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If it’s adventure you seek, this is the place to be! Our communities are situated in beautiful Northwestern Ontario, nestled deep within the majestic Boreal Forest and the rugged Canadian Shield, which creates a spectacular combination of jagged rock outcrops and opaque green forests. The natural landscapes create breathtaking scenery, and the astonishing sunsets and dancing northern lights are sights you won’t forget. With numerous lakes and forest stretching out in every direction, you will find yourself in the perfect surrounding for any type of wilderness experience or adventure you seek.

Of course we can’t forget to highlight the World Class Fishing & Hunting Opportunities! Whether you are new to either sport, or are an avid angler and/or hunter, we know that you won’t be disappointed with a Fishing or Hunting adventure in our neck of the woods. With a variety of fishing and hunting lodges and outfitters to choose from, you are sure to find the one that can accommodate your needs.

While in the area, be sure to take some time to visit one of the communities close to your accommodations. Festivals and events happen throughout the summer in these communities celebrating our history, our love of culture, and so much more. Have questions or need some help in planning your vacation to our area? Send us an email to info@tourismredlake.ca or give us a call at 1-877-727-3021 and we will do our best to help you find the information you are looking for.

Thank You to all of our wonderful area photographers who provided us with the lovely images found throughout the Adventure Guide: Lydia Riddell, Gwyneth Carlson, Gary Worrall, Golden Hook Camp, Norseman Floatplane Festival, Trout Forest Music Festival, Red Lake Community Pow Wow Committee, Woodland Caribou Provincial Park, and the Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre.

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The Red Lake area is known for its ability to provide the hunter with a better than average chance to bag his or her trophy Moose or Bear. Both are plentiful and seen regularly along the scenic trip up Highway 105. Smaller game such as ducks and grouse help to round out a great hunting trip. Make sure to take in the Norseman Floatplane Festival in July, it’s lots of fun for the whole family while learning about our aviation history. Or contact a floatplane operator and book a sightseeing tour and see the area in a whole new way. In the Municipality of Red Lake you will find all the necessary facilities to provide a safe and enjoyable vacation. Services include a hospital and medical facilities, dentist, pharmacy, restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, liquor and beer outlets, service stations, banks, marinas, and a variety of retail stores.

Communities

Red Lake
The Red Lake area is a Premier Destination for Fishing Experiences. There is no need for tall-tale fish stories; here you’ll find the real thing. Lakes and rivers of the area are teeming with a number of different species, including Walleye, Northern Pike, Lake Trout, Muskie, Yellow Perch and Whitefish. Whether fishing the Red Lake chain of lakes or a more remote location the quality of fishing will astound you time and time again and, with hundreds of lakes to choose from, there is plenty of variation. The Red Lake District is also famous for World-Class Hunting Experiences. Hunters travelling to the region will find a range of hunting opportunities. Area wild lands provide some of the best hunting for Moose, Black Bear and Whitetail Deer in North America.

Balmertown
Located off of Highway 125, Balmertown is the economic backbone of the Red Lake region with Canada’s largest gold mine. With a population of around 1,700, Balmertown was the first planned community in the Red Lake District.

There are a variety of amenities and services in Balmertown including accommodations, restaurants, gas stations, convenience and grocery stores and a recreation centre equipped with an indoor pool and 5-pin bowling. It is the perfect little community for a family vacation with access to the lake only minutes away. For the golfer in the family, an 18-hole golf course is also minutes away.

Cochenour
Cochenour, just past Balmertown on Highway 125, is a vibrant community with a population of about 550.

The Red Lake Airport is found here and offers a 5,000 foot paved runway with landing lights. For your traveling convenience, several operators fly out of this airport with connecting flights to Thunder Bay, ON or Winnipeg, MB.

Cochenour is home to two of the beaches in the area. Rahill Beach has warm and shallow waters that are perfect for cooling off on a warm summer’s day. With lots of sandy beach, a playground full of swings and slides, and a beach volleyball court, you and your family are sure to have a great day at the beach. Rahill is often used for summer get togethers and during community events such as Canada Day celebrations.

