



Canoe Wild Lakes & Rivers

Canoe Routes

Part of Algoma's heritage is the historic Indigenous and Fur Trade canoe routes, making the region home to some of the best wilderness paddling in Ontario. The **Missinaibi River**, a traditional water route from Lake Superior to James Bay, features a perfect mix of flatwater and intermediate whitewater for modern-day explorers. Wildlife like moose, black bear and wolves is abundant, along with wilderness camping. Sign up for a guided trip with **MHO Adventures**.

Thrive Tours offers Indigenous interpretive tours of regional lakes and rivers. Find a variety of interpretive guided paddling trips to explore Algoma with **Forest the Canoe**. Near Hearst, paddle into water-access campsites in **Fushimi Lake Provincial Park**, and hike a historic fire lookout tower.



Explore the Wild Shore

Coastal Hiking

There's plenty of hiking in **Lake Superior Provincial Park**, located on Highway 17 between Sault Ste. Marie and Wawa. The 8 km **Orphan Lake Trail** is a moderately difficult day hike for adults and adventurous families. On the trail, you will encounter lush forests, cascading waterfalls and a sweeping pebble beach on the Lake Superior coast.

Members of the Group of Seven found inspiration and solitude in the rugged wilderness of Algoma. The power of Lake Superior, known for its fury and magnificent shoreline was captured in sketches and paintings by the artists. Take a unique guided walk at Sandy Beach along the Lake Superior coastline to follow in the footsteps of painter A.Y. Jackson with **Soul of Superior**.



Ski Deep Powder

Downhill Skiing

The snowbelt hills north of Sault Ste. Marie was once a secret stash for local backcountry ski enthusiasts. Now, the word is out: **Bellevue Valley Lodge** is your destination for Ontario's best powder skiing on gladed runs. Enjoy bed and breakfast accommodations, with guided tours for all levels of backcountry skiers, snowboarders and snowshoers of all ages.

Rather stick to groomed runs? Located just 40 minutes north of Sault Ste. Marie, **Searchmont Ski Resort** boasts the highest vertical terrain in Ontario for alpine skiing and snowboarding, complete with high-speed chair lifts. Searchmont provides a range of amenities, including equipment rentals, lessons, a recently expanded beginner area, a modernized slopeside lodge, and new accommodation options.



Catch the Migration

Birdwatching

Grab your binoculars and visit **Sault Ste. Marie and Central Algoma** in May and September to witness the height of the spring and fall bird migrations. An impressive 241 species of songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl and raptors have been observed in the islands, wetlands and mixed woods of the **Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site**, adjacent to downtown. Cross the lock to discover easy nature trails alongside the St. Marys River rapids.

The tally for **Fort St. Joseph National Historic Site**, located off Highway 548 on St. Joseph Island, is almost as long—with the added opportunity of spotting Meadowlarks, Bluebirds and Bobolinks in pastoral landscapes adjacent to the **North Channel of Lake Huron**.

On the map and in real life,

Algoma is a landscape of superlatives. This huge area in Northern Ontario is bounded by Lake Superior and Lake Huron, the greatest of the Great Lakes. Inland lakes and rivers are scattered across the map like gems and arteries of blue, tempting paddlers and anglers alike. Algoma's forests blaze red and orange in autumn. Moving north, the maples give way to spruce and birch, providing a glimpse of Canada's vast boreal forest.

There's a lifetime's worth of adventures in the Algoma backcountry: Day hikes and long-distance backpacking trails, whitewater canoe routes, coastal kayak touring, mountain bike single-track, and pastoral backroads for cycle touring. Experience secluded drive-in and backcountry camping, abundant wildlife, and stunning landscapes and shorelines to tempt the photographer. Winter in Algoma provides Ontario's best cross-country and downhill skiing, snowshoeing and fat-biking.

All that allure is remarkably easy to access: Algoma is less than a day's drive on major highways from Toronto, Ottawa, Chicago and Detroit—and swifter yet via the Sault Ste. Marie International Airport. This map showcases the best outdoor adventures that Algoma has to offer in all seasons of the year. But there's only so much space on the map...and so much more to discover! Algoma is THAT spectacular.

2026 Algoma Outdoor Map

A Guide to Northern Ontario's Best Outdoor Adventures

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Hike Ancient Mountains

Scenic Hiking Trails

The **Voyageur Trail** is dedicated to wilderness-style hiking through parts of Algoma and close to communities. With 500 km of trails, it's maintained by a network of volunteer clubs. The payoff for intermediate and avid hikers are the scenic vistas, inland lakes, and views of the rugged landscape.

Mississagi Provincial Park, north of Elliot Lake on Highway 108, is a little-known treasure with a quiet campground, backcountry canoeing and great hiking, like the **Helebar Trail**. This 4-hour hike ascends from the campground, offering panoramic views of jewelstone lakes and Canadian Shield hills. **Potholes Provincial Park** on Highway 101 between Wawa and Chapleau, is an easy hike to explore geological features of sculpted rock.



