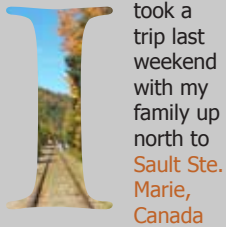


My Trip on the Agawa Canyon Fall Colors Train Tour



took a trip last weekend with my family up north to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada for a train excursion through the Agawa Canyon. What I saw there amazed me. Beautiful, luscious forests that blanketed hills and mountains like a patchwork quilt.

Besides the beautiful vistas viewed through huge windows on the comfortable train, the tour included a GPS triggered commentary track.

The excursion included a small diner car for breakfast and lunch. The food left much

to be desired, but it was difficult not to enjoy everything when looking through the window.

The train took us 114 miles to reach the floor of the Agawa Canyon. The tour passed deep blue lakes, water falls, and the occasional cabin secluded in the woods.

We later learned that these cabins are available for rent. Each cabin is accessible via train only, and vacationers can be picked up via a passenger train car.

The train ride itself was only a part of the journey, however. The tour also consisted of a roughly two hour layover at the

floor of the Canyon. This gave riders a chance to stretch their legs over several trails which ranged between 20 to 40 minutes in walking time.

Each trail provided a unique view of the canyon and mountain-side. There were three main scenic locations to discover on these trails. The Lookout, the Bridal Veil Falls, and the Black Beaver Falls.

I also happened to discover a small cascading waterfall off the trail close to 30 feet away and above. I know there were probably several more hidden settings all over the mountain-side, inaccessible to the common

tourist.

Following this layover, the tour headed back. Every seat was flipped around while passengers were out, giving everyone a clear view of what they may have missed on the way to the canyon floor.

Though I didn't take advantage of it, passengers also had the option of watching the view from the front of the train via LCD screens positioned throughout the train.

I didn't feel the need to watch the screens however; why miss the natural beauty **right** in front of you?

