

A woman with her hair in a ponytail, wearing a dark jacket and a life vest, is in a red canoe on a body of water. She is pointing her right hand towards a large, textured rock wall. The background is a mix of grey and brown rock, with a blue sky and a blue silhouette of a hand reaching down from the top right. The text 'LAND O' LAKES' is written in large, white, stylized letters with a blue outline, and 'Paddle Guide' is written in smaller white letters below it.

LAND O' LAKES

Paddle Guide

Over 10
Routes on
8 Different
Topographical
Maps

Crotch Loop



Virtually the entire shoreline of Crotch lake is Crown land and thus undeveloped and undisturbed. Near the middle of the lake the large peninsulas on both the east and west sides are part of a conservation area.

The Crotch/Big Gull Loop is an intermediate paddling route through the upper reservoir lakes of the Mississippi River. Established in the 1970's by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, but since abandoned by the MNR, this loop is maintained and protected only by canoe trippers and Cottage Associations. Ensure paddlers behind you can enjoy the same pristine scenery - leave no trace!

Campsites along this route are the property of North Frontenac Township. Reservations are required. You can book online at www.northfrontenacparklands.com or by calling 1.800.234.3953.

Due to the length and remoteness of this trip we advise people to take these topo maps with you: 31C/14 and 31C/15 (these maps can be purchased from the Land O'Lakes Tourist Office in Kaladar).



Lake Paddle Routes

Show Respect for Nature and the Wildlife

Let the sounds of nature prevail and avoid making loud noises. Always observe the wildlife from a distance and avoid approaching, following or feeding the animals. When hiking or biking, stay on the trails, avoid stepping on plants, and always take out what you bring.

The Campsite

Before pitching your tent, look for a location that will result in minimal damage to plant life and that can be restored to its original condition when you leave. Always check for garbage left behind and make sure you pack out everything you brought with you to the campsite.

Fires

Most campsites are equipped with stone fire rings, which help to minimize the impact of campfires on the immediate environment. Building a fire anywhere else on the campsite is not permitted. Never leave a fire unattended and always keep a supply of water nearby, just in case. Before leaving the campsite, make sure the fire is fully extinguished.

Pit Privies and Cat Holes

If your campsite has a pit privy, by all means use it. A pit privy is designed to contain human waste in as small an area as possible and to prevent the spreading of disease. If a pit privy is not located on or near your campsite, a "cat hole" is an easy solution for safe disposal. Simply dig a hole 15-30cm deep, at least 30m from the water. When you're done replace the soil and restore the immediate area to its original condition, as much as possible.

Washing

If you need to use soap, either for bathing or dish washing, please use only biodegradable soap and avoid draining the soap into the water source. It should be disposed of in an area where there is no vegetation and at least 30 metres from the lake or water source.

Avoiding Bears

Bears have a very keen sense of smell. To avoid attracting bears, please follow these simple guidelines: Eliminate odors as much as possible, including food and garbage, cosmetics, sunscreen, toothpaste and insect repellent. Separate your tent from the cooking area and food supply, which should be downwind from the tent. Store your food supplies in a sturdy bag 5 metres off the ground in a tree, 2 metres from the trunk and 1 metre below the branches. Never store or leave food in your tent.

Description

Scenic beauty
Remoteness
Difficulty
Portages
Longest portage
Estimated length

Rating

★★★★★
★★★★★
★★★★★
10
1250m
4-6 days

Where to stay

Aragain Lodge/B&B

Location

Kashwakamak Lake

Contact info.