Camp Without Crowds

Camping in Algoma

Car and RV camping and glamping are available at 9 provincial parks. **Agawa Bay Campground in Lake Superior Provincial Park** and the sand beach of **Pancake Bay Provincial Park** draw plenty of attention from campers. Go off the beaten path to enjoy the solitude of **Nagagamisis Provincial Park**, with 107 campsites on Highway 631, near Hornepayne.

In the Boreal Forest, **Wakami Lake Provincial Park**, on Highway 667 near Chapleau, offers great seclusion with 59 spacious campsites, great paddling and angling. **Ivanhoe Lake Provincial Park** has 108 campsites, on Highway 101 between Chapleau and Timmins. There are dozen of campgrounds offering tenting, RV sites, glamping domes and cabin rentals.



Ski Snowy Trails

Cross Country Skiing

Stats alone distinguish **Stokely Creek Lodge** as one of Canada's top cross-country ski destinations. Combine over 120 km of classic, skate-ski, backcountry and snowshoe trails with Scandinavian-style accommodations, gourmet meals, fun events and a wilderness backdrop. It's easy to see why Stokely regularly lists among North America's best in skier rankings.

Cross-country skiers in Sault Ste. Marie have it good: The area receives abundant snowfall, featuring impeccably groomed, challenging terrain within city limits at **Hiawatha Highlands**. The area boasts over 50 km of maintained ski, snowshoe, fat bike trails, rentals and instruction. Long winters make Hearst ideal with 15 km of cross-country trails and 9 km for snowshoeing.



Epic Waterfalls

Photography in Algoma

Lake Superior is known for its fickle moods, especially in autumn when westerly gales lash rocky shores with oceanic waves. Wawa is an epicentre for storm-chasers and surfers, with steep sand and pebble beaches and rock promontories making you feel like you're on the Pacific. Learn how to capture the drama at a photography workshop at **Rock Island Lodge**.

It's hard to pinpoint Algoma's best waterfall. The **Mississagi River's Aubrey Falls** scores high points for its veil of plummeting water. A short hiking trail leads to the falls from Highway 129, between Chapleau and Theessalon. **Chippewa Falls**, another photographer's favourite, is visible from Highway 17 north of Sault Ste. Marie with a short hiking trail.

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Kayak the Inland Seas

Kayaking Adventures

Algoma's Great Lakes coastline proves you don't have to go to the ocean to experience world-class sea kayaking. Lake Superior's **Michipicoten Bay**, near Wawa, is a great destination for novice paddlers. Sign up for a guided day trip with **Naturally Superior Adventures** and encounter huge beaches and a historic lighthouse. Michipicoten is a starting point for experienced sea kayakers setting off on multi-day wilderness trips on the pristine coastlines of Lake Superior Provincial Park and Pukaskwa National Park.



Cycle Trails & Backroads

Cycling Routes

Sault Ste. Marie's **Hiawatha Highlands** include mountain bike flow trails and technical single-track spanning over 40 km through a rugged wilderness of old-growth pine and secluded lakes. A new youth skills zone and pump track make it great for families, too. You won't find better mountain biking in Ontario. Visit **Vélorution** or **Algoma Bicycle Company** in Sault Ste. Marie for rentals and more information.



Trek the Landscape

Snowshoeing

Trek the picturesque winter landscape by snowshoe on trail systems in the Algoma region. Snowshoe trails at **Stokely Creek Lodge** vary from 2 to 25 km, with views from King Mountain. **Hiawatha Highlands** has over 14 km of snowshoe trails with both easy and challenging opportunities. Trail systems require passes and have warm-up shacks, snowshoe rentals, and, oftentimes, evening lantern snowshoe events.

For backcountry snowshoe adventures, book a guided snowshoe tour with local outfitters. Snowshoe to the Eagle Lookout or Full Moon Snowshoe with **Forest the Canoe**. Enjoy the crisp winter air and a renewed sense of winter's wonder with **Thrive Tours**' Indigenous-led interpretive snowshoe experiences.





