

Documents and information required for canoe/kayak-camping in the Assinica and the Albanel-Mistassini-et-Waconichi Lakes Wildlife Reserves

In order to ensure the safety of visitors to the territory of the Assinica and Albanel-Mistassini-and-Waconichi lakes wildlife reserves, the Nibiischii Corporation is in the process of upgrading its communications and risk management plan. Thus, all visitors wishing to stay by canoe-camping or kayak-camping in one of the lakes of the wildlife reserves must provide the following information at least one month prior to their arrival so that it can be analyzed and approved by those in charge:

- Route map with geographic coordinates of important locations. A map of the route showing the route, sleeping locations, starting and ending points and any other relevant features (shelter, etc.) should be provided by the visitor. Geographic coordinates for vehicle parking, start and finish points, and approximate sleeping locations should also be provided by the visitor;
- List of skills and abilities of participants and list of medical conditions. Participants should be able to demonstrate their level of comfort with expeditions of this type (self-sufficiency in the natural environment and technical skills related to the activity). Information to be recorded includes: previous expeditions or experience, level of practice, technical skills or certification, level of first aid, self-sufficiency in the natural environment, days of expeditions related to this discipline under their belt, etc.;
- Communication protocol and guardian angel. Daily communications should be established with an outside person (guardian angel). A means of recharging or use to limit the use of the charge should be established. An emergency communication protocol should be developed;
- List of safety equipment and items visible from a distance. Includes first aid, communication, orientation and navigation equipment, weather protection, safety equipment (PFD, kayak pump, etc.);
- Identification of all possible exit points for land evacuation (ATV and car);
- Identification of scenarios in case of temporary stop of progression when the progression is difficult: (night progression with permanent light device and GPS, emergency meal for 1 to 2 days of treading, ability to take weather forecast per day during the progression (daily during good conditions, 2 times per day during bad conditions, InReach or daily communication), planned buffer day, etc.);

The Consent and Assumption of Risk form must be signed by all members of the expedition and sent with the exit plan.

***** It is important to note that due to the current sanitary situation, access to Cree communities may be restricted or even prohibited. Please inform yourself before travelling to these communities.

***** Furthermore, the Nibiischii Corporation reserves the right to cancel a shipment for health or safety reasons.

We remain available for any questions. Good preparation and we look forward to welcoming you!

The Nibiischii Team