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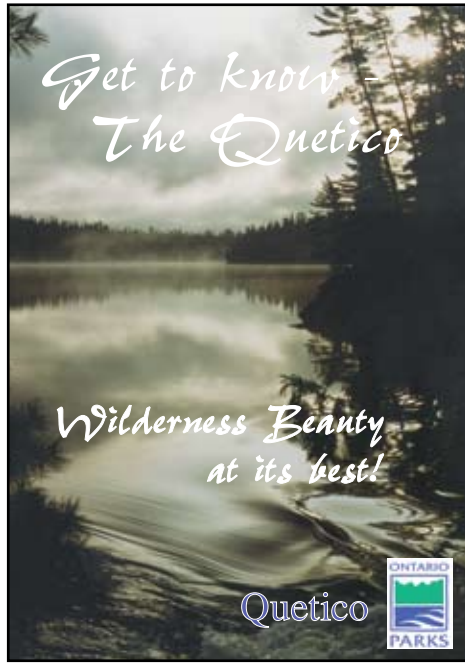


White Otter Castle was built by one man, alone. Jimmy McOuatt (pronounced "McKewitt") was born in Argenteuil County, Ottawa Valley, on January 17, 1855. He homesteaded on Rainy River near Emo in 1887. In 1898 he bought two neighbouring farms; then sold all three farms, and gambled on the gold rush in the area. When the mines closed in 1900 Jimmy had lost all his life savings. He arrived on White Otter Lake (then called 'Big Clearwater Lake') in 1903, and built a shack near the castle site. He worked at one time for Captain Ed Trip, a commercial fisherman on Clearwater West Lake. It isn't known for sure when he started building the castle, but he lived in it for only four years, from 1914 to 1918. He drowned while netting fish in front of the castle in October, 1918. In the spring of 1919 fire rangers from Ignace, Tony Berglund and T.C. Campbell found his decomposed body and buried it near the castle. (From 'White Otter Castle' - The Legacy of Jimmy McOuatt by Elinor Barr).

In the early 1950s the Department of Lands and Forests undertook repairs to the castle, including a new roof, replacement of missing logs, and pouring a cement foundation. More recently, a million dollar Conservation Project by the Friends of White Otter Castle has been completed, ensuring that the Castle will endure as a legacy to Jimmy McOuatt. Elinor Barr writes: 'The Castle has endured for seventy years as a symbol of man's triumph over nature and also of the creative impulse that most people possess but seldom express. Jimmy translated his dream into reality and herein lies the secret of the Castle's appeal.'

The White Otter Castle is located in the Turtle River-White Otter Lake Provincial Waterway park. Waterway parks incorporate outstanding recreational water routes with representative natural features and historical resources to provide high quality educational experiences. This Park features scenic waterways and representative samples of Canadian Shield and southern Boreal forest, as well as the significant pictograph sites along the waterway.

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**Retreat to a Wilderness of Beauty - Quetico Provincial Park**

Explore Quetico, an ancient land of majestic cliffs, spectacular waterfalls and lush forests. Quetico's large network of interconnected lakes has earned it an International reputation for unparalleled wilderness canoeing. More than 4,758 square kilometres of this peaceful, northern landscape have been preserved leaving its natural and historical character virtually untouched.

The park preserves an area of great natural value and historic significance. Early aboriginal people are thought to have arrived in the area about 9,000 years ago. Different cultures have left subtle and intriguing evidence of their presence over the years, but Quetico's natural history remains intact.

The park is a naturalist's paradise. As you retreat into the interior of Quetico you're sure to be treated to spectacular wildlife sightings. The canoeist is almost guaranteed to see one of northwestern Ontario's most magnificent creatures, the moose. These ungainly, yet graceful, creatures feed among the lily pads and bulrushes throughout the summer. In the early evening, you'll often hear the loon's echoing cry or the hooting of a barred owl. Bird watchers are often rewarded by a glimpse of an osprey or bald eagle as these majestic birds of prey soar high above the lakes.

Quetico's floral component is dominated by boreal species such as: black spruce, jack pine, trembling aspen and white birch. Plant communities of other life zones such as the mixed forest, prairie and sub-arctic exist in pockets throughout the park. Quetico is, of course, renowned for its magnificent stands of red and white pine, which tower over the park's sparkling shorelines.

Come, experience the wilderness of Quetico where solitude and nature await you.

## Crown Land Shuttle Points

1. Secret Lake
2. Grey Trout Lake
3. Clearwater West Lake
4. Turtle Lake
5. Dashwa Lake
6. Finlayson Lake
7. Marmion Lake
8. Donald Rogert Base



## Quetico Provincial Park Shuttle Points

12. French Lake to Pickeral Entry
- 12A. Stanton Bay to Pickeral Entry
21. Nym Lake to Batcheaung Lake Entry
22. Lerome Lake to Sue Falls Entry
31. Beaverhouse Lake to Cirrus Lake Entry-Fly-in Only
32. Beaverhouse Lake to Quetico Lake Entry-Fly-in Only

SUMMER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND TRAVEL AIDS
Camping	Major Highways
Hiking (provincial parks)	Other Roads
Backpacking (provincial parks)	Railways
Canoeing (provincial parks)	Airports
Boat Launches	First Nation Lands
Marinas	City, Town, Village
Golfing	WINTER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
Horseback Riding	Snowmobiling
Canoe Cache	Ice Fishing
	Cross Country Skiing
	Alpine Skiing
<b>PARKS</b>	<b>TOURIST ATTRACTIONS</b>
Provincial Parks	Natural Features
National Parks	Historic Sites
	Points of Interest

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