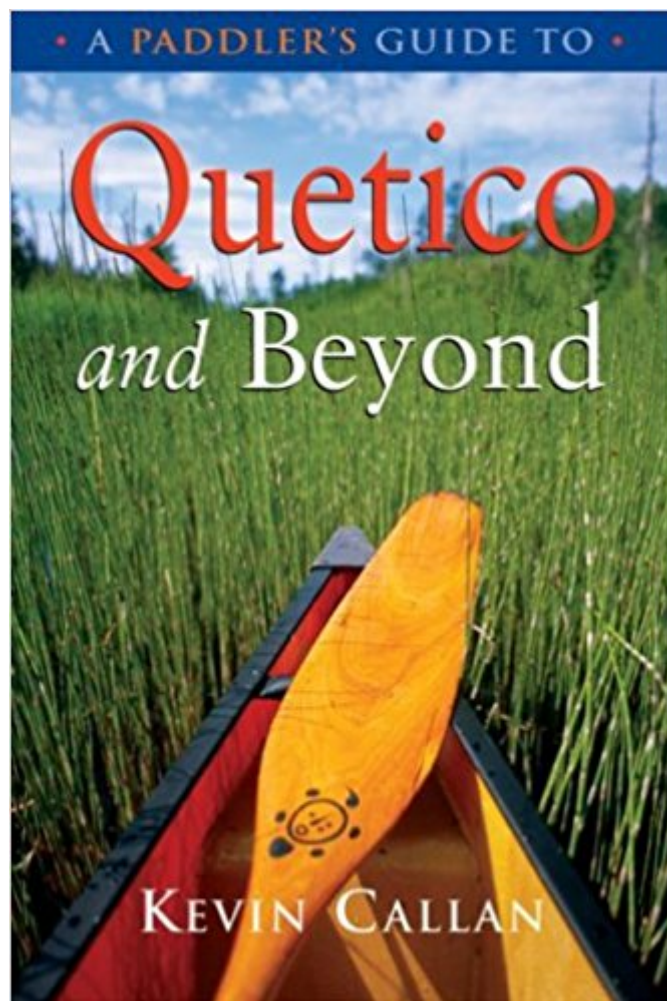


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A Paddler's Guide To Quetico And Beyond



Synopsis

Canoe country's most up-to-date guide. Located west of Lake Superior on the Canada-U.S. border and known to countless thousands of paddlers simply as "Canoe Country," Quetico Provincial Park is Ontario's second-largest wilderness park. It connects to the United States via the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, mainland America's largest protected tract of wilderness. The area receives over 200,000 visitors a year. Kevin Callan is a renowned paddling personality, and his new book describes 10 of Quetico's best trips, plus five adventurous excursions to destinations just beyond the park's boundaries. Trips range from weekend recreational paddles to 10-day multi-lake loops, and there is something for every skill level. All route maps are original and up to date, correcting many of the common errors found in other publications. One could spend a lifetime paddling the waters of Quetico Provincial Park, with its more than 600 lakes and five major rivers. And with an average portage length of only 435 yards, it's all about the paddling.

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Filled with practical trip advice, contact information and detailed route maps, A Paddler's Guide also has a wealth of lively anecdotes and historical footnotes tied to specific locations. (Laszlo Buhasz Globe and Mail 2007-05-19)Callan tells it like it is.... Reading this book makes me recall all the trials and tribulations I experienced in canoeing ... but it makes me want to do it all again. (Bill Bradley Northern Life (Sudbury) 2007-06-01)For weekend jaunts or longer trips, you'll find this book an interesting read not only for its routes and maps, but also for the interesting anecdotes and history

