

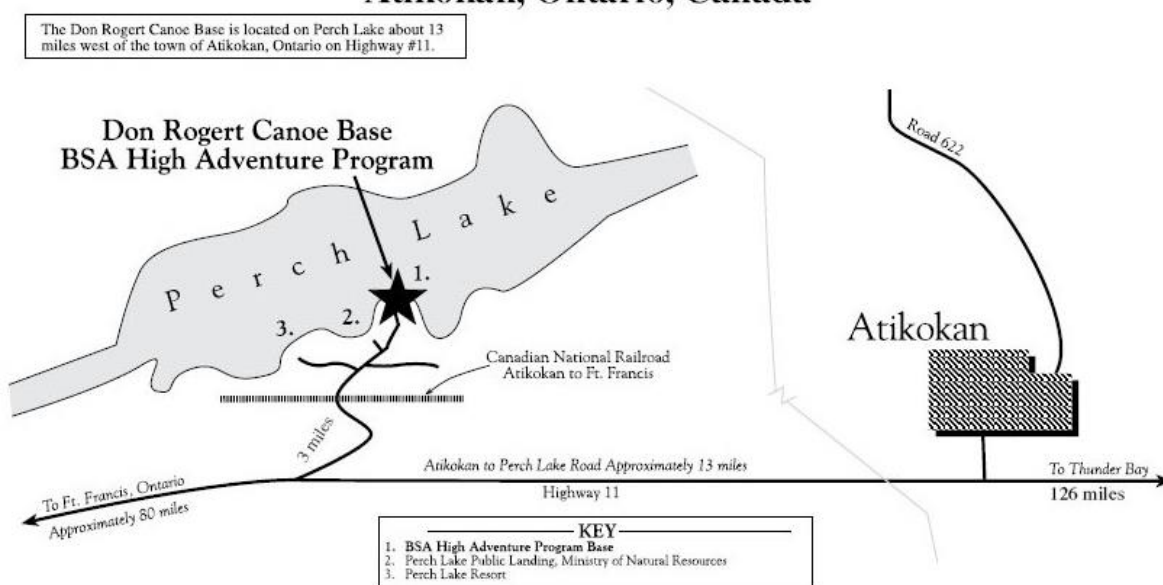
Atikokan, Ontario Travel Information

HOW DO I GET TO THE BASE?

You are responsible for your own transportation to Northern Tier. A printable version of the map below is available at ntier.org. The Atikokan Base is located on Perch Lake, approximately 13 miles west of Atikokan, Ontario just off of Canadian Highway 11. Please plan to arrive between 1:00 and 2:00 pm on the first day of your trip. You will need to eat lunch prior to your arrival.

NORTHERN TIER NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Don Rogert Canoe Base Atikokan, Ontario, Canada



TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS (In Canada):

The towns of International Falls, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario (just across the border from International Falls) are 80 miles to the west of the Atikokan base. Thunder Bay, Ontario is 140 miles to the East of Atikokan. The Minneapolis/St. Paul airport is 380 miles from the Atikokan base. *Note: while almost all cities in the Minnesota, Northwest Ontario, and Manitoba regions are on Central Time, the city of Thunder Bay is in the Eastern Time Zone. Check your watch in Thunder Bay!*

Crews traveling to Atikokan may choose to fly through Minneapolis, Minnesota – from there they can connect to Duluth, MN; International Falls, MN; or Thunder Bay, Ontario. Crews traveling from the eastern US (primarily Northeastern States) may fly through Toronto, ON to Thunder Bay, ON. Contact Air Canada, West Jet, or Delta Airlines for details, costs and schedules.

Travel options from airports include car and van rentals or bus shuttles. Single crews may find a vehicle rental is cheaper than a van shuttle. If you can arrange to coordinate with other crews traveling that day you can share the cost of a bus.

