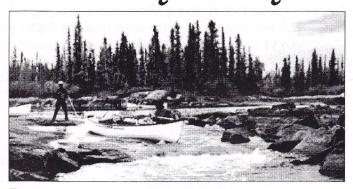


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On The Trails Of Our Ancestors Wha Do Ehto K'è



More than thirty people in five white 22-foot canoes left Rae on July 29th after receiving a blessing from Alphonse Tsatchia. Five elders with their years of knowledge of the land worked closely with young Dene men and women, students and teach-

ers following the trails of their ancestors. [See Map]

The purpose of the trip was to retrace the river routes that were followed in the olden days, to visit the campsites and villages where people lived through the ages and to visit, clean up and pray at some of the

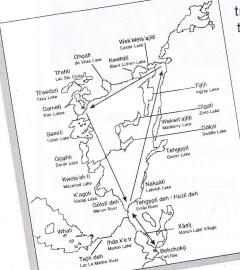
many, many gravesites along the "highways" of the people. A record was kept of all the sites visited.

It wasn't an easy trip. In some places, where people had gone with their kickers two years ago, there was only a trickle of water. There were between 75 and 80 portages, "pull-throughs" and "slip-throughs". It took ten days of hard paddling to reach Rae Lakes in time for the Dogrib Assembly. It was worth all the effort to be welcomed so warmly by the people in Rae Lakes. It seemed that hundreds of people lined up to greet the people who had made the journey. It was good to arrive safely.

The return trip was exciting. Some people said it could be done in four days. It took eight days. Faber Lake offered some amazing experiences. There are many stories to be told. Look for them in this year's issues of this newsletter!

The trip was made possible by the Dogrib Divisional Board of Education and Treaty 11 working together.





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