



Autumn

Trip to Northern Ontario

This itinerary will give suggestions on what to see and do for each section of your trip. An approximate time spent at each location will also be provided. *It is NOT possible to visit each location unless you start early in the day.* The time from the cottage to Twin Lakes Camping is 7 hours.

Monday - September 23

Wake: Be up and ready to go as early as possible. There are a number of locations to visit between here and the campground that you will be staying tonight.

Goal: Stay on Highway 11

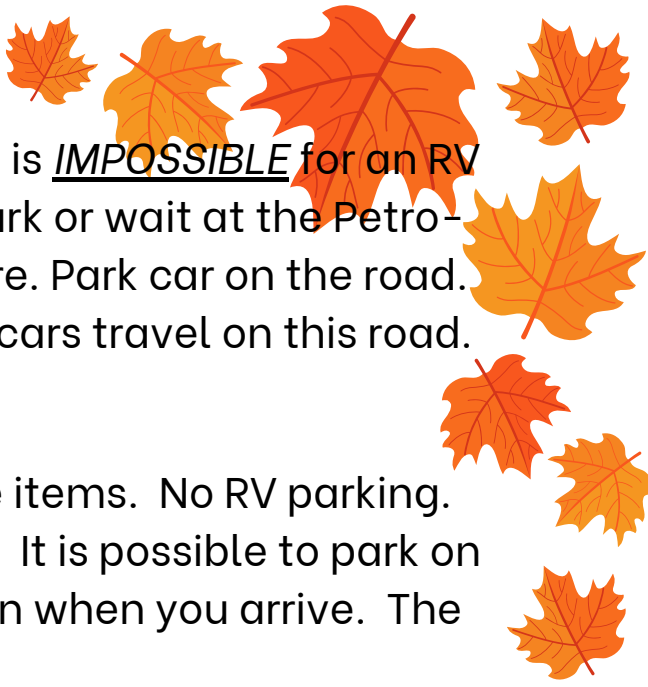
Brook's Falls - odd-shaped parking lot that should fit an RV, if it is not busy. A short walk to a nice waterfall.

Time for last destination: 1:10 **D**istance from last destination: 96 KM **S**pend this much time here: 30 minutes

Screaming Heads - Drive a small distance past where Google has it located. A large parking lot. FREE. Opens at 8:00 AM. Walk around to see all the screaming heads. It is unlikely the gift shops will be open today.

T: 22 D: 24 S: 1:00





Wasi River Rapids - Impressive rapids. It is IMPOSSIBLE for an RV to go down this road. Consider the RV park or wait at the Petro-Canada that you have to pass to get here. Park car on the road. There is minimal shoulder, but very few cars travel on this road.


T: 50 D: 80 S: 30

Uprooted Design - Gift shop with unique items. No RV parking. The road does have a minimal shoulder. It is possible to park on the road, but take that into consideration when you arrive. The store opens at 10:00 AM.

T: 7 D: 6 S: 30

Duchesnay Falls Trail - A must-visit if you love waterfalls. The parking lot might be challenging for an RV if it is full. From the parking lot, look for the trail that runs along the river. There will be a few hard-to-hike spots, but most of the trail is relatively easy. This is a cascade waterfall (a series of smaller falls). Walk up one side of the river/falls, cross over the bridge and walk down the other side. BRING WATER.

T: 25 D: 18 S: 1:00




Black Forest Park - Walk among impressively tall trees. Ample parking that should be easy for an RV. There are paths around the entire park, but considering the distance you need to make today, walk among the closest trees and continue on your journey.

T: 12 D: 13 S: 15

Marten River Pickerel - A roadside photo op.

T: 25 D: 40 S: 10



Temagami Fire Tower—This is a great view of the country. If the lot is full, finding parking may be challenging for an RV. The road to the fire tower is windy and steep. See if it is possible to park an RV across the road from Country Style (marked the a ? on the map) and drive by car.

T: 35 D: 48 S: 30

World's Shortest Covered Bridge - Not possible to drive the RV over. It is in a neighbourhood area so the RV can drive around the block. Take the car over the bridge. Consider having someone take a video.

