



Black Hole and Hole In The Wall Paddle

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Today the wind gods smiled down on our flotilla of four canoes. With the kind permission of a camp owner, we transported our boats overland from the North Chanel to the start of our inland passage. We paddled through the gorge leading to the Black Hole, which was spectacular.

The waters were festooned shore to shore with Water Shield and both Fragrant White Water and Yellow Pond lilies. Like Moses, the canoes parted a path through this border to border greenery. There was evidence of moose cropping Yellow Pond Lily stems, a favourite food. Beaver and muskrat will also readily feed on the leaves, and the nutritious fibrous rhizomes.

The crews showed grace and dexterous skills to maneuver their vessels over freshly muddled beaver dams. A total of five in all.

We paused for renewal and sustenance taking in a tranquil and glorious vista. Afterward, a quick venture through the marvelous Hole In The Wall at the other end of Anderson Bay, was the icing on the cake.

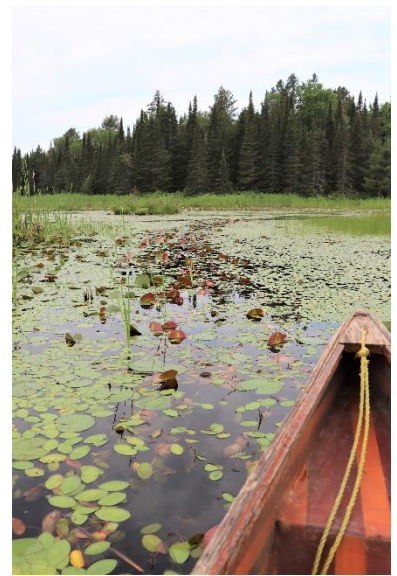
With the wind at our backs, the return trip was smooth and appreciated. At Murray's camp, we received welcome refreshments as we basked in our enjoyable experience of the day. Thanks, Murray!



En route thru the gorge to the Black Hole



Blue Flag Iris (Iris versicolor)



Canoe trail thru floating vegetation



Yet another beaver dam



The Group – Renee Wysynski

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