Caribou Coach	North Air Van Services	Iron Range Bus Lines
Cariboucoach.com 807.285.3456	Fort Frances, Ontario 800.465.7761	Thunder Bay, Ontario contactus@ironrangebus.com 866.345.7388 807.345.7387
Voyageur Charter Coach	Northern Lights Van Shuttle Service	
International Falls, MN 56649 218.377.4343 877.406.9342 www.voyagercharter.com	Biwabik, MN 55708 800.688.7669 ext. 8024 http://www.giantsridge.com/scout-groups-transportation.html	

CROSSING THE CANADIAN BORDER

Travel into Canada with a group of youth requires careful planning. The documentation required to travel outside the US (passports and passport cards) may take several months to acquire.

Please read the following information carefully. If you have any additional questions, please consult the US State Departments webpage on travel to Canada (<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/canada.html>) as well as the Canada Border Services Agency's website (<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>).

Please follow these steps to ensure safe and conflict-free border crossings:

- **All participants who are US citizens must bring an original proof of citizenship (Passport or Passport Card) to cross the border.** Passport cards **cannot** be used for some methods of crossing the border (i.e., by plane). Naturalized citizens should bring their naturalization certificate. Getting a passport can take several months – if you need a passport, start this process well in advance of your trip.
 - Non-US Citizen participants should contact a [US Immigrations Office](#) and a [Canadian Customs](#) office to make sure their documentation is in order. Permanent non-US Citizens are advised to bring their Alien Registration Receipt Card. Non-US Citizens must have a multiple entry Visa to return to the United States.
- **All youth age 17 and under must have a [Parental Release Form](#) allowing them to travel internationally.** This form can be found on the Northern Tier website www.ntier.org/tripplanning or in appendix L.
 - The Parental Release Form must be *signed by both parents and have both parents' contact information*. Children with special circumstances (death of a parent, legal guardian, etc.) should bring proof of their custody arrangement.
 - The Canadian government is very concerned about the trafficking of children across the border. They require these documents to ensure that all children are crossing the border with the consent of all legal guardians. While currently, the [Parental Release Form](#) does not require notarization, rules may change in the future.
- **Anyone with a criminal record should review this Canadian Immigration website** (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/guides/5312ETOC.asp#overview>) to ensure that they will be allowed to cross the border. In some cases, individuals may apply for a waiver to have their border crossing approved. Certain violations (ex. DUIs and Reckless Driving) can be significant obstacles in crossing the border.

Where can I stay en route to the base?

When you are planning flights, please consider the option of spending a night en route. While it is possible to arrange an early flight and then drive to base, you will arrive at the base after an already long day to begin hours of intense preparation for your wilderness trip.

Crews arriving in Northwestern Ontario prior to their scheduled arrival date should not plan on staying at base. There are several good campgrounds in the Thunder Bay – Atikokan – Fort Frances region. Groups may stay at:

- **Marr's Perch Lake resort**, is almost right across the street from the base. Convenient for crews travelling in the day before. There is housing and a restaurant on site and is within walking distance to the base. Phone: (807) 597-1233, marr@perchlake.on.ca, <http://perchlake.on.ca/>
- **Grey Wolf Scout Camp** outside Thunder Bay. It has been used in the past by numerous crews and have both campsites and cabins available. For bookings contact Roberta Wolfe at 807.623.2230 or email scouts@tbaytel.net or Camp Ranger William Taylor at 807.344.3338 or campchief@shaw.ca.
- If traveling through Thunder Bay, you may wish to overnight at **Fort William Historical Park**. Old Fort William is an historical recreation of an early 1800s fur trade fort, offering an overnight living history program specially catered for scouting groups. Call 807.473.2344 or visit their website at www.fwhp.ca.
- If you plan on spending the night in Minnesota before driving to the Atikokan Base, consider staying at Giant's **Ridge Ski Resort** in Biwabik, MN, a resort offering lodging, food service and recreation at reasonable rates for scouting groups 800.688.7669 or www.giantsridge.com.