

Mantario

The Wilderness Experience

Join us! Spend five days this summer immersed in the wilderness. Whether you are an experienced back-country paddler or a complete beginner, our guided canoe trips are a great way to experience the incredible scenic beauty of the Canadian Shield.

Each trip begins on Monday with an exhilarating full day's paddle over 7 lakes and 6 portages. This is followed by four nights at a relaxing island cabin. We finish up on Friday with a day's paddle back out. Guides, canoes, paddles, safety equipment, food and accommodations are all provided.

Experienced instructors will help you learn canoeing techniques and basic wilderness skills. Your enjoyment of nature will be enhanced by varied activities including hiking, exploring, fishing, refreshing swims and evening saunas.

The spectacular surroundings offer unmatched opportunities for photography, astronomy, botany and wildlife observation. Wildflowers dot every patch of sunlit ground. Songbirds and waterfowl make the most of the short northern summer. Each week a different expert helps you explore a new facet of the Mantario experience.



2010 Summer Program

JULY 5TH TO 9TH

SWIMMING WITH LESLY ANDREWS & JERRY ZASTE

After an inspiring paddle, you can swim across the bay. Walk the Circle Hike to take a dip in all of the lakes. Enjoy late night saunas and jumping off of the dock. Endless possibilities.

JULY 12TH TO 16TH

MANTARIO EXPLORATIONS WITH CHARLES BURCHILL

Come and explore the lakes and trails around Mantario. Paddle and hike around the wilderness, into places rarely seen. Work with a GPS, map and compass to find out where you are going and how to get back.

JULY 19TH TO 23RD

PADDLE TO THE FOREST WITH CHARLES BURCHILL

Come paddle to Mantario with Charles Burchill, botanist, canoeist and naturalist. Explore the bogs and forests of the Canadian Shield, and learn about the plants of the Mantario Wilderness Zone, our wild heritage.

JULY 26TH TO 30TH

DISCOVER MANTARIO WITH LORNE KLASSEN AND LEIGH CULLEN

Identify plants & wildlife while hiking to Olive & Moosehead Lakes on the Circle Trail loop with experienced naturalists Lorne and Leigh. Also enjoy the rewards of doing some blueberry picking on the Mantario Trail.

AUGUST 2ND TO 6TH

PHOTOGRAPHY WITH MARCEL VAN EERD

Enjoy the beautiful views of Mantario through your lens. Share stunning memories with your photos. Marcel offers pre- and post-trip workshops.

AUGUST 9TH TO 13TH

ASTRONOMY WITH JENNIFER WEST

Learn to find your way among the constellations under the glorious Mantario Skies. Enjoy the Perseid meteor shower, which peaks on August 12th, and maybe even see some Aurora Borealis.

AUGUST 16TH TO 20TH

FAMILY WEEK WITH GILLIAN BRENNAN

Enjoy a fun-filled week for the entire family. Explore the wilderness, swim off of our dock, and see animals in their natural habitat. Roast marshmallows while listening to frogs sing and owls hoot. We will cater activities to participant's ages and interests. A wild adventure for everyone!

AUGUST 23RD TO 27TH

CANOE INSTRUCTION WITH D. KURT

Learn to paddle and portage more efficiently and safely, with an experienced Paddle Canada Certified Instructor. Achieve Flat Water Tandem certification while enjoying the trip. Join in nature walks, and berry/mushroom hunting.

AUG. 30TH TO SEPT. 3RD

FUN AND FISHING WITH MARC LECLAIR

The perfect combination – plenty of fresh air and exercise while learning to bait a hook, cast a line and catch your own dinner.

