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Recreating a Historical Peace River Expedition

April 15, 2011, Grimshaw, AB — GeoTourism Canada announces that they will be recreating a historical fur trade voyage from Fort Dunvegan to Fort Vermilion using a ten-metre (33' 3") long replica York Boat. The voyage, anticipated to start June 1 from Fort Dunvegan, is nearly 540 kilometres long, and will take approximately 16-18 days to complete.

This York Boat expedition is been planned to celebrate the publication of one of GeoTourism Canada's newest guides – *Paddling the Peace*. This guide, to be published May 15, 2011, describes boat travel on the Peace River. Targeted at tourists and outdoor adventurers, the guide interprets historic sites along the river, identifies camping facilities, and provides tips and GPS coordinates. *Paddling the Peace* will be available at www.geotourismcanada.com, free of charge.

GeoTourism Canada is a not-for-profit organization publishing theme-based travel guides designed for tourists with specialized interests, including nature, history, agriculture, art. The guides created by GeoTourism Canada offer new and unique ways to explore Alberta, and each guide is carefully researched to ensure the information is the best available. GeoTourism Canada's goal is to create meaningful and unique travel experiences in rural Alberta, for tourists from afar and for those of us here at home.

Keeping with the historical interests of GeoTourism Canada, the expedition will be as historically accurate as possible. York Boats were used from the late 18th century to the early 20th century for transporting freight across western Canada. During the fur trade era most freight in western Canada was distributed by York Boat. The replica York boat is being constructed by North Woods Canoe Company Ltd of Cochrane, Alberta, based on historically accurate plans.

GeoTourism Canada is currently working to plan events along the route, and will have a schedule available at www.geotourismcanada.com/yorkboat2011 soon.

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