

If you are in search of quiet, well-kept trails or a clean, peaceful sheltered spot to have a picnic, then the Minden Whitewater Preserve volunteers and Summer Students invite you to visit us at 1020 Bethel Road, just off of Horseshoe Lake Road.

The Minden Whitewater Preserve (MWP) was founded in 1979 by a dedicated group of coaches, athletes, and recreational paddlers, who were awed by the beautiful Gull River and its surrounding natural ecosystem. Their mission was to preserve a place where future generations could and enjoy the outdoors and multitude of activities that the River lends itself to, such as whitewater paddling, fishing, hiking, painting, niche photography, and wildlife identification.



Now maintained by Whitewater Ontario (the provincial whitewater kayak and canoe association), MWP, its facilities, and friendly community of over 1000 members protects 100 acres of old-growth forest next to the fresh, rushing waters of the Gull River. It also includes over 8 kilometres of a private and safe, colour-coded and well-signed trail system for your family and pets, solo hiking, and moderate mountain biking.

MWP is also home to the Roger Parson's Centre (RPC), built in 1983 and renovated for the 2015 Pan-Am Games. It includes a fully-stocked industrial size kitchen, conference area, dining tables, chairs, T.V., wifi, and washrooms available for groups to rent for meetings, weddings, and birthday parties. Generally, there is both a corporate and community rental rate, but the RPC has been offered to HLPOA *for free* for your next Annual Meeting.

For daily visitors the Preserve provides washrooms and potable water. For those who contribute to MWP via a small hiking/day use membership fee, we also provide:

- Communal fridge, barbeque, and large campfire
- Sheltered outdoor lounge space and charging station

- Wifi
- Washrooms
- Dish-washing station
- Outdoor wifi area to work away from the office
- An opportunity learn beginner whitewater paddling skills with instruction

All of this is available to you, close to home, thanks to the donations and hiking/camping membership fees that help to maintain our facilities and their expenses and insurance.

At the Preserve you will meet our Summer Students, Emma and Colleen, or one of our many long-time volunteers. We are happy to provide you with any information about the property, trails, or education about the sport of whitewater kayaking and canoeing.

MWP is a private property and does not allow hunting or ATV use, and all guests and members must follow our Code of Conduct (essentially, be kind and respectful). When you visit us, you will notice that each of our members has been vetted by our Students and volunteers, which helps to sustain a safe, natural, and accessible forest, virtually free of unwanted noise and waste pollution, and behaviour consistent with a family-friendly environment.

While we are proud of this "home away from home" for our members, we also recognize how valuable HLPOA feedback is, being our local neighbour. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or feedback via:

- Email: mwpgull@gmail.com
- Facebook messenger on our FB page: Minden Whitewater Preserve
- Instagram: [@mindenwhitewater](https://www.instagram.com/mindenwhitewater)
- Or come see us in person

We look forward to meeting you soon!

-Colleen and Emma