

GROUP OF SEVEN CONTINUES

Huntsville/Algonquin Provincial Park Gallery to Landscapes Discovery Route



TIPS

- Book ahead to avoid disappointment, and double-check date-specific experiences, as well as hours and dates of operation, as many stops are seasonal.
- Plan your trip to Algonquin Park in the spring or summer as during the fall, colour tours, late August wolf howls and other Park events can make the area very crowded. Winter opens up a whole new view.
- Read any one of the number of books that explore the mystery of the death of Tom Thomson.
- Consider taking the [Parkbus](#), which offers transportation, day and overnight trips to and from Toronto and Ottawa, Algonquin Park, Killarney Park, Georgian Bay and Tobermory.
- Watch [The Explorers: Paddle the Painted Landscapes](#) as Gary and Joanie McGuffin canoe through the Barron Canyon, to catch a glimpse of landscapes in the backcountry that inspired the work of the Group of Seven, Tom Thomson and contemporary artists.

Algonquin Provincial Park and area is known as “Tom Thomson” country. Although he died in mysterious circumstances in 1917 before the Group was officially formed, his influence on the Group of Seven was profound.

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KEY STOPS, ATTRACTIONS AND LANDSCAPES IN HUNTSVILLE AND AREA

As you head out of Algonquin Park along Highway 60 towards Huntsville, you will have a number of ways to experience the landscapes and art of the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson.

1 Bronze Statue Sculpture of Tom Thomson

Snap a photo of yourself with the bronze statue of Tom Thomson in downtown Huntsville. Located outside the box office of the [Algonquin Theatre](#), the sculpture is designed to introduce you to this enigmatic man.

Take in *Moonlight, Algonquin Park*, c. 1915 by Thomson as part of the [Art Gallery of Ontario's First Thursday program](#) which offers visitors 'after dark' experiences from 7-11pm.



Huntsville, Muskoka

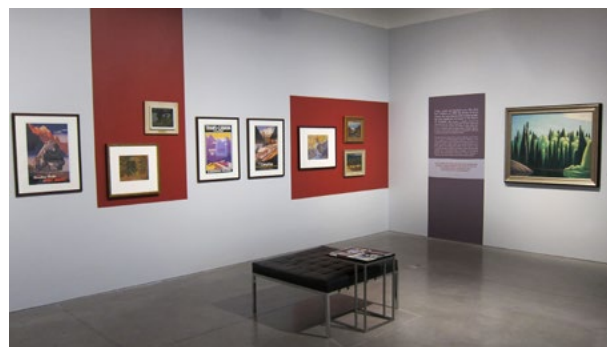
3 Tom Thomson Painting Packages and Exhibit at Deerhurst Resort

Love the rugged outdoors but not the bugs? Book an art inspired getaway with Deerhurst Resort. Packages include a guided Group of Seven mural tour and painting workshop or a winter photography workshop. *Algonquin Park Reflections* will be on display in 2018 at the resorts Eclipse Gallery which is an artistic celebration of Algonquin Parks 125th anniversary.

4 Algonquin Adventure Tours

Sign up for a private three hour [VIP Algonquin Park motorized canoe trip](#) to follow in the footsteps of Tom Thomson. This adventure is perfect for those who want to relax or have their hands free for photography or sketching.

Canoe Lake within Algonquin Park not only inspired Thomson but Arthur Lismer as well. View his outdoor sketch entitled *Algonquin Park, Canoe Lake*, c. 1914 on display at the Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery in Sarnia waiting for image which is part of the Ontario Collection Edition Group of Seven Discovery Route throughout Ontario.



Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery, Sarnia

2 Group of Seven Outdoor Gallery

Ninety hand-painted murals on exterior walls of businesses and public buildings are part of a unique outdoor mural trail that stretches from Huntsville, to Lake of Bays and the Algonquin Park region. [Guided and self-guided tours of the Group of Seven Outdoor Gallery](#) are available.

After watching the sun set during your outdoor mural tour, view Thomson's *Sunset Sky*, c. 1915, as part of The National Gallery's new Canada and Indigenous Art Gallery installation.

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5 Group of Seven and Tom Thomson Outdoor Exhibit-self guided route

Located at the western edge of the Oxtongue Lake bridge near Algonquin Outfitters Road, look for a plaque that places you where A.J. Casson stood as he painted *Early September, Oxtongue Lake* in 1969.

6 Ragged Falls Oxtongue River Provincial Park

This river and falls inspired a number of works created by Tom Thomson and A.J. Casson- both captured by land and by water. View these beautiful falls and enjoy a picnic lunch just a short hike from the parking lot or take a self-guided canoe or kayak day trip with Algonquin Outfitters.

KEY STOPS, ATTRACTIONS AND LANDSCAPES ALGONQUIN PROVINCIAL PARK

Just past Dwight on Highway 60, you will enter Algonquin Provincial Park through the West Gate. This is Km 0. Stop here to get the most current information on events.

7 Algonquin Provincial Park

2018 marks Algonquin Provincial Park's 125th anniversary. Explore the land and waterways that inspired brushstrokes, backpacking and breathtaking paintings which were the key subject for sketches, studies and paintings by Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven.

7a The Portage Store (km 20)

Book a half or full day canoe trip with a guide who will highlight Tom Thomson information and points of interest as you paddle on waters that inspired his fascination with the park.

7b Algonquin Art Centre (km 20)

After being out in the landscapes that inspired the paintings, head back indoors at the Algonquin Art Centre where you can take in their 2018 exhibit *Landmarks: A Portrait of Algonquin*.

Once you've taken in the beauty of the landscapes within Algonquin park, experience A.Y. Jackson's *Autumn, Algonquin Park* c.1914 at the Art Gallery of Ontario, or MacDonald's *Snow, Algonquin Park* c. 1914 McMichael Canadian Art Collection. Both works are on display at locations which are part of the Greater Toronto Area Group of Seven Discovery Route.



A.Y. Jackson
Snow, Algonquin Park, c. 1914, MCAC

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7c Bartlett Lodge, Cache Lake (km 23.5)

After exploring the Park by day, turn in for a night at Bartlett Lodge with the Tom Thomson Discovery Package. Enjoy dining, accommodation and tickets to either the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg or the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa to view their collection of Thomson paintings.

As you sit at the edge of the dock at Bartlett Lodge, enjoy a sunset similar to how Harris enjoyed *Algonquin Park Sunburst* c. 1912 currently on display at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

7d Algonquin Park Visitor Centre (km 43)

Plan a stop at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre and wander out to the viewing deck before you visit the special exhibit entitled On the Trail of Tom Thomson: 100 years later which runs until the end of June 2018.

Thomson has had an impact both on Canadian art history, contemporary artists and members of the Group of Seven. Arthur Lismer captured Thomson's essence in his sketch *Tom Thomson* c. 1912-1913 currently highlighted at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

8 Voyageur Quest: Algonquin Island Retreat

Once home to Algonquin Park Ranger Tom Wattie from 1900-1931, this private island cottage retreat was visited frequently by Wattie's friend and companion Park Ranger Tom Thomson. Thomson completed sketches and paintings while on this island. Book your stay and be inspired.

Tom Thomson wasn't the only artist who loved Algonquin Park. The waterways and tree lined shorelines inspired Harris, MacDonald, Jackson and Lismer who also completed sketches and full finished paintings of Algonquin Park. when out on the trails.



Tom Thomson
Path Behind Mowat Lodge, 1917, AGO