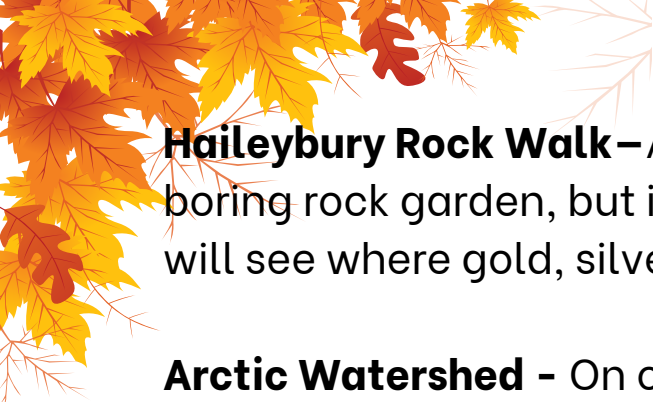
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Cobalt Silver Heritage Trail—This fascinating tour of various locations will show and teach about the silver mining industry. SITES 4 and 16 MAY BE CHALLENGING FOR AN RV. Most locations have either street parking or a small lot. There are information panels at all the sites. This tour does take you off Highway 11 and will take considerable time to complete. Be careful about taking some rocks as souvenirs; they could be considered mildly toxic. For a map and guide, in case the information panels are damaged: <https://cobalthistoricalsociety.ca/heritage-silver-trail/>

T: 12 D: 14 S: 2:00

Peter Grant House - Since you are off the highway, continue a little way to the largest house ever built in Canada. It was never completed because the guy ran out of money and went broke. It lays abandoned. You can only look at it from the road. Entry onto the grounds will result in trespassing charges.





Haileybury Rock Walk – At first glance, it looks like a really boring rock garden, but if you stop and look at each rock, you will see where gold, silver, and many other minerals come from.

Arctic Watershed - On one side of the sign, all water will eventually flow to the Arctic Ocean. On the other side, the water will flow to the Atlantic Ocean. It is a small stop to stretch your legs.

T (from World's Smallest Covered Bridge): 1:30 D: 120 S: 15

20-Foot-Tall Guy-Paul Treefall- Another roadside photo op.

T: 50 D: 74 S: 10

49th Parallel Park - A small stop on the side of the road explaining the 49th Parallel.

T: 26 D: 41 S: 10

Moonbeam UFO Monument - A neat little alien ship. The gift shop is most likely closed. Take a photo and try not to be beamed aboard!

T: 1:10 D: 103 S: 10

Twin Lakes Camping - Your home for the night.

T: 3 D: 4





Tuesday - September 24

It is that time of year when most of the tourist attractions are closed. Today will be mostly driving with small photo ops. Travel time to Thunder Bay is 7 hours. The earlier you get up, the more you can do on this list of suggestions.

Goal - To continue on Highway 11.

Kapuskasing Welcome Centre - It is likely this is closed. Inside there is a small museum. Outside are some large sculptures. Be sure to read the signage outside and learn about the harsh treatment Canada did to Ukrainians.

T: 21 D: 25 S: 20

Kapuskasing Internment Cemetery - The site where Ukrainians were imprisoned. Some died. Only roadside parking.

T: 4 D: 3 S: 20

Reesor Siding Memorial - A act of violence happened here. See the monument. Consider leaving RV on the road.

T: 31 D: 49 S: 20

Voyageur - A photo op of a man with a canoe.

T: 9 D: 15 S: 10



Hearst - Three spots to stop and take a photo:

- Our Veterans Park
- Gilles Gagnon Welcome Centre
- Scierie Heritage Sawmill

T: 20 D: 30 S: 30

World's Largest Snowman - Sadly, it's not made of snow but a cute photo.

T: 3:30 D: 323 S: 10

Jumbo's Cove Train Tunnel - Take a short hike through an abandoned train tunnel. Find parking on the side of the road. It is large enough for the RV. Cross the road and then walk a short way to the trail. Turn right on the trail and pass through the tunnel. You must return the way you came.

T: 18 D: 24 S: 45

Cascade Falls - A short hike off the road. Park the RV at Palisades of the Pijitawabik; it is large enough for several vehicles. Walk along the path. The waterfall will be coming off the cliff. It might be possible to see it from the road. BUT, it might not be flowing if it is dry in the area.

T: 15 D: 15 S: 15

Nipigon Lookout - A simple lookout with views of the river and bridge.

