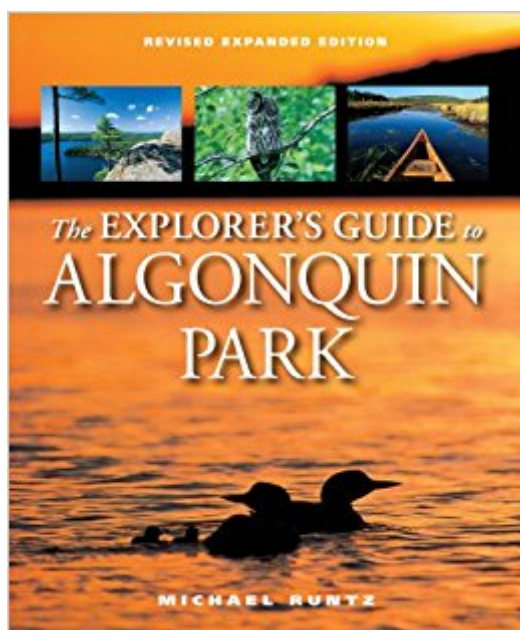


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# The Explorer's Guide To Algonquin Park



## Synopsis

All about Canada's oldest and most famous provincial park. Algonquin is a near-North paradise of 3,500 square miles of forests, lakes and rivers atop the rugged Canadian Shield. This idyllic haven from urban life features 1,500 lakes and is easily accessible from dozens of major U.S. and Canadian population centers. Michael Runtz has spent decades exploring Algonquin Provincial Park and chronicling its flora and fauna in all seasons. He is the ideal guide to everything a visitor might want to know about and experience within Algonquin. The features of this guidebook include: Access routes, hiking trails and canoe routes indicated on easy-to-read full-color maps Special chapters on seasonal highlights such as fall colors, wolf-howling sessions, and Northern Lights displays Points of historical interest, such as ranger cabins and aboriginal rock paintings Where, when and how to see moose, wolves, birds and other wildlife A complete list of park facilities, services and publications. The new, expanded color edition of The Explorer's Guide to Algonquin Park includes dozens of the author's award-winning photographs and chapters on local animal species and their habitats.

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## Customer Reviews

If you want to explore Algonquin's 3,500-square-mile wilderness paradise of forests, lakes, rivers and rugged Canadian Shield, this is the book to take along. (Maureen Littlejohn The Toronto Star 2008-08-16) This very useful book first appeared in 1993, the 100th anniversary of Ontario's original provincial park... This revised and expanded edition is loaded with great pictures, maps and park info. This is not a canoe book or a route guide but rather an overall appreciation of this great park...

Runtz takes the readers across the breadth of it, detailing hiking trails, points of interest, historical remnants, some excellent maps of each access point and all kinds of ideas on how to see the often abundant wildlife. (CHE-MUN (Journal of Canadian Wilderness Canoeing)) You name it, this book has it. A must if you plan to camp in Algonquin! (Donna Sauriol Home and School News) Lavishly illustrated, the third edition of naturalist and photographer Michael Runtz's guide to Algonquin Park, 15 years after the release of the first edition, offers readers a general guide to what they'll find. (Bruce Deachman The Ottawa Citizen 2008-07-12) A comprehensive introduction to all of the features of the park: the routes to take, where to camp, there to hike and what to see there.... An added bonus is the very fine photographs taken by the author. [The book is] highly readable and contains a wealth of information for the beginner or seasoned adventurer. (Grand Magazine) Looking forward to a weekend away, camping with the family? The Explorer's Guide to Algonquin Park is an invaluable resource for anyone looking to explore one of Ontario's greatest natural treasures. This guide is the only Algonquin Park guide written by a naturalist who is fully familiar with the area... This book is as indispensable as insect repellent and good hiking boots. (Rob Mooy Frontenac This Week/Kingston This Week 2010-01-08)

Michael Runtz is a highly respected Canadian naturalist, nature photographer and natural history author. His best-selling books include *Moose Country* and *Algonquin Souvenir*. He was host of the popular *Wild by Nature* television series and is a frequent national television and radio programs. He lives in Seeley's Bay, Ontario.

Algonquin is a magical place. I am retired and was a white water canoeist who paddled the Petawawa River in Algonquin decades ago. It appears to be a nice book, but I was looking to have one that concentrated on canoeing in the park. It has a small section on the subject I wanted. Not being that much of a reader, I will probably wind up giving this as a gift to an outdoor friend. One of the few things I could will to someone.

Great pictures, great information about the park. I bought this book "used" though it was in pristine condition.

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Excellent book received quickly ~ thank you!

We lived in Ottawa, Ontario for 25 years and canoed Algonquin Park for many years. My wife and two sons went to Carleton University in Ottawa and took Michael Runtz's Natural History Course and brought home A's. Unfortunately, I didn't take his course but took Economics which was a mistake. This 2015 Christmas my oldest son's family gave me the book, The Explorer's Guide to Algonquin Park and I really liked it and gave it five stars. It gives you a little natural history on the park's environment and some information on what one is expected to see on certain canoe routes. If one just wants information on canoe routes, then purchase the paper back A Paddler's Guide to Algonquin Park. As a retired Landscape Architect, I have always been impressed with the management of Algonquin Park, that should be another book.

I bought the author's original guide several years ago and found it most useful and informative. The park is huge and the book is geared to the vast majority of the public who experience the park along the highway corridor. I had to laugh at the reviewer who is disappointed that the book reveals no "secrets," for obvious reasons - how secret would they be in a widely distributed publication? More accurately though, the many observations and suggestions for viewing wildlife and choosing camping areas ARE the "secrets" since most people won't read the book. Alas, many people do read the book which can make for crowded places. For instance, I frequent a certain spot in the fall when I visit the park to see moose. This spot rarely disappoints. Years ago only a handful of people, if that, would be around at dawn. But the last couple of years it's been like a Walmart parking lot! But it doesn't seem to spook the moose who still frequently show up. I've also seen wolves 3 times in 4 trips two of which were at spots the author suggested. In the last 3 years I've acquired the birding bug. I've found the author's suggestions to be provident. Unlike the moose spots, the birding spots are sometimes in areas where park visitors rarely tread. I'm usually out there alone and finding great birds! In short, the book is very good. It helps the visitor get an enhanced Algonquin experience whether seeking wildlife or choosing a campground or hiking trail. I recommend it to anyone who wants to know more about this incredible park.

This provides you with a very good overview of places to visit inside the park. It includes all areas: the Highway 60 corridor, the north and the east sides of the park. The book goes into details of good places to visit for scenic views, or viewing wildlife, or having a picnic. This is a good book to bring with you when you visit the Park. What stopped me from giving this book 5-stars was that most of the information available in the book is also available on the internet. I was hoping to learn of secret

trails, or places to visit that the average tourist doesn't know about. There were a couple of places I never knew existed, but not as much as I had hoped for. The book is a good guide to take with you to the park to remind you of interesting places.

This book is filled with many beautiful photographs of Algonquin Park and would look great on anyone's coffee table. What it won't give you is any kind of information an "Explorer" would find useful. There's a bare minimum of information on interior trips, some information on highway-side attractions, and a whole lot of info on the different kinds of animals that inhabit the park, along with tracks and scat signs, and pretty pictures. If you really want to explore Algonquin park, leave this book on the shelf.

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