



UPPER CAMERON RIVER

Right Route:

This route is 2.5 km in length and requires two short portages. The first is on the left side and skirts 60 m around a steep drop in the river. Approximately 100 m downstream, canoes can be lined through the low, fast-moving water, or be carried over a 40 m portage along the right bank of the river.

The routes join and continue downstream for approximately 1 km before encountering a series of ledges. It is advisable to portage or wade through the shallow waters. The portage trail is on the left bank and is about 175 m long.

A short distance downstream, the river spills over a couple of ledges, each 3 m high, so exercise caution when approaching this portage - it is on the left. Take time to examine the huge anthill halfway along the trail.

Before entering Reid Lake, there is one final portage. Some canoe lining may be possible to clear an initial ledge and some low water, but the final ledge is a large drop-off and should be portaged on the right hand bank.

An excellent view of the area can be obtained by climbing the cliffs on Reid Lake (on the left hand shore) 0.5 km past the final ledge. From this height, most of Reid Lake is visible. Don't miss the nests on the cliffs as well.

Reid Lake is large, so paddle close to the shore as wind and waves may present problems. Reid Lake Territorial Campground is on the right, approximately 6.5 km (2 hour paddle) from the cliffs.

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Duration & degree of difficulty:

Distance: 16 km

Average Trip Time: 7-9 hours

Portages: 4

Longest Portage: 300 m

There are rapids that can be negotiated by the skilled paddler, or portaged.

If you are unsure of either your abilities or the conditions, play it safe and take the portages.

Nearest camping:

Reid Lake Territorial Park is 10 km from Tibbitt Lake. It offers camping facilities, and is the starting point for other canoe routes.

Online:

The Upper Cameron River map is also available at: www.spectacularnwt.com/wheretoexplore/northernfrontier/uppercameronrivercanoeroute



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A two-day trip
for paddlers with some
white-water experience





Itinerary:

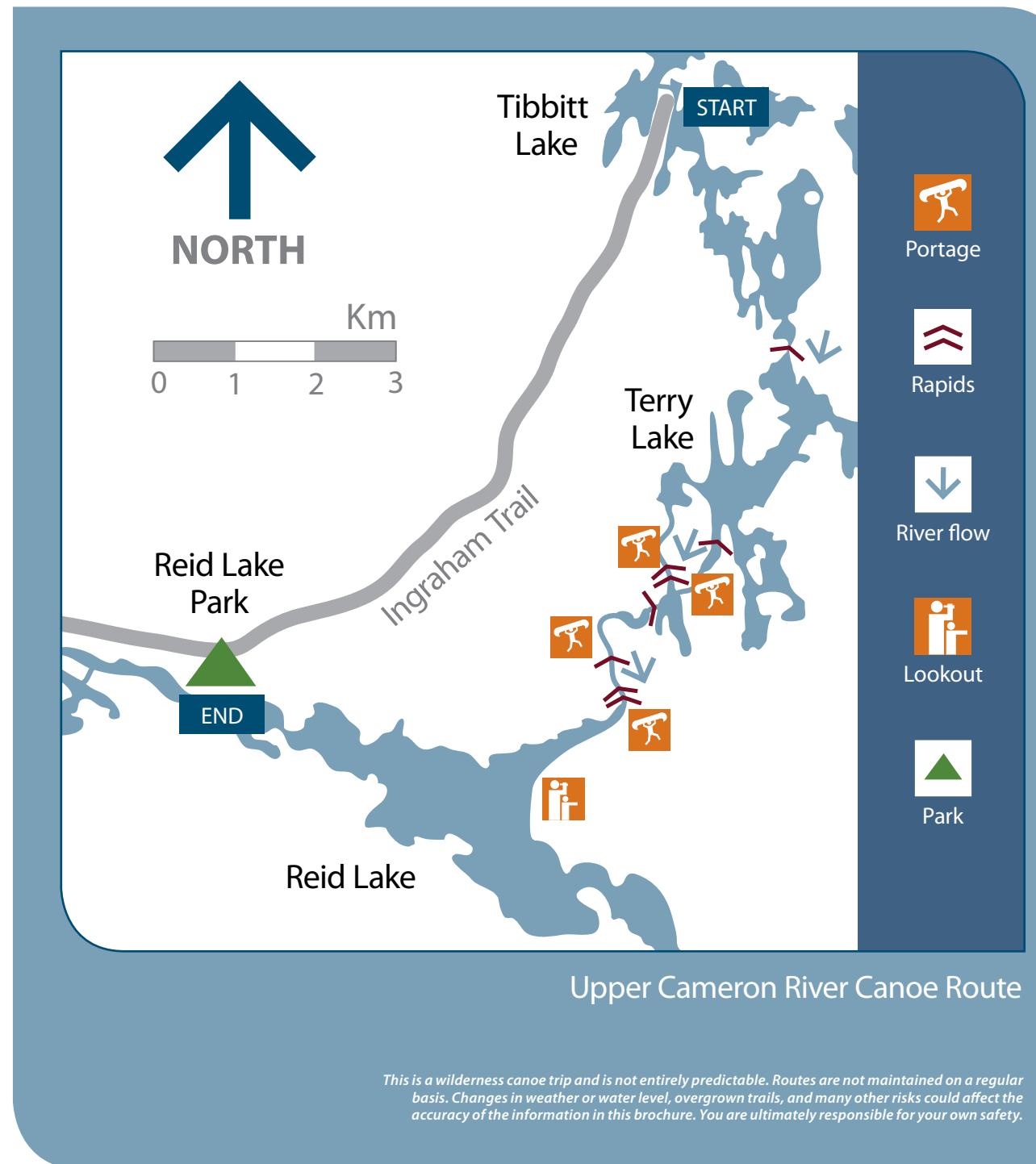
The canoe route begins at Tibbitt Lake, a 70 km drive from Yellowknife at the end of the Ingraham Trail. The route ends at Reid Lake Territorial Park. Reid Lake Park is a 10 km drive from Tibbitt Lake and there are parking areas at both locations.

At Tibbitt Lake, load canoes to the right of the culverts exposed in the riverbed, and proceed in a southeast direction along the lake. Consider beginning in the late afternoon and camping on one of the many islands in Tibbitt Lake, renowned for spectacular sunsets.

There is some fast flowing water where Tibbitt Lake narrows - keep in the middle of the channel and there should be no problems. Then paddle approximately 3 km to the end of Terry Lake.

At this point, there is the option of a left or right hand route along the Cameron River.

Left Route: This is the shorter route - approximately 1.5 km. Canoeists encounter two ledges separated by a quiet pool of water. When water levels are high, skilled paddlers can negotiate the rapids along this route. For less experienced paddlers, or when water levels are low, there is a portage trail along the right bank, approximately 250 m long. There is a good campsite on flat rock below the second ledge.



This is a wilderness canoe trip and is not entirely predictable. Routes are not maintained on a regular basis. Changes in weather or water level, overgrown trails, and many other risks could affect the accuracy of the information in this brochure. You are ultimately responsible for your own safety.