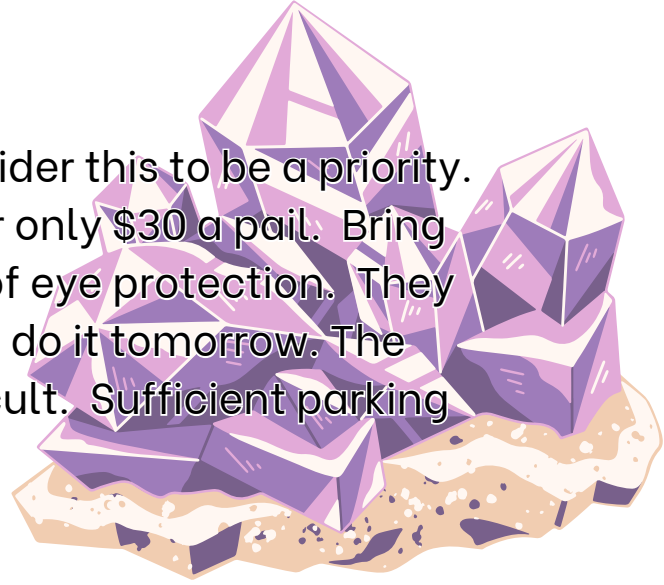
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Canada's Smallest Canadian Tire - Do you need anything from here? Small parking lot. RV will need to park on the road.



Diamond Willow Amethyst Mine - Consider this to be a priority. You can mine for your own amethyst for only \$30 a pail. Bring tools or borrow theirs. Have some sort of eye protection. They close at 5:00. If you can't do this today, do it tomorrow. The road is narrow. An RV might find it difficult. Sufficient parking on site.

T: 46 D: 59 S: 2:00



Thunder Bay KOA Holiday

T: 40 D: 46

Wednesday - September 25

Goal - To get to Sioux Narrows, where you are staying for the week. Travel time is 6 hours. How many of these locations that you are able to visit is dependant on when you leave Thunder Bay.

Did you do **Diamond Willow Amethyst Mine**? If not, consider doing it today. They open at 9:00. If today cannot be done, you will have one more opportunity to come here on the way back home.

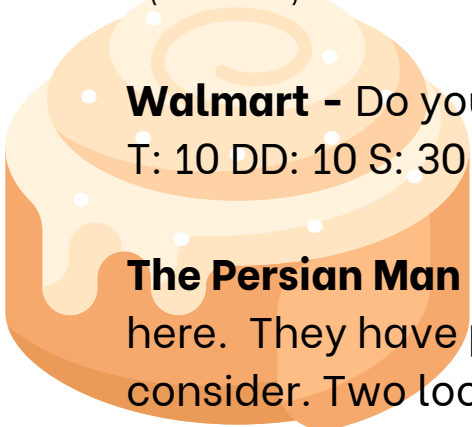
Terry Fox Visitor Information Centre - Tourism Thunder Bay - A small site dedicated to Terry Fox. His marathon ended here. Also has a great view of the Sleeping Giant. Can you see it across the water? RV parking is available.

T (from KOA): 4 D: 4 S: 20

Walmart - Do you need anything?

T: 10 DD: 10 S: 30

The Persian Man - Apparently the cinnamon rolls are to die for here. They have pick icing and are rather large. Something to consider. Two locations in Thunder Bay.



International Friendship Gardens— There are 18 ethnic gardens. At this time of year, nothing much grows, but each area has statuary and signage. It's a nice area for a stroll. RVs and cars can park on the road. A Persian Man location is not far, and this could be a nice place to eat the cinnamon roll.

High Falls on the Pigeon River - WARNING: you will be right at the border crossing. Be sure you do not accidentally cross the border. There is an Ontario Travel Information Center. Park at this location. You will then hike alongside the road, cross the road, and take either direction when the trail splits. Both will lead to a picturesque waterfall. The river that flows forms the border between the USA and Canada. Do not take the same way back because on one of the trails will be signage and even ruins of this area being a former resort location a century ago. Good walking shoes are recommended.

T: (from Thunder Bay) 1:00 D: 68 S: 1:30

Little Falls and **Middle Falls** are also on this river. It is accessible by vehicle and is relatively easy to access from the road. It is also on the river that forms the border.

T: 12 D: 6 S: 20

Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park - The Niagara of the North.

Ontario's second-highest falls. Absolutely beautiful. There is a hiking path to a second falls. Vehicle parking is \$13. It is worth the visit.

