Remote, Wild, Untouched

The large, fast flowing Albany traverses the center of Ontario before it empties into the salt water of James Bay, at the far-flung Hudson Bay Company outpost and First Nation community of Fort Albany, first established in 1684.

Ghosts of Fur Traders

Natives and Europeans haunt abandoned trading posts. The incredible silence is broken only by eagles screaming overhead and wolf packs howling to the wind. A trip of a lifetime.

For Experienced Trippers

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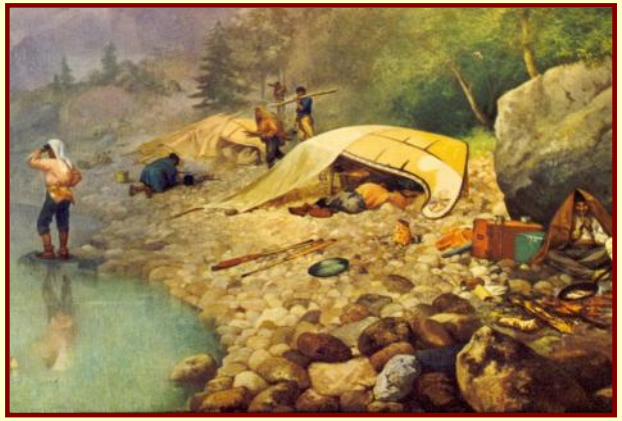

Detail from "Voyageurs at the End of Day" By Frances Hopkins

Fur Trade Highway

250 Mile Wilderness Expedition
Limestone Rapids to Fort Albany

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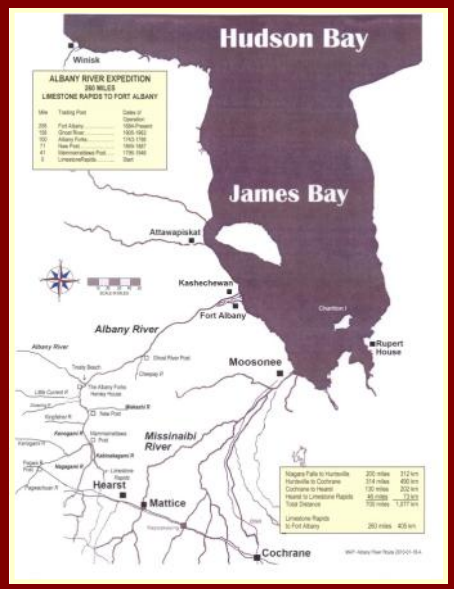

Loading canoes onto bush plane at Anderson Point.

Fur Trade River

250 Miles on the Albany River Watershed

Kabinikagami, Kenogami and Albany Rivers

At 2:30 in the afternoon, a wolf pack howled on the shore, breaking the incredible silence. Albany River, Ontario.

Remote Wilderness Expedition in northern Ontario. The route begins at Limestone Rapids, near Hearst, Ontario and ends at the First Nations community of Fort Albany. The Kabinikagami (75 meters wide) and Kenogami (250 meters) flow into the mighty Albany (800 meters). Mammamattawa Post, abandoned only in 1946, is the first of many trading posts of the great fur trading companies on this very important water highway leading 750 miles into the mid-Canada. Wilderness engulfs you as you paddle through the vast James Bay lowlands. Excellent camping skills are needed to contend with elemental weather. Good physical fitness and steady people skills will help you contend with the stress of paddling 25 miles a day. There are no roads for 250 miles; it is necessary to take a bush plane out from Fort Albany back to Hearst.

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Rita Metatawabin, Age 1 - 1952.
Final resting place - Ghost River Post.

Native Cree encampment, Albany River 1886
(Canadian Geological Survey)

'James Bay Tarp' provides good protection from rain.