A lesser known, but equally wonderful beach is the Cochenour Beach. Don’t let the steep hill down to the beach scare you off. Once on the beach you will be glad you made the trek as the beautiful beach is the Cochenour Beach. Rahill Beach. Don’t let the steep hill down to the beach scare you off. Once on the beach you will be glad you made the trek as you can enjoy the day and have a scenic view of McKenzie Island off in the distance. You may even see a floatplane or two.

McKenzie Island
The quiet community of McKenzie Island has an old-fashioned charm and uniqueness that is all its own. With a population of 125, it is a secluded paradise for the outdoor enthusiast.

McKenzie Island is accessible by a short six minute passenger ferry ride from Cochenour. Once on the island, it’s yours to discover. McKenzie Island is renowned for its excellent cross country ski trails, but during the warmer months you can still enjoy those trails. Used primarily for hiking, these rugged trails are also ideal for extreme mountain biking. It is a great location for wildlife sightings. There are many bird watching opportunities from scenic lookouts and wildlife sightings have also been frequent on the island.

It’s a peaceful community that takes you back to the simple way of life.
With numerous fishing and hunting camps located throughout the area, you will find exactly what you are looking for in the ultimate outdoor experience. Have a picnic at the waterfront, star gaze, perfect your golf swing or get up close and personal with the wildlife. There are hundreds of kilometers of shoreline, with stunning scenery ranging from sandy beaches and islands to secluded bays. Inland, you’ll find campgrounds and hiking trails among tall pine forests where bald eagles and other wildlife thrive. Ear Falls offers some of the Greatest Fishing to be found in Northwestern Ontario. The town is positioned on the shores of Lac Seul and the English River, with the River itself being joined by three giant waterways: the Chukuni, Cedar and Wenesaga Rivers.

Ear Falls also draws hundreds of hunters from all over the world each year. Healthy wildlife populations in the extreme Northern Ontario wilderness provide the essentials necessary for the Ultimate Hunting Experience.

At the community of Perrault Falls itself you will find a couple of general stores, liquor outlet, restaurant, post office, and historic points of interest. The neighboring community of Ear Falls, just 20 miles north, provides more services including full grocery stores, restaurants, bars, laundry-mat, service stations etc. For those of you who want to slip in a game or two of golf, this 20 minute drive north will get you to a very nice and challenging 9 hole course.

A question often raised is the accessibility to medical facilities here in the north. We are fortunate to have an excellent medical clinic and ambulance service located just 20 minutes north at Ear Falls. Major hospitals are located either in Red Lake to the north or Dryden to the south, both 70 miles from Perrault Falls.

You will find all that you need for a trouble free vacation right here in the Perrault Falls Adventure Area.

Once you sample our hospitality we are confident you will not be able to stay away!

Information from the Perrault Falls Area Website: www.perraultfallsarea.ca

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**Ear Falls**

Whether you feel like being outdoors or indoors, whatever the season, whatever the budget, Ear Falls has something for you to enjoy. Have a picnic at the waterfront, star gaze, perfect your golf swing or get up close and personal with the wildlife. There are hundreds of kilometers of shoreline, with stunning scenery ranging from sandy beaches and islands to secluded bays. Inland, you’ll find campgrounds and hiking trails among tall pine forests where bald eagles and other wildlife thrive. Ear Falls offers some of the Greatest Fishing to be found in Northwestern Ontario. The town is positioned on the shores of Lac Seul and the English River, with the River itself being joined by three giant waterways: the Chukuni, Cedar and Wenesaga Rivers.

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Information from the Township of Ear Falls Website

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**Perrault Falls**

The Perrault Falls Adventure Area is a full service vacation destination.

We offer conveniences and amenities for both the casual and discerning visitor.

As a visitor to our area, you will be able to choose a Lodge that fits your time-frame, lake, accessibility, scenery expectations, and of course your budget.

Individual Lodges will usually have a supply of local and lodge specific souvenirs for you to enjoy.

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Outdoor Activities

Canoeing & Kayaking
With so many lakes and rivers, it would take you a lifetime to explore them all. So bring your gear, pick a spot to start and set out on your adventure and take in the tranquility that nature has to offer. For the more adventurous paddler, paddle into the backwoods of Woodland Caribou Provincial Park, where you can view the dancing northern lights from your campsite on a distant rocky point. Whether you go with or without an outfitter, you are sure to have the paddling trip of a lifetime.

