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Rainy Lake to paddle for 100 days and 1,000 miles of lake and river wilderness. Canadian officials at the time said it probably was the longest continuous canoe trip ever attempted in Ontario.

The magnitude of the trip can be appreciated by locating Fort Frances near the international border and tracing a route northward to Kenora, Ontario. On the trip, they discovered their maps drastically out of date. They had planned a stop at a town called Jackson Manion to get supplies. Upon arrival there they found the one-time mining center has been a ghost town for 40 years. On their journey they also came across a bustling community called Slate Falls that was not even noted on their old maps.

They were 86 days out when they attempted to run the Kopka River gorge between Obonga and Kapka Lakes. They swamped and were swept down the dangerous rapids, causing Bob to lose his eye glasses and the maps. Mrs. Ahlin took over the navigational duties at this point and made it back to civilization.

As a result of all that, the livery the Ahlins now operate has detailed and up-to-date maps. Canoes North offers a complete range of services for fishing, canoeing, hunting, camping or just plain wilderness travel on the lake and river systems of the Canadian Shield.

Circuit trips can be arranged right from the Caribou Lake base, or arrangement can be made with the Canadian National Railway to drop off voyagers at selected put-in points for five days travel back to Armstrong. Air transportation can be arranged for remote or otherwise inaccessible put-in points. Canoes are lashed to pontoons of the aircraft and are carried along with passengers to remote regions.

If you want canoeing information on other spots in northwestern Ontario, write to Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism, Box 5000, Thunder Bay, Ontario. For information on other regions in Canada, write to Canadian Government Office of Tourism, Ottawa, Canada K1A0H6.

Rec Vehicles Really Popular

Some six million American families are now enjoying their vacation time in such units as motor homes, travel trailers and other types of camping units. This I learned from Thayne Smith, public relations director of the Recreation Vehicle Institute with headquarters in Chantilly, Va.

I did not realize that camping was that popular and I mentioned this to Smith.

He pointed out that recreational vehicles can make travel economically practical for the big family. And he cited some figures by saying:

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