

MANTARIO SUMMER PROGRAM SPOT DEVICE

For Trip Leaders



Reference: See SPOT user manual for more detail

Spot donated by Leigh Cullen for Mantario Summer Program and Work Party use

Set Up:

Nature Manitoba will provide any emergency contact emails provided by all trip participants and leaders to Katrina Froese, voluntary SPOT coordinator.

These contacts will be updated on the SPOT device remotely for each week of programming.

The SPOT is to remain in the canoe shed at Big Whiteshell for the summer, and will travel to/from the cabin with each group. A small dry bag with the manual, spare batteries, and the SPOT will be attached to the travelling first aid kit.

SPOT Emergency Use:

SOS message

- this is a life-threatening or critical emergency use only button
- it sends a message of SOS with your exact coordinates to a central emergency response centre, and the centre then notifies the appropriate emergency responders based on your location, which may include local police, highway patrol, the Coast Guard, our country's embassy or consulate, or other emergency search and rescue teams.
- For the Whiteshell Area, it will notify RCMP and Search and Rescue, who may involve Manitoba Conservation staff in assisting with the rescue.
- it also notifies your contacts about the receipt of a distress signal.

HELP

- Help is for non-life threatening emergency, you can use this function to notify your personal contact that you need assistance.
- In the case of Mantario, this would be a case of a group being safely at the cabin, but with a member who cannot canoe home due to an injury or illness.
- It is difficult to coordinate this function in the backcountry unless you have one trusted individual to alert who would have all the instructions on what to do. And still, they would not know what type of injury has happened.
- This function will not be set up for the Mantario SPOT
- Instead, it is expected that a designated communicator will take a cell phone and seek reception to call for evacuation.
- Contact - RCMP – 9-1-1, be prepared with injury information and location – GPS coordinates of your phone will be shared automatically.
- The Custom message (see below) would be used to inform all emergency contacts of a delayed return.

OK message

- pre-programmed into the SPOT – “We are doing great and enjoying our trip!”
- will go out to all participant’s emergency contacts
- Shares a link to a Google map location
- send when group arrives at cabin and when leaving the cabin, and when they are back at Big Whiteshell landing.
- Can be sent more times if the group wants to.

Custom message

- the text must be pre-programmed :
- “Our return trip has been delayed. We will contact you with an OK message when we begin paddling home.”
- Shares a link to Google Maps location
- sends to all participant’s emergency contacts and trip leader contact.
- Press this button as soon as you know the return trip will be delayed.
- When you begin paddling again, send an OK message.