Camping
There are plenty of camping opportunities, both back-country and front-country, along Highway 105. Whether you are tenting or pulling an RV, you will find a vacation spot suited to your needs. Choose a campground accessible by car, or perhaps one more secluded; boat-in and fly-in camping are also available. Spend time fishing, canoeing or sitting back and relaxing. Visit Pakwash Provincial Park and camp right alongside the sandy beach that rims the fresh, clear waters of Pakwash Lake. Or choose one of many fishing lodges that offer campsites with or without fishing packages. Choose to be close to a community or far from one. The options are endless.

Sightseeing + Wildlife = Photography Opportunities
Every community has its own unique history and charm which provide plenty of sightseeing and photography opportunities. With such a large area and rich history, you can find yourself exploring our area for days, and still won’t see it all! At the Norseman Heritage Park, learn more about how the Noorduyn Norseman shaped the Red Lake community. At the Patricia Waterfront Park learn about Ear Falls and how the tugboat ‘Patricia’ played a role in the growth of a community. Interested in the rocks and minerals you can find in our region? Then you will want to take some time to view the Crull Rock Mineral Collection on display at the Municipality of Red Lake Town Office. If mining has your interest, take a drive to Madsen to view their historical headfame. A little further down the highway you will find yourself in the old mining town of Starratt-Olsen. No matter what your interests, you are sure to find what you’re looking for along Highway 105!

Of course we can’t forget to mention that the Highway 105 area has some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in Canada. Come to see Moose, Whitetail Deer, Woodland Caribou, Black Bears, Timber Wolves, Lynx, Beaver, and Bald Eagles, all in their natural habitat!

Be sure to have your camera ready to capture your memorable moments and the sights you see!

Fun with Water
With an abundance of water ways, there are unlimited opportunities for boating and water sports. Waterskiing, wakeboarding, tubing and jet skiing are just some of the fun water activities you can enjoy.

Enjoy a swim at one of the local fresh-water beaches. Rahill Beach in Cochenour offers warm, shallow water, open and covered picnic areas, a beach playground, volleyball court, tennis court, a grassy park area, and a landscaped park. Kinsmen Beach in Red Lake offers clear cool water for a nice refreshing dip, picnic area, and a beach playground. The Patricia Waterfront Park in Ear Falls offers a sandy beach area, horseshoe pits, covered picnic facilities and plenty of grassy park area.

There are also a number of secluded natural sandy beaches to be found in our area, offering a quiet place for a shore lunch, a little exploration and/or a swim. So be sure to bring along all your water gear to take full advantage of everything our lakes have to offer.

Winter Fun
The fun is not limited to the summer months! During the winter months you can experience ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and much more! Imagine the sound of crisp snow crunching beneath your feet, the excitement of gliding freely along a cross-country ski trail, the thrill of reeling up a Lake Trout through a hole in the ice, or the roar of the snowmobile engine as you cruise down a freshly groomed trail, with the branches of pine trees lining the trails, sagging with the weight of freshly fallen snow. Our area is known for its clear blue skis, so with lots of snow and lots of sunshine, there are endless opportunities for winter fun!

Gyro Ice Fishing Derby
This annual ice-fishing derby is a great way to spend time with friends and family. Head over to McKenzie Island by ice road, pick your hole and try to reel in the big fish for the day! The Gyro Hall offers a place to warm up and get some snacks in between fishing. It’s a great way to introduce people, young and old, to the fun of ice fishing.
Fishing

Fishing is what we are all about! Whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned professional, you will have the experience of a lifetime. With so many fresh water lakes to choose from, filled with a variety of species, including Walleye, Northern Pike, Lake Trout, Muskie, Yellow Perch and Whitefish, it’s an anglers dream. Lakes of all depths and sizes hold trophy fish yet to be discovered.

