

Science and Nature Talk Info

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Title:

Journey North

Abstract:

After completing some 5,000 km of journeys on Canada's eastern Arctic seaboard - namely Ellesmere, Devon, Baffin and Labrador - John started planning a longer wilderness traverse of Canada.

The idea was pretty simple: to make a south-to-north traverse of the country by linking a series of expeditions through some of the country's finest landscapes. Converting the idea into reality was not so straightforward: requiring 8,000 km of skiing, hiking and paddling.

In the end "Journey North" comprised a 400 day series of wilderness expeditions - kayaking, canoeing, packrafting, hiking and skiing - covering almost every step of the way between Tofino on Vancouver Island to the northern tip of Ellesmere Island.

While Journey North was never intended to be a literal full south-to-north traverse of Canada, John hopes that the sharing of his adventures will inspire someone to do the "whole thing": as a single, pure wilderness journey from Cape Columbia to Middle Island or v.v. !

Journey North is a celebration of the vast Canadian wilderness and of the joys and challenges of long self-propelled journeys.

Bio:

John Dunn is a wilderness traveler, photographer and presenter who specialises in expeditions in the Canadian wilderness - especially the Arctic.

He has organized some 30 successful expeditions, including the first end-to-end ski traverse of Ellesmere Island; a pioneering 3,000 km skiing, kayaking and hiking traverse of Baffin Island; and a 2500 km journey through British Columbia which included a gruelling crossing of the entire western cordillera. That BC traverse is now part of his "Journey North" presentation. His Baffin images were published in National Geographic magazine.

John was born and educated in England. A geology degree from London University then led to a job in mineral exploration in the Australian Outback. He moved to Canada in the late '80s and became a Canadian citizen. He says he comes by his wilderness wanderlust honestly: his parents sailed around the world at the age of 65+.

John brings his expedition images and experiences to a wide audience through his multi-media presentations, making frequent tours of schools across Canada.

John continues to visit the Canadian Arctic, most recently in 2022 for a 60 day, 900 km journey on remote Axel Heiberg Island.

After 30 Arctic trips, 13,000+ km of sled-hauling and over 1200 days in the field he still has the Arctic “bug” and the desire to share his experiences through his images and talks. See <http://www.arcticlight.com>

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