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THE **20** BEST NEW TRIPS

From trekking an unmarked Newfoundland trail to stand-up paddleboarding down the Nahanni

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1) OFF THE BEATEN TREK

Newfoundland's Headwater Tours is leading a 30-kilometre backpacking trip on a new section of the International Appalachian Trail that has not yet been completed or marked. This challenging four-day trek boasts seven inland fjords, numerous waterfalls—including 1,000-foot Partridge Pond Falls—and abundant wildlife. The trip begins with an hour-long boat ride across scenic Portland Creek Inner Pond. (DATES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST; FROM \$750; HEADWATERTOURS.COM)



Sky Expeditions, you'll likely see not only the caribou, but grizzlies, wolves and muskoxen as well. The park also has nearly 400 archaeological sites, which contain 1,000-year-old Inuit artifacts. (DATES TBA; \$5,295; SEATOSKYEXPEDITIONS.COM)

5) PADDLE THROUGH HISTORY

Rising Tide Expeditions is giving kayakers a history lesson on its trip along the coastline of eastern Cape Breton Island. The five-day paddle starts in Gabarus Bay, and then heads east for a day at the Fortress of Louisbourg—the re-

2) CIRCLE MICHIPICOTEN

In the early 1900s, Lake Superior's Michipicoten Island was a hub of activity, thanks to its copper and bountiful fish. But now this remote island is home to old mine shafts, ramshackle buildings and a flourishing population of woodland caribou and beaver. This summer, Naturally Superior is running a 70-kilometre circumnavigation of the island. The trip starts with a five-hour boat ride to the Point Maurepas lighthouse. (JULY 17 TO 24; \$1,500; NATURALLYSUPERIOR.COM)



4) RUN THE RAE RIVER

There's a reason why Nunavut's Rae River is paddled infrequently—it's way, way up there, just south of the Arctic Ocean. But it's definitely worth the trip, with classic Barren Lands scenery, plenty of wildlife (caribou, muskoxen, wolves), Class II whitewater, and two deep canyons (stretching 10 and 24 kilometres). On the 16-day trip with Wanapitei (the only company guiding here), you'll start at the headwaters and paddle all the way to the ocean at Kugluktuk (Coppermine). (JULY 16 TO 31; \$6,195; CANADACANOE.COM)

constructed 18th-century fortified settlement. The other days are filled with stories of the sieges, naval battles, shipwrecks and legends of the area. (MULTIPLE DATES STARTING IN JULY; \$1,025; RISINGTIDEEXPEDITIONS.CA)

6) GET A RARE PEAK

Mounts Tsar and Shackleton sit in a remote location on the western side of the Rockies, which makes it very difficult for small groups to reach the primo 11,000-foot peaks. But this year, the Alpine Club of Canada is offering climbers easy access to these mountains on week-long trips into the area. The trip is part of the ACC's General Mountaineering Camp. (MULTIPLE DATES STARTING IN JULY; \$1,680; ALPINECLUBOFCANADA.CA)



7) A UNIQUE NORTHERN COMBO

Windigo's new 15-day trip starts with a classic adventure: hiking in the Torngat Mountains, along the remote northern border of Quebec and Labrador. Then the trip morphs into something totally different: a 160-kilometre paddle down the Koroc River, from the Torngats to Ungava Bay. The area is home to huge caribou herds and contains relics of 6,000 years of Inuit history. The paddle ends in Kangiqsualujuaq, where you meet with the village elders. (JULY 9 TO 23; FROM \$4,500; EXPEDITIONSCANADA.COM)

8) BIKE B.C.'S SECRET TRAILS

On the eight-day Sea to Sky trip from Big Mountain Bike Adventures, riders will discover awesome singletrack trails along the B.C. coast that only the locals know about. Riding locations include Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, the Sunshine Coast and Vancouver's North Shore. There is also an optional extension in the Chilcotins. (JULY 23 TO 30; \$2,170; RIDEBIG.COM)