www.aragainlodge.com
613.336.2301

Bayview Cottages

Big Gull Lake

www.reach.net/bayviewcottages
1.800.511.0222



Camp's Bay & Cottages

Big Gull Lake

www.campsbaycottages.com
613.336.2330



Cuddy's Pine Cove

Located on Map

www.cuddyspinecove.ca
613.336.8135



Fernleigh Lodge

Located on Map

www.fernleigh.on.ca
1.866.459.9099



Gull Lake Ctg/Cmpgrnd

Big Gull Lake

www.gulllakecottages.com
613.336.2341



Hyatt's Glen Haven Resort

Big Gull Lake

www.hyattsglenhavenresort.com
1.866.264.2267



Kirk Kove Cottages

Big Gull Lake

www.kirkkovecottages.com
1.877.688.8388



Land O'Lakes Lodge

Crotch lake

www.land-o-lakes-lodge.com
613.279.2530

Loon's Call Ctg/Cmpgrnd

Marble Lake

www.loonscall.ca
1.866.765.4756

Marble Lake Lodge

Marble Lake

www.marblelakelodge.com
613.336.0117

Myer's Cave Resort

Marble Lake

www.myerscaveresort.com
613.336.9900

Tumblehome Resort

Crotch Lake

www.tumblehomelodge.ca
613.279.2414

Woodcrest Resort Park

Kashwakamak Lake

www.woodcrestresort.com
1.800.847.3324

Where to eat

Marble Lake Lodge

Location

Marble Lake

Contact info.

www.marblelakelodge.com
613.336.0117

North of 7 Restaurant

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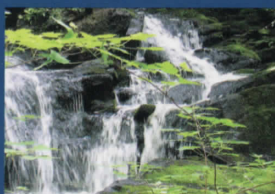
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Shoepack Portage



Rest Stop



Waterfalls

Portage

Length

Description

P • 1

290m

Kashwakamak Lake Dam. On the north (left) side. Use of portage recommended, large fall above put in.

P • 2

500m

Logjam Rapids. On the south (right) side. Put in is steep and can be slippery. Rapids are swift and pretty but dangerous - do not attempt to run.

P • 3

120m

Farm Lake Dam. On the south (right) side. Use caution when approaching the weir. Good, large campsite.

P • 4

300m

Sidedam Rapids. On west (right) side. Two options: portage both sections or put in below first rapid and take out for second, save 140m. Camping permitted.

P • 5

25m

Whitefish Rapids. On west (right) side. Lift over or portage depending on water level. Camping permitted.

P • 6

35m

Gull Creek to Gull Creek.

P • 7

200m

Gull Creek to Gull Creek.

P • 8

75m

Gull Creek to Big Gull Lake. Follow trail up past dam and over road.

P • 9

1250m

North Creek to Shoepack Lake. On the northwest (right) side, long but easy. Portage may be difficult to find but is the only trail leading from North Creek in northwest direction.

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275m

Shoepack to Kashwakamak Lake. Follow trail (can be wet and boggy) to cottage road. Follow to lake via trail for paddlers. Respect private property.

Aragain Lodge
(to left of map)
Woodcrest Resort
(Accessible by paddle)

Myers Cave 5km

Alternate Starting Point
(See Page 4)

Starting or Finishing Point

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Harlowe 7.3km

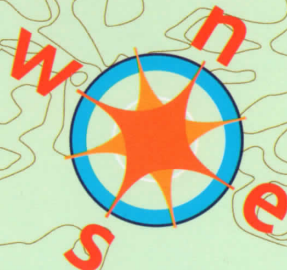
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Kashwakamak Lake

KASHWAKAMAK LAKE DAM

Big Gull Lake

Big Gull Lake





506
Plevna 6km

5km to
County
Road 509

Village of
Ardoch

Alternate
Start/Finish
(5589 Ardoch Rd)

Alternate
Start/Finish
(South Bush Rd)

Alternate
Start/Finish
(Pine Path, off
Ardoch Rd.)

Land O'Lakes
Lodge &
Tumblehome
Resort
(Accessible by paddle)

Hwy #7 24km
Take 509 South

Ardoch Rd

FERN LAKE
DAM

Mud Lake

BIRCH
RAPIDS

SIDEDAM
RAPIDS

WHITEFISH
RAPIDS

Malcolm
Lake

Ardoch
Lake

McLeans Bay

Pine
Lake

Crotch
Lake

Fawn
Lake

NARROWS
RAPIDS

Helen Ln

Crotch
Lake

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P-3

P-4

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506

300

290

317

250

270