Fishing is a great way to bond as there are always memorable events and stories every time you go out on the lake. For some fishing is all about the sport of reeling in the monster for bragging rights. To others it’s a chance to get together and enjoy each other’s company and relax on the lake. Or both! There is no better way to get away from the hustle and bustle of life than by heading out to the quiet of the Northern Wilderness and enjoying some time on the lake.

2013 FISHING & HUNTING INFORMATION

An Outdoors Card is required for fishing and hunting for residents & non-residents. The Outdoors Card is valid for 3 years, and only becomes a license when accompanied by a license tag or E-License. An Outdoors Card is required for fishing and hunting for residents & non-residents.

Ontario is divided into numerous divisions each with its own seasons and limits designed to provide the most substantial and productive fishing for various species. Information on these is available in the Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary available from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Any of the establishments listed in the map will also be pleased to provide you with the pertinent information for their location prior to booking your vacation.

Northwest Region

Some waters have size and catch regulations not mentioned here. Check with your local MNR District Office for complete details on the regulations. Have a safe and happy fishing trip.

WALLEYE

Length: 25 - 45 cm (10 - 18 in.) | Found: In lakes and rivers throughout most of Ontario. Similar Fish: Sauger & Yellow Perch (ID: White tip on lower tail fin; no distinct black patches on fins on adults)

Favorite Baits: spinners, jigs, crank baits, worms, minnows, leeches

LAKE TROUT

Length: 15 - 80 cm (6 - 31 in.) | Found: In cold waters of deep lakes throughout much of Ontario. Similar Fish: Brook Trout (ID: Light; light spots; no dark patch on dorsal fin; no white edge on tail fin)

Favorite Baits: spinners, jigs, crank baits, live bait

NORTHERN PIKE

Length: 45 - 150 cm (18 - 60 in.) | Found: In quiet, vegetated waters throughout Ontario. Similar Fish: Muskellunge (ID: Light; yellow spots on dark green background; tips of tail fin more rounded than Muskellunge)

Favorite Baits: spinners, large spinners, large crank baits, minnows

MUSKELLUNGE

Length: 77 - 137 cm (28 - 54 in.) | Found: Discontinuous in southern and near northeastern Ontario, and the Lake of the Woods/Rainy River area. Similar Fish: Northern Pike (ID: Dark vertical band on light background; at times spotted or clear; tips of tail fin more pointed than Northern Pike)

Favorite Baits: large slotted spinners, large body baits, sucker minnows

YELLOW PERCH

Length: 15 - 35 cm (6 - 12 in.) | Found: Where there are areas of open water and moderate amounts of vegetation. Similar Fish: Walleye, Whitefish & Sauger (ID: Light yellow background with 6 to 8 dark vertical bands on sides; two separate dorsal fins; mouth large, extending to below the middle of the eye)

Favorite Baits: minnows, worms, planer spoons, small spinners, small jigs, small leech or twister baits

MOUSE

Length: 15 - 20 cm (6 - 8 in.) | Found: Over rocky bottoms. Similar Fish: Pumpkinseed, Bluegill & Smeltmouth Bass (ID: Black and upper sides are brown to olive, with golden tints, and there are often dark saddles; large red eye; regular rows of spots on the side of tail fin)

Favorite Baits: small plugs, small spinners, small jigs or consider using live bait such as worms or minnows

Hunting

Hunters travelling to our area will find a wide range of hunting opportunities. Area wild lands provide some of the best hunting for Black Bear and Moose in North America. With many remote locations to choose from you could find yourself trekking some seemingly untouched wilderness in search of the north’s majestic giants. There are also excellent opportunities for whitetail deer, small game, duck and migratory bird hunting.

Whitetail deer

Whitetail deer can be found throughout much of Ontario. Their range appears to be expanding northward over time. Abundant food makes almost any forested or bushy area suitable for deer, including parks and green spaces created by people. In winter, as snow deepens, deer concentrate in areas that provide food and shelter from deep snow.

During the spring and summer, deer eat leafy material from woody plants, grasses and herbs. They also eat mushrooms and blueberries. In autumn and winter, deer depend largely on the twigs and buds that are within their reach. Acorns are a favourite autumn food for whitetail deer living in eastern Canada.

