

Map for André's canoe in Book 3: "Uncharted Waters"



1. **Lachine (Montreal, Quebec, Canada):** André and his crew leave from a canoe landing on the St. Lawrence River. They stop briefly at St. Anne's Shrine before paddling on the Ottawa River (the Grand River) into the Lake of Two Mountains.

The river narrows into the Long Sault—boulder-studded rapids. They get occasional respites from deeper water, followed by more rapids. They face hair-raising challenges at

2. **Chaudière Falls:** Besides portaging the falls, they're ascending—49 feet here.

3. **Grand Calumet:** A long tough portage (but they try a shortcut on the Muskrat River).

4. **Baptism Point:** Soon after Baptism Point, they turn onto the Mattawa River. They've traveled about 315 miles so far — 18 major portages and climbed another 600 feet in elevation.

The Mattawa (called the Little River) is only about 50 miles, but has 14 difficult portages to cross, according to McDonnell. They cross a height-of-land and travel downstream.

5. **Lake Nipissing and French River:** About 75 miles on the French to Lake Huron, 300 more to the Fort. Lake paddling without a keel is not easy.

6. **(British) Fort St. Joseph:** This replaced old Fort Michilimackinac (because it was on the American side of the border). From here, the crew traverses the Straits into Lake Michigan.

7. **Green Bay:** From the Fort, they paddle another 375 miles, following the Fox River.

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