T: 46 D: 60 S: 90

Central/Eastern Standard Time Zone - A rest stop on the border between the two time zones. The large sign is the actual physical border. You will enter and exit the time zones if you run around the sign. You will literally be time-travelling. The faster you run around the sign, the more time you travel. If you feel nauseous, that is the effect of travelling through time so much and has nothing to do with being dizzy.

T: 50 D: 75 S: 20 (more if you become sick from too much time travel.)

Raleigh Falls - This is a rest stop that so many people fail to notice the amazing falls behind it. It is picturesque and easy to access. Be sure to walk past the outhouses, toward the river and go upstream.

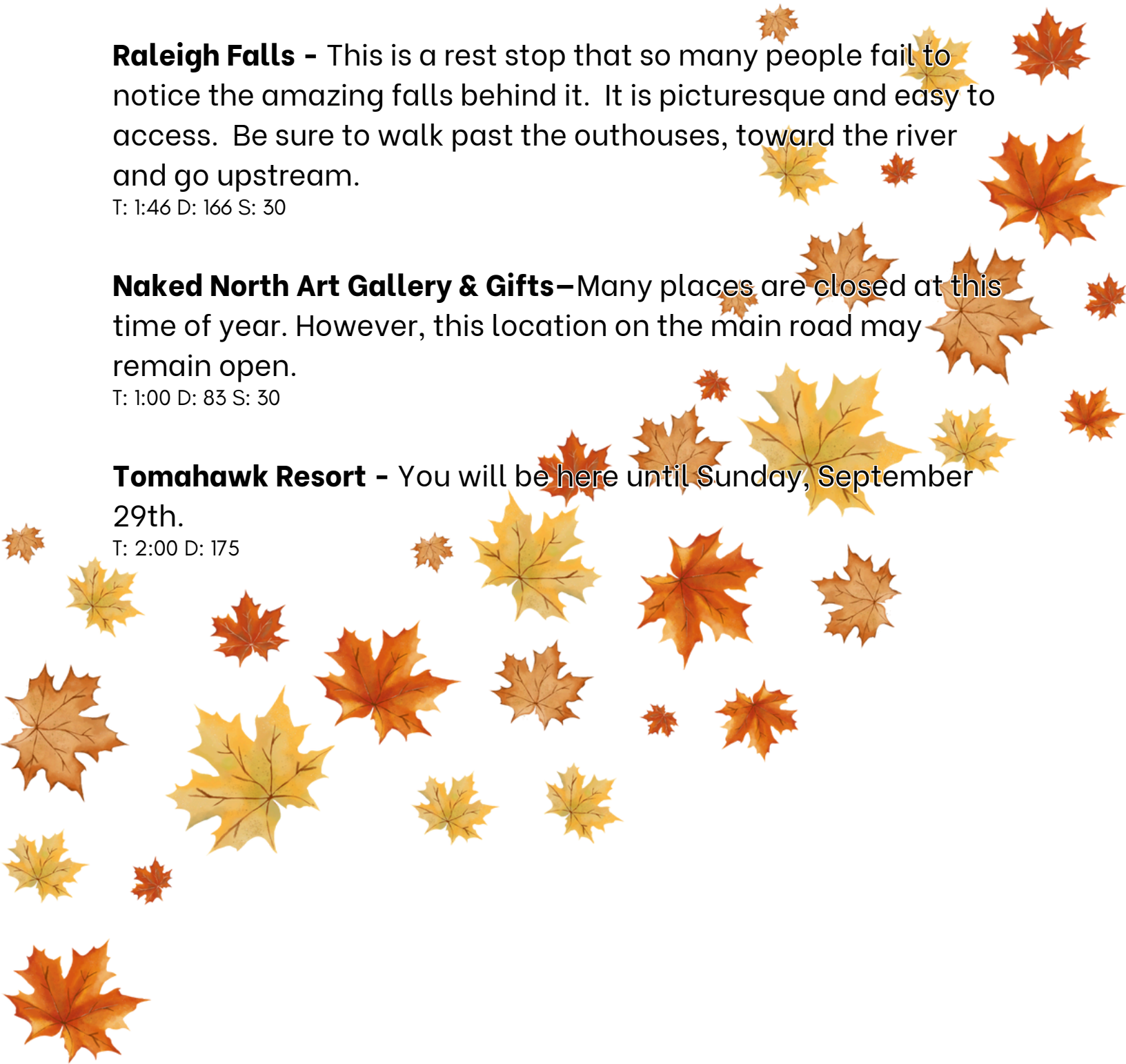
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Naked North Art Gallery & Gifts - Many places are closed at this time of year. However, this location on the main road may remain open.