Moose

Moose are found across northern and central Ontario. They live near lakes, muskegs and streams of the boreal forest and on the northern tundra. Moose are the largest animal in Ontario. Large bulls ( bulls) weigh up to 600 kilograms. Moose live on a diet of twigs, leaves, shrubs, upland plants and water plants. Moose tolerate cold very well but suffer from heat. In summer, especially during black fly season, moose often cool off in water for several hours each day. Moose are strong swimmers and can dive more than five metres in search of food on the bottom of the lake.

Black Bear

Black bears live throughout most of Ontario and prefer forested areas where they are best able to find food, refuge and den sites.

When they are not hibernating, bears spend most of their time looking for food. In the summer, they eat berries such as blueberries, strawberries and raspberries. In the fall, they turn their attention to hazelnuts, mountain ash, acorns and beechnuts. While black bears will eat carrion, insects, fish, deer and moose calves, the bulk of their diet is made up of plants. They like to find lots of high energy food – like huge berry patches – that will help them fatten up fast. Their survival and ability to have young depends on them doubling their weight before winter hibernation. While black is the most common colour, brown and cinnamon phases also occur.

Source: Information provided from MNR website – www.mnr.gov.on.ca
Norseman Float Plane Festival

Every July, Red Lake – the Norseman Capital of the World – hosts the Norseman Floatplane Festival. This festival attracts aviation enthusiasts from around the world and introduces newcomers to the exciting and adventurous world of float flying. The 3-Day Festival features fun, food, and floatplanes! The event begins on Friday evening, with a Family Barbeque and the annual Pilot’s Reunion. On Saturday, check out the downtown street festival, with a grand street market, featuring clothing, jewellery, toys, crafts, and art, not to mention the numerous food booths and information booths. Test your float-pumping skills. Join in the mixed slo-pitch tournament. Take some time to enjoy the live entertainment – magicians, hypnotists, band, comedians, and children’s entertainers.

Throughout the weekend, Norseman airplanes are on display and pilots or owners are on-hand to answer questions. Take a ride in a Norseman Floatplane – it’s a flight you’ll cherish forever! Be sure to watch the Norseman Fly-by. Every year there is always something new and exciting going on! Be sure to check out the website for the most up-to-date information on events! www.norsemanfestival.on.ca

Trout Forest Music Festival

Music in the Woods is heard each summer at the Annual Trout Forest Music Festival. Held at the Ear Falls Waterfront Park, located along the shores of beautiful Lac Seul, “The Trout” has become one of the most popular music festivals in Northern Ontario. The festival features world-class performers from across Canada and the many different musical genres that all find a home at this great venue. Along with great music, the festival also features a wide variety of entertainment for every member of the family. Everyone will enjoy the beautiful sand beach, and the on-site camping adds to the festive atmosphere that includes nightly jam sessions by a bonfire underneath a star-filled northern sky. You can chose to browse the wonderful artisans showcasing many handmade arts and crafts, or you may simply unwind by the water while listening to live music. A wide range of food is also available from the food concessions or you can relax over a cold drink at Frank’s Tavern while you listen to the sounds at the covered stage. With great music, a beautiful waterfront venue and a wide range of family entertainment, you won’t want to miss this great musical experience. It’s well worth the trip! To keep up-to-date on who will be performing, and on ticket sales, visit www.troutfest.com.

Pow Wow

The steady beat of the drum, their songs carried on by the wind, the sound of the jingles and feet gently touching the ground as they dance. These are the sounds of the Indigenous People coming together to host and celebrate Red Lake’s Annual Community Pow Wow. Every year offers a different experience. The event is started off with a sacred blessing of the grounds and then the event ends with a large feast at the end of the Annual event. Throughout the day you can enjoy the taste of fresh baked and fried bannock, as well as Indian Taco’s, bannock burgers and dogs. Every year is different in the amount of drums that joins in, but what doesn’t change is the amazing traditional music and dances that drummers and dancers share with you. Listen and watch the festivities, or even join in on one of the ceremonial dances. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to take part. This is a cultural learning experience you will remember for a lifetime.
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Provincial Parks

Pakwash Provincial Park

Pakwash Provincial Park, located just north of Ear Falls, is the perfect location for your next family camping trip. This 3,993 hectare park boasts 69 campsites with 29 being electrical. It also has all the amenities you need to make it your home away from home. Along with ample tenting and electrical RV sites, you will also find showers, flush toilets and a laundromat. Space between campsites and ample wooded area, ensures that every campsite has privacy. Whether you come for the day, or spend a few nights, the park has activities everyone can enjoy.

