



*A magnificent quest - The Tye*

*An epic achievement - Original Cin*



# 500 DAYS IN THE WILD

A FILM BY DIANNE WHELAN

TELEFILM CANADA AND ELEVATION PICTURES PRESENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH PARAMOUNT+ CANADA  
A REBEL SISTER PRODUCTION "500 DAYS IN THE WILD" DIRECTED AND FILMED BY DIANNE WHELAN PRODUCED BY BETSY CARSON WRITTEN BY DIANNE WHELAN AND TANYA MARYNIAK  
ORIGINAL MUSIC COMPOSED BY DAVID F. RAMOS EDITOR TANYA MARYNIAK SOUND DESIGNER EVA MADDEN EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS CHRISTINE HAEBLER AND DIANNE WHELAN

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## Synopsis

***500 Days In The Wild* follows the epic 6-year journey of filmmaker Dianne Whelan as she sets out to reconnect with nature and become the first person to travel the world's longest trail.**

The 24,000 km Trans Canada Trail stretches across the continent of North America, connecting the Atlantic, Arctic and Pacific oceans. It is the longest trail in the world. For six years filmmaker Dianne Whelan traveled the entirety of the land and water trails, the only person to ever accomplish this journey. *500 Days in the Wild* recounts Dianne's journey by bike, canoe, skis, snowshoes and on foot and her cross-cultural visits with those who live close to the land.

This feature doc culled from 800 hours of footage is an intricate weave of adventure film, personal reflection and stunning captures of wildlife and landscapes. Using humour, adventure, beautiful cinematography and a great soundtrack (including songs from Joni Mitchell, First Aid Kit, Xavier Rudd, and The Tragically Hip), *500 Days in the Wild* will entertain audiences and inspire hope for the future.

She started out alone, disillusioned with state of the world, to look for different ways of caring for the land and for each other. She ended the journey a bit wiser, more hopeful, in love and with a passion to share this story.

## *Production Details*

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**Feature Documentary**  
**Canada / 124 min / 2023**

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**Production Company**  
Rebel Sister Productions

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**Producer** Betsy Carson  
**Exec Producers** Dianne Whelan, Christine Haebler  
**Director** Dianne Whelan

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## **Awards**

- **Grand Prize** VIMFF '24
- **Best Film** World Trail Film Festival '24
- **Best Film** Nordic Adventure Film Fest '24
- **Audience Award** Saltspring Film Fest '24
- **Audience Award** Victoria Film Fes '24
- **Founders Award for Best Doc** at TVE Film Awards '24
- **Audience Award** Whistler Film Fest '23

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