T: 1:00 D: 83 S: 30

Tomahawk Resort - You will be here until Sunday, September 29th.

T: 2:00 D: 175



Thursday - September 26

A day trip to Kenora. Kenora is one hour from your location.

On the way to Kenora - **Rushing River Provincial Park** - Entry fee. There are four main trails. Beaver Pond Trail is easy and goes to a beaver pond. Granite Knoll Trail is the longest trail following the shore. Lower Rapids Trail leads to a rapids and is easy. Pine Ridge trail is short but has tall Red Pine trees. Good hiking shoes are recommended.

T: 40 D: 53 S: 3:00

Tim Hortons - Precious, precious coffee.

T: 17 D: 24 S: 20

Walmart - Do you need to get supplies? It is behind the Canadian Tire that is across the street from Tim Hortons.

Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre - Consider visiting here first to see what is open. It is now outside of tourist season so many places are closed or have reduced hours.

The Muse - Lake of the Woods Museum & Douglas Family Art Centre - Admission. A small community museum. There is an art gallery across the road.

Husky the Muskie - A large statue of a fish in a picturesque location.

Keewatin Rock-Holes - A very short walk to see almost perfectly made holes in a rock. You will be mistaken to think these are man-made. Signage explains the process.

Tunnel Island (Waa'say'Gaa'Boo) Trail - Relatively easy hiking trail along the Winnipeg River.

Redditt Bottle House - Consider asking about this location at the Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre to see if it is open or easy to view. It is located 30 minutes north of Kenora so if it is not accessible, it is an hour round trip that is wasted.



Friday - September 27

Have you been to Winnipeg, Manitoba? Today you will. It is 3 hours from your location **SO GET UP VERY EARLY!!!** You can sleep in tomorrow.

Manitoba Welcomes You - A photo op to show everyone you have entered Manitoba. Limited roadside parking on a busy road.

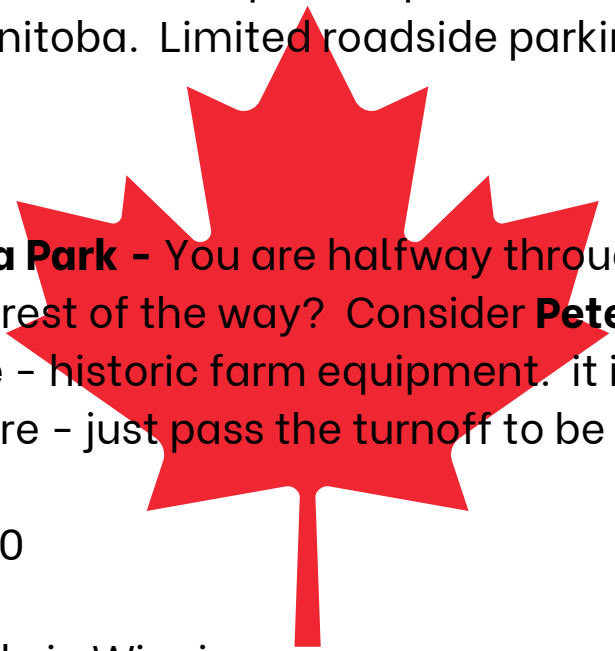
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Centre of Canada Park - You are halfway through Canada. Why not continue the rest of the way? Consider **Pete's Center**
Canada Heritage - historic farm equipment. it is a very short distance from here - just pass the turnoff to be back on the road.

T: 1:13 D: 130 S: 30

Choose what to do in Winnipeg:

- **Royal Mint** - Open 9 to 5. Tours. Admission.
- **Dalnavert Museum** - Tour a small mansion. Admission. One hour tours start at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00.
- **Manitoba Legislative Building** - Free tour of this historic building is ONLY at 2:00.
- **Winnipeg Art Gallery** - Are you into art? Admission.





