily Provincial Park
797 Emily Park Rd., RR#4 Omemee
705-799-5170 1-888-ONT-PARK
www.ontarioparks.com/english/emil.html

Godfrey's Resort
1165 Villiers Line, RR#1 Keene
705-295-2911 www.godfreycottages.com

Golden Beach Resort
7100 County Rd.18 Roseneath
905-342-5366 1-800-263-7781 www.goldenbeachresort.com

Highland View Resort
751 McGregor Bay Rd. Keene

705-295-6697; 1-800-567-5607 www.highlandview.com

Indian River Hideaway
2140 Hwy 7 Indian River 705-295-4848; 1-866-399-1980
www.indianriverhideaway.com

Lakefield Park & Campground
59 Hague Blvd. Lakefield 705-652-8610; 1-800-316-8841
www.lakefieldcampgrounds.ca

Lancaster Cottage & Trailer Resort
691 Frankhill Rd. Peterborough 705-742-6947; 1-877-391-0110
www.lancasterresort.com

Pineaires Resort
RR#1, Elbow Point Rd. Lakefield 705-657-8094; 1-888-287-9637

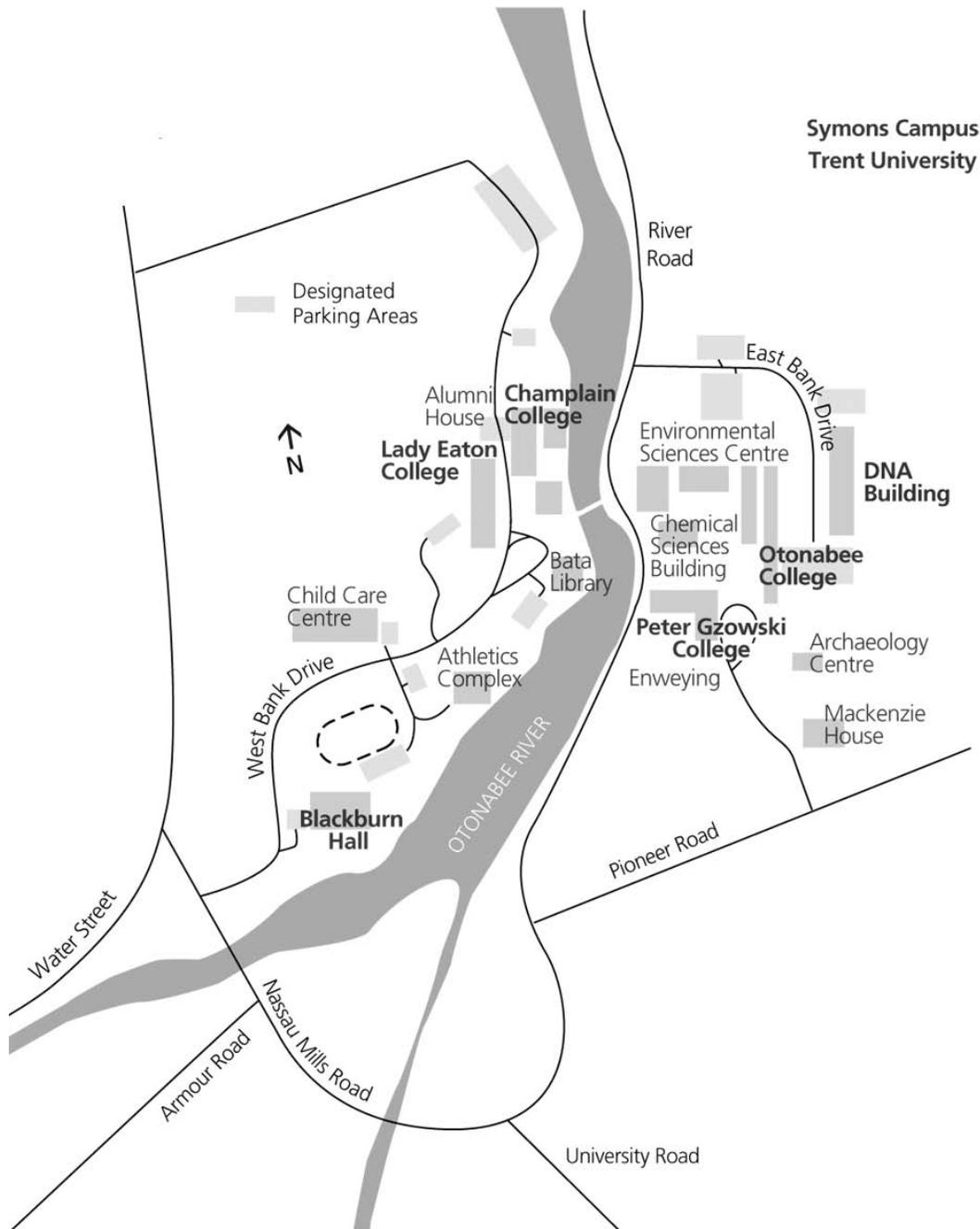
Serpent Mounds Park
End of County Rd. 34, RR#2 Keene 705-295-6879; 1-866-223-3332
www.serpentmoundspark.com

Six Foot Bay Resort & Golf Course
Six Foot Bay Rd. (Fire Route 39), RR#1 Lakefield 705-657-8788

Warsaw Caves Conservation Area
289 Caves Rd. Warsaw 705-652-3161; 1-877-816-7604
www.warsawcaves.com

Willowood Camp
4 Parker Dr. RR#3 Roseneath
905-352-2821 1-877-352-2821 (US Only)
www.willowoodcamp.com

Woodland Camp Site
355 Allen's Road RR1 Peterborough
705-657-8946 1-877-854-5644
www.woodlandcampsite.com



Directions

Getting to Gzowski College, Trent University. The university is centrally located within the province of Ontario, north of Lake Ontario. Peterborough is a 90-minute drive from Toronto, two or three hours border from the border between Ontario and New York State, depending on whether you cross at Buffalo-Ft. Erie (I-90), or Watertown-Gananoque (I-87).

From Toronto: Take Highway 401 east to Highway 35/115. Follow Highway 115 north to Highway 7 towards the centre of Peterborough, turn right (north) on Ashburnham Rd., turn left (west) on Hunter St. E. (follow for only 2 blocks), turn right (north) on Armour Rd. (Regional Rd. 32) until you reach Nassau Mills Rd. Turn right then immediately watch for the sign to the Gzowski College entrance on the left side.

From Kingston: Take Highway 401 west to Highway 35/115 and proceed as above.

Additional directions to local sites will be available at the Information/Registration Tent.