One of the Park’s features is the 1.5 kilometers of sandy beaches on the shores of shallow and warm Pakwash Lake. Many campsites are located right off the beach. Imagine stepping out of your tent on a beautiful clear morning, gazing out over the crystal blue water and enjoying your morning coffee in the shade of a large pine, before taking a stroll down the warm sand beach.

In addition to covered and non-covered picnic areas, a boat launch, and a large playground area for the kids, Pakwash Provincial Park has a 5.1 km Nature Trail where you can spend part, or all, of your day exploring. The Nature Trail, with interpretive signs, features beaver ponds, wetlands, and the rich mixed forest of spruce, jack pine, birch and poplar that encompass the Park. The Park is also home to a variety of wildlife including moose, black bear, deer and a variety of birds, which means ample wildlife spotting opportunities.

Fishermen will be delighted to cast their lines out on beautiful Pakwash Lake. Smallmouth bass, walleye, whitefish and northern pike are some of the species you will find. Make sure you have your fishing licence before that first catch! There is nothing better than having fresh fish for supper around the campfire, under the stars.

If fun in the water is what you seek, there is plenty to be had. Pakwash Lake offers warm waters for you to enjoy on those hot summer days. If you enjoy canoeing or kayaking, Pakwash Lake offers a variety of routes you can enjoy. Not only are canoe rentals available on site, park staff will be able to inform you about the different routes you should try.

Woodland Caribou Park

The Red Lake area is the jump-off point to Ontario’s 4th largest wilderness class park. At over 486,000 hectares in size, Woodland Caribou Provincial Park offers a vast roadless tract of uncut boreal forest protected within the system of Ontario’s Provincial Parks. It preserves and protects thriving healthy ecosystems, outstanding cultural landscapes, and significant natural features, including its namesake, the elusive woodland caribou.

To many outdoor adventurers, Woodland Caribou Provincial Park offers a giant playground. With nearly 2,000 kilometres of maintained canoe routes over a myriad of ancient trails and waterways, backcountry campers will find everything from quiet lake paddling to the thrill of cascading water. The park also captures the headwaters of the Bloodvein, a Canadian Heritage River and historic water route dotted with mystifying pictograph images.

The river flows westward over 300 kilometers to eventually reach Lake Winnipeg in central Manitoba.

Where Nature Still Rules

To all who prepare to visit Woodland Caribou and to rub shoulders with this great land, be prepared to experience nature on its own terms. It is untamed and primitive. Amidst its wildness, you will witness endless rugged beauty and feel its powerful moods. Soon you may realize that there are far larger things at work on this land than yourself.

Dare to be humbled by the towering ancient Precambrian Shield rock, by the sudden summer storms as you scurry to shelter, by the trails which you will share with the resident wildlife, or by being witness to the aftermath of a recent forest fire. It is evident that the land here rules.

Come and indulge your sense of adventure but bear in mind that your host demands respect. After a few days, you will learn to become a part of it. Soak it all in and allow its wilderness to rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit…because far too soon, the journey will end and you will draw upon your experiences to sustain you until your next visit.
Our History, Our Culture

2,000 years ago – Archeological evidence shows that proud members of the Cree and Sioux Nations inhabited the area.

200-300 years ago – Members of the Ojibway Nation moved into the Red Lake area, rapidly forming the dominant population of the region.

1650 – French fur traders had established trading camps at Lake Nipigon, the Ojibway from Red Lake began to travel to these camps to trade furs.

1786 – Major trading post by the Hudson Bay Company was established in area.

1800’s – A number of posts were built on the upper English River Valley.

1821 – All trading posts had become controlled by the Hudson’s Bay Company.

1824 – Start of the Gold Rush with the release of a Canadian geological survey of the Lake area, rapidly becoming the dominant population of the region.