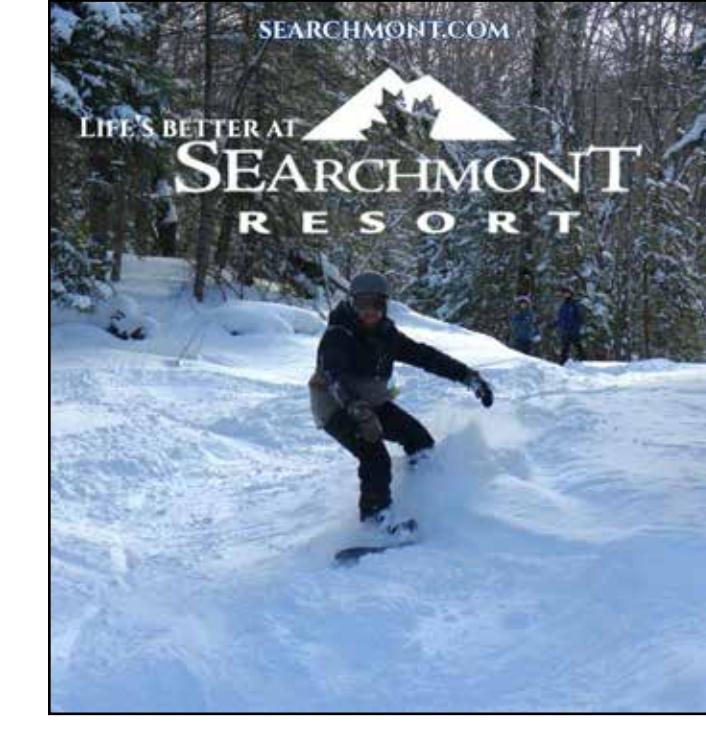
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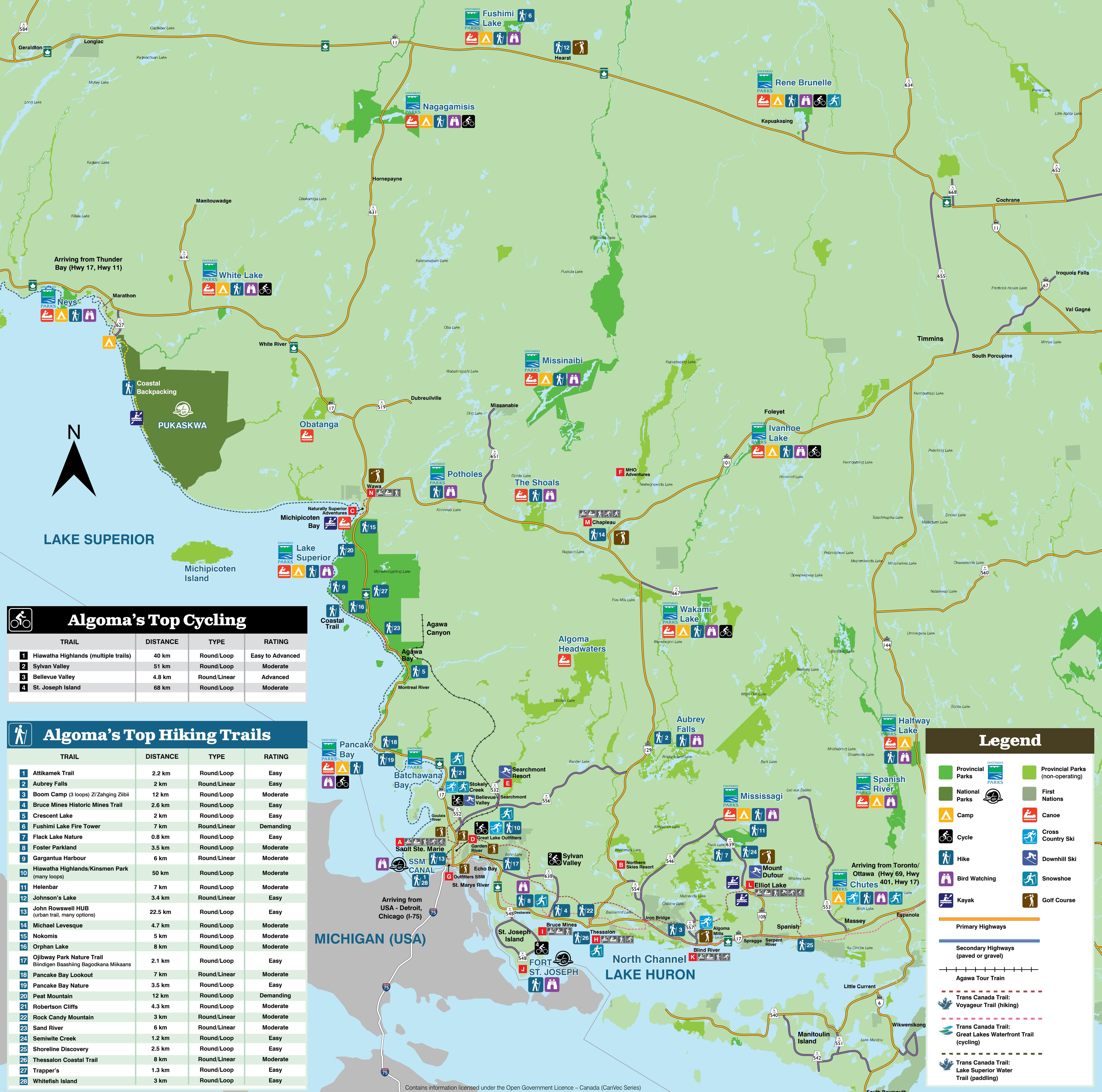
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