The Carving of a Canoe:

selected photographs from David Neel’s

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Elbow adzes are used to hollow the log. The straight sides of the canoe will be steamed and shaped into arcs, widening the canoe by a foot.
Pegs of a premeasured size help the carvers to achieve the correct thickness for the canoe’s sides and bottom.
A young boy holds the canoe in place during the welcoming ceremony.