of the park. (Liz Grogan Good Times) Shares valuable trip planning information... BWJ readers accustomed to very detailed portage and campsite info will not be disappointed... I found his comments for the ten loops right on target for both accuracy and relevant... He also does a great job of weaving Native American, voyageur and logging era history into each locale. (Stuart Osthoff Boundary Waters Journal) Readers of this magazine's Butt End column will be pleased to know that Kevin Callan gets some serious work done between misadventures. (Ian Merringer Canoeroots) I have paddled/portaged most of these canoe trails, and I found his comments for the ten loops right on target for both accuracy and relevance for what paddlers need to know... All in all, this is a guidebook canoe country fans will enjoy adding to their outdoor library. (Stuart Osthoff Boundary Waters Journal) If it wasn't for Kevin Callan, many people would not have a clue where to go to for their regular or occasional canoe fix.... As usual, the information offered here is extensively researched and written down in the trademark Callan style. The 50 color photographs are generally very good (you'll love the one of page 79!) and the 20 superb maps are a joy to study... Even though my canoeing days are over, I always enjoy Kevin's books and read them cover to cover because he represents the spirit and wonder and joy of wilderness canoe tripping better than most. (Toni Harting Nastawgan) [One] draw of Callan's books is his self-deprecating humour and his ability to suddenly get serious -- downright poetic even -- in describing the gorgeous scenery around him. (Jon Fear The Record (Kitchener-Waterloo) 2007-08-25) Kevin Callan's list of accomplishments pretty well guarantees the value of this latest title in his guidebook series.... Various skills levels and trip lengths make this guide useful for anyone planning an excursion to Quetico. (Diana Mumford Wavelength Magazine) Author Callan's humorous tales of adventure and misadventures add to the reading pleasure. (Ann Hattes Continental Newstime (Hartland, WI) 2007-10-31) This is a book that will lead you beyond your usual canoe routes; in fact, it may inspire you to plan a trip celebrating Quetico's 100th anniversary in 2009!... "Quetico" is a book that provides very readable pleasant conversation that, in a personal way, brings canoeing to life through its past and more recent adventures. The many reminders of the subtle rewards of canoeing that are conveyed provide a real enticement to begin planning your trip. (Brent Tegler, North-South Environmental Inc. The Canadian Field Naturalist, Vol. 120) Each of the sixteen canoe trips described in this book is a well-written informative story, weaving important practical information such as the take-out and put-in spots for portages, special sites to see, and danger spots, into historical accounts of those who were here long before our forays using Kevlar canoes and Goretex. The stories also convey the hardships and joys shared by the group traveling with Kevin; the "real stuff" that makes canoe trips memorable... Quetico is a book that provides very readable pleasant conversation that, in a personal way, brings

canoeing to life through its past and more recent adventures. The many reminders of the subtle rewards of canoeing that are conveyed provide a real enticement to begin planning your next trip. (Brent Tegler, North-South Environmental The Canadian Field Naturalist, Vol. 120)

Kevin Callan is the author of 11 books, including the Paddler's Guide series and The Happy Camper. He is the recipient of three National Magazine awards and is a featured speaker at many of North America's largest paddling events. He lives in Peterborough, Ontario, the birthplace of the famous Peterborough canoe and home of the Canadian Canoe Museum.

It is always a delight to read Kevin Callan's books or hear him talk at sport show events. Quetico and Beyond offers an honest review of the Quetico Area with a good summary a representative variety of paddling routes with different areas of the park. Provides comment on what you will see and experience in your route travel including portage difficulty for each along with history and fishing experience along the way with some humor sprinkled in. Found this to be very helpful.

I am planning a trip to Quetico this next year. The book was useful in providing some information about some of the specific lakes I am intending to travel through. The stories of adventures and misadventures are also entertaining. Somewhat limited, though, in that it only describes specific routes, and may not include some of the lakes and rivers that will be part of a trip that you plan to take.

Wonderful to have relatively new Quetico info: overview map, photos, commentary, difficulty and portage information. Thanks for all the work that went into giving us details on 4 routes and 7 loop trips in Quetico and another 5 river and lake routes outside the park. The portage information alone is priceless!

A good book to describe some routes through Quetico. Some interesting anecdotes. Since this only describes a handful of specific routes, this would not work as your only resource for trip planning a Quetico journey, since it doesn't attempt to discuss the lakes not in these specific routes. That said, it is a help if you are considering any of these possible paths through the park. Definitely worth picking up.

As a former canoe guide in the Superior-Quetico wilderness area, I found this book to be

well-written and compelling. I wish I had had something like it while I was still guiding. I did not do much tripping in the "heart" of the Quetico, but I certainly did a fair bit on the periphery of it. My congratulations to Kevin Callan for writing such an informative and enjoyable book. Dave Cass, Edmonton, AB, Canada

A great book to give ideas on possible trips through Quetico Provincial Park. I will use it to plan my own trip taking bits and pieces from several of the profiled trips.

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This is a great resource in trying to plan a Quetico route, whether you stick to one of the author's routes or just use it as a framework and plan various detours/offshoots. Some interesting historical references too. At the same time, the book is very entertaining and Kevin's anecdotes remind you that it's supposed to be fun! The "setbacks" add to the adventure. I'm glad I have this book.

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