- **The Leaf** - A large conservatory that only opened last year. It is located in Assiniboine Park. Parking is free and there are statues throughout this large park. Admission for entering The Leaf. Closes late.
- **Leo Mol Sculpture Garden** - Located in Assiniboine Park, it is an area of high-quality statues. Well worth the long walk through the park from The Leaf and is free. Or consider driving to the Pavilion for a shorter walk and see the art gallery there.
- **Assiniboine Park Zoo** - If you have visited The Leaf and parked there, drive closer to the zoo. Admission. Closes at 5:00.
- **The Old Spaghetti Factory** - It is time to eat at The Forks. If this restaurant is not for you, there are many other food options.
- **The Forks** - tour this area. There are art installations and statues. Watch for gophers!

Giant Stump - It is time to leave Winnipeg and Manitoba. On the highway back is a giant stump in the middle of nowhere. Turn off the highway and slowly drive to the stump. It will stump you why it is there. It will be dark on the way - you do not need to get out of the car to see it.

T: 1:00 D: 90 S: 10

Tomahawk Resort

T: 2:13 D: 212

Saturday - September 28

Travelling is exhausting. Use this day to rest and relax, after all you are on vacation! Just stay at the resort because there is a long drive ahead to get home.





Sunday - September 29

Today you begin your journey home. You will take a different way to Thunder Bay. There are only a few places to see, especially now the tourist season is over and the area is rather remote.

Norlund Chapel - It is doubtful it is open but it is a nice photo op. Road parking only.

T: 1:10 D: 102 S: 20

The Lookout Tower - There is a parking lot across the street that has RV spots. Climb the tower. The river serves as the border between USA and Canada.

T: 35 D: 37 S: 20

Rainy Lake Scenic Lookout - A nice spot to look at the lake. Small lot but an RV can fit in if there are no other vehicles at the time.

T: 10 D: 9 S: 15

Little Falls Scenic Lookout - Cute little falls. At the end of the road. Small parking area. An RV should be able to turn around, or leave the RV at the cemetery that is passed before this location.

T: 90 D: 140 S: 20





Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park - If you did not visit this place a week ago, now you have you chance to do it again.

T: 2:00 D: 176 S: 90 - You change time zones at this point.

Thunder Bay Museum - Limited hours. Open 1:00 to 5:00. Entry is by donation (suggested amount of \$8 each). Street parking.

T (from Little Falls) 2:20 D: 209 S: 40

T (from Kakabeka): 30 D: 33 S: 40

Walmart - Perfect time to restock.

Thunder Bay KOA

T (from Museum): 25 D: 18

Monday - September 30

There is a large number of different places to visit. It will NOT be possible to visit all of them. How many you see will depend on when you can leave in the morning. Travel time to Sault Ste Marie is 7 hours.

Last chance to mine amethyst at **Dimond Willow Amethyst Mine**. Opens at 9:00 AM.

There is a choice between two options:

Ouimet Canyon - Entry fee is much smaller. RV parking is limited since the parking lot is small. There could be room on the side of the road at the visitor centre. One kilometre path to the canyon with two look out points.

T: 50 D: 68 S: 30

OR

Eagle Canyon Adventures - Ample parking. Much more expensive. \$25/person. Three bridges over the canyon. A better experience but the time here is much longer.

T: 44 D: 63 S: 2:00

Mazukama Falls Hiking Trail - Limited roadside parking. The hike to the falls is relatively easy. A nice fall with red rocks.

T: 46 D: 63 S: 45

Scenic Lookouts - There plenty of places to pull over for a scenic lookout. Take advantage of this to take in the views.

Rainbow Falls Provincial Park - Entry fee. Walk along a trail to a waterfall.

T: 45 D: 60 S: 45

Aguasabon Falls & Gorge - Free entry. Limited parking, but no one spends too much time here since the parking lot is beside the falls. Impressive. There is a trail that follows the gorge down. There is another fall that is easier to get to by car at

Terrace Bay Beach.