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1855 – McKenzie Red Lake Mine went into production. The many others that followed included Red Lake Goldstone, Gold Eagle, Madson Red Lake, Hasaga, Cochenour-Williams, McMamace, Starratt Olsen, Dickenson, Placer Dome (Campbell Red Lake), H.G. Young, Buffalo, Albino and Lake Rowan. Of these mines, Campbell Mine & Dickenson Mine now owned by Goldcorp are still in production. Over 50 billion dollars of gold has been mined in the area.

1928-1930 – Hydro-Generation Plant built in Ear Falls.

1929 – Christmas Day – First volt of electricity was generated from the new Hydro Electric dam, enabling the first gold producing mine to go into production on the shores of Red Lake.

1930 – Howey Gold Mine began mining and milling gold using hydro-electric power from the hydro generation in Ear Falls.

1935 – Prior to the Second World War, tourism began in the area. Groups of fisherman or hunters, usually from the United States would travel up to Hudson, where they would hire a local guide to lead them; These groups would hunt for game, including, trophy bears, moose, caribou, along with beaver and to fish for record sized walleye, northern pike and trout.

1939 – Department of Highways began construction of a road from Vermilion Bay to Red Lake.

1945 – The new gravel highway was officially opened to traffic on August 27, 1947, and it was assigned the designation of King’s Highway 105.

1947 – An Iron Ore deposit was found at Bruce Lake. The Griffith Mine site produced high grade ore for twenty years.

1960’s – Over 20 Noorduyn Norseman Floatplanes, a Canadian designed bush plane that has been the rugged workhorse of the “Great Canadian North”, were stationed in Howey Bay servicing the north.

1963 – Highway 105 was paved.

1964 – Goldcorp Red Lake Gold Mines is in the advanced stages of developing one of it’s many Red Lake properties.

Goldcorp Red Lake Gold Mines has produced over 20 million ounces of gold. It’s well financed Phoenix Gold Project is proceeding with shaft development and the construction of a mill. It promises to be Red Lake’s next producing mine, contributing to our long recognized status as a world class gold mining area.

Numerous other companies are active in the district also, with projects in various stages of exploration and development - all of which indicates a long and interesting future for Red Lake as a hub of mining activity.

Red Lake Historical Society

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Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre

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www.redlakemuseum.com

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PLAY

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Goldcorp Red Lake Gold Mines is the local flagship. It now owns and operates three of Red Lake’s recognized gold producers: Campbell Mine, Dickenson Mine and Cochenour-Willans Mine. Each has a history reaching back more than 50 years and a promising future. Goldcorp continues to explore the potential for future mines in the area as well.

Nearby, Rubicon Minerals is in the advanced stages of developing one of it’s many Red Lake properties.

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Red Lake District Publicity Board Members

Visit our website (www.TourismRedLake.ca) to learn more about our great Members!

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**Getting Here**

The communities along Highway 105 may be secluded, but all are easily accessible!

**Fly**

There are daily flights from Winnipeg, MB & Thunder Bay, ON arriving into the Red Lake Airport. Taxi services and car rentals are available at the airport. For car rentals, you have to book ahead.

**Drive**

Highway 105 is one of the most beautiful drives you will ever experience. The route includes detailed signage and directions so you can journey to the area with ease.

**Mileage Breakdown Chart**

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**Visiting Canada**

For information about what identification you need to enter Canada, along with what goods you are able to bring with you, please visit the Canada Border Services Agency website at www.cbsa.gc.ca/publications/pub/sb5002-eng.html. You can also contact them by phone at 1-800-461-9999 (from within Canada) or 1-800-461-9999 (from within Canada).

**Customs Information**

For an application go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/gp/rc4160/rc4160-e.html.

**Goods & Services Tax (GST) Refund**

Visitors to Canada may be eligible for a rebate on GST through the Foreign Convention and Tour Incentive Program. For more information please call 1-800-461-9999 (from outside Canada) or 1-800-461-9999 (from outside Canada).

Canada is serious about protection. Declare ALL goods you are bringing into Canada. It’s the only way to be sure!