

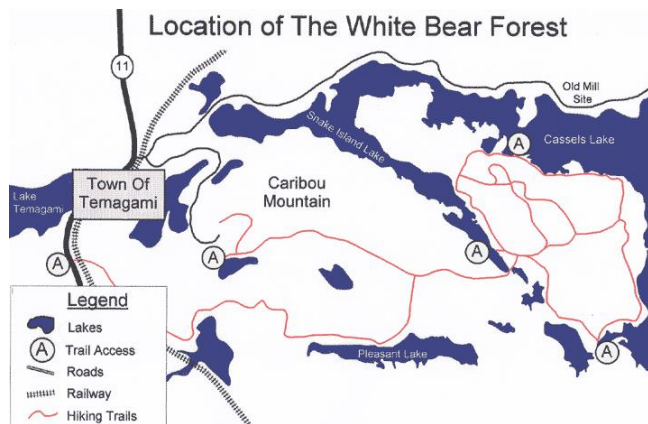
## The White Bear Forest

### A Temagami Old Growth Forest Jewel

In 1928, the Gillies Bros. logging company logged about 500 square kilometres (190 sq mi) of the forest surrounding Cassels Lake and Rabbit Lake. Following the construction of the Rabbit Lake dam, the water level in several lakes in the area increased numerous feet, resulting in the lakes merging into a single water body.

The area which is now called the White Bear Forest escaped the first wave of logging partly because the mill owner enjoyed the view of this forest, which was situated directly across the lake from the mill site.

In 1992, the White Bear Forest was once again spared from logging. Since then it has become a major tourist attraction in Temagami. In June 1996, the White Bear Forest was declared a Conservation Area by the Ministry of Natural Resources.



The trails of the White Bear Forest offer hikers, canoeists and adventurers the opportunity to travel through a portion of Ontario's forest that has changed little over time. The majority of the trails are located in an area that has never been logged or mined. The trails vary, from a leisurely one hour hike, to all day or weekend trips. Many species of birds and wildlife can be observed in their natural surroundings. There is at least seven named trails in the White Bear Forest.

**A visit to the White Bear Forest makes a great day trip for CALA members and your guests!**