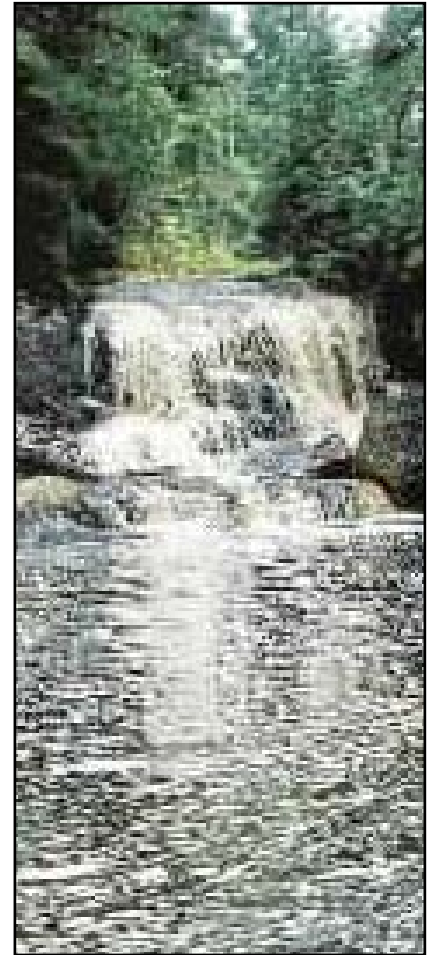




**FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD** – Algonquin Park occupies more than 700,000 hectares of Canada within which you are likely to see wolves, waterfalls and moose



as they come down to the water's edge for a drink in the morning.

Our trip came in the splendour of autumn, but any disappointment at missing out on moose was more than compensated by the fabulous autumn foliage and a chilling, but thrilling visitor to the campsite on the last night.

Our party of six – two per canoe – had just finished a chilli dinner following a 12km-paddle and portage across just a couple of Algonquin's more than 1,000 lakes.

A 'portage' involves solo-carrying a canoe on your shoulders between lakes, which makes you look disproportionately heroic for the amount of effort it actually requires. Like canoeing itself – Canada's national pastime – anyone can do it really.

As we recalled the visual feast of the

day, we were sitting in tired, but contented contemplation at the flickering flames of the fire when Robin slowly reached for his flashlight.

He whispered to us that we were being watched by a raccoon on the edge of the camp and we all picked out his eyes piercing the darkness before Robin switched on the torch to see if he would run away. But no, he did not move.

Then again, it was not in fact a raccoon. It was a wolf!

Once fully absorbed, it was a magical sight to behold and not at all scary to any of us, we later convinced ourselves. The wolf sniffed the night air for a few moments, then casually turned tail and disappeared back into the wilderness. Breathtaking.

If ever there was a Ronseal moment, the Call of the Wild did exactly what it says on the tin.



**FACTFILE**

■ A three-day canoeing and camping trip costs £160 (plus tax) per person with Call of the Wild, 23 Edward St., Markham, Ontario, L3P 2N9, Canada  
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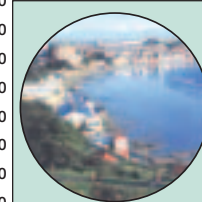
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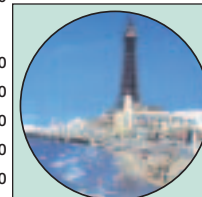
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