T: 18 D: 24 S: 30

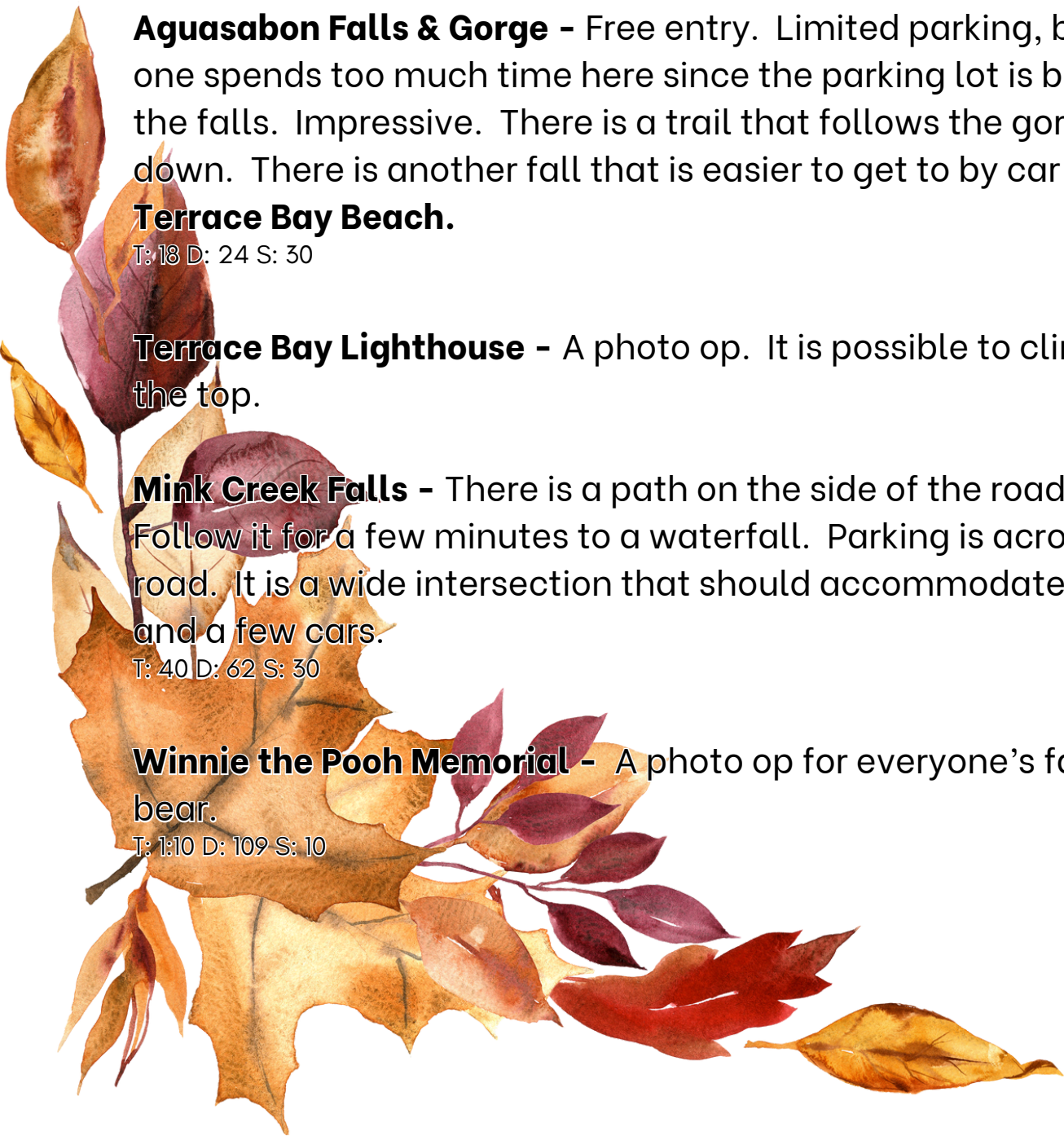
Terrace Bay Lighthouse - A photo op. It is possible to climb to the top.

Mink Creek Falls - There is a path on the side of the road. Follow it for a few minutes to a waterfall. Parking is across the road. It is a wide intersection that should accommodate an RV and a few cars.

T: 40 D: 62 S: 30

Winnie the Pooh Memorial - A photo op for everyone's favourite bear.

T: 1:10 D: 109 S: 10



Sand River Falls - Impressive roadside falls with parking. Walk along the river to see a series of rapids and cascades. Parking lot may pose a challenge for an RV if other cars are parked at inconvenient spots. Worth the stop, though.

T: 1:40 D: 161 S: 30

Agawa Rock Pictographs— This place is amazing. It features Indian-painted pictographs on the shore of Lake Superior. It is one of the few places that allows visitors to get close to the painting. It is located on a rock ledge and IS DANGEROUS TO APPROACH IF THE LAKE IS NOT CALM. It is a very scenic hike. Have good walking shoes and something that can grip wet rock. It is an amazing experience. Limited parking but there should be room for an RV.

T: 10 D: 10 S: 1:00

Chippewa Falls Rest Area - Roadside waterfall with a parking lot.

T: 1:00 D: 91 S: 20

Kinsmen Park - There are two falls. The best one to see is Crystal Falls. Parking lot is large enough for an RV. Walk along trail to falls. It is a popular swimming spot, but I doubt there are any swimmers at this time of year.

T: 33 D: 47 S: 40

Sault Ste. Marie KOA Holiday

T: 10 D: 5



Tuesday - October 1

Loon Dollar Monument - A monument to the toonie.

T: 30 D: 31 S: 10

Mississagi Falls - A small fall. Limited parking. The RV might find it too hard to park here.

T: 1:10 D: 107 S: 20

Serpent River Park - A rest stop with two waterfalls. The falls by the parking lot are natural slides. In the summer, people bring their tubes. The other falls are accessed by a walking trail along the river and under the bridge.

T: 30 D: 41 S: 30

Chutes Provincial Park - This is an incredible place. There is a large waterfall at the beach plus there is a hiking trail that goes along the river where there are rapids and smaller falls. Another trail goes into the forest and loops back. About six kilometres of walking. Small entry fee. Ask where to park the RV.


T: 25 D: 36 S: 2:00

A.Y. Jackson Lookout - A famous painter painted this waterfall. At this lookout, there is a great view of the falls. There should be parking for the RV. It is possible to walk from the lookout to the falls and cross the bridge to see the falls closer. But there is alternate parking just a little ways up the road. WARNING: park close to the road, the parking area is very sandy.

T: 1:15 D: 111 S: 30

Sturgeon Falls KOA Holiday

T: 1:33 D: 124



Wednesday - October 2

Options—Today, you have two options. The first is to drive right to the cottage, stopping at the places you might have missed.

OR

Take an alternate route and see more places. The places listed below are for this second option.

French River Provincial Park - There might not be an entry fee, but if there is, it is small. There is RV parking. Behind the visitor center is a bridge over the river. View the gorge but the real treat is the walking trail to a waterfall. It is a lengthy hike that is about 20 minutes long. Watch out for rattlesnakes. There is a warning for these creatures but they are rare to see.

T: 1:10 D: 93 S: 90

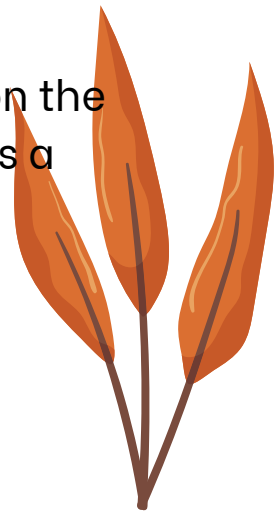
Tower Hill Heritage Garden—The RV will find it challenging to climb the hill to this location. There is a lookout tower with some of the best views anywhere. You might be lucky enough to watch a train pass over the trestle.

T: 1:10 D: 98 S: 30

Upper Rosseau Falls - Roadside waterfalls. Be sure to check both sides of the road. Parking is on the shoulder of the road.

T: 30 D: 42 S: 20

Lower Rosseau Falls - Turn around and take the first road on the left (Rosseau Lake Road 3). DO NOT BRING THE RV - there is a steep section. Limited parking at the falls.



Fish Hatchery Park - Ample parking. There are 3 falls here, but the only one worth visiting is accessed on the far section of the parking lot. A trail leads to Minnehaha Falls on Skeleton. The trail is up and down and about 10 to 15 minutes long but worth it.

T: 9 D: 10 S: 45

High Falls Picnic Area - There are 3 falls in this park. There is limited parking but the RV should be able to find a spot.

T: 25 D: 30 S: 30

Optional: **Wilson Falls** and **Bracebridge Falls** - These falls are close by. Wilson is at the end of a road with a parking lot. The RV could be able to fit if it is not crowded; it is unlikely to be crowded, considering the day of the week. Hike about 5 minutes to the falls. Bracebridge has a couple of parking areas. Walk down to the falls. For a different view, walk back to the parking lot, cross over the bridge and walk on the other side. The downtown shopping sector is in this area.

Last stop - **Hanna Chute** - A small parking lot that can easily accommodate the RV. The falls is under the highway. It is impressive the volume of water that flows through this location.

Time to cottage: 1 hour.

