

Some notes on hiking the Dobson Trail

***distances are derived from Google Earth. Please use the official guidebook for exact information.**

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Distance: About 65 kilometers from the trail head parking lot on Pine Glen Road in Riverview to the Laverty Falls parking lot in Fundy NP.

Time: 4 days if hiking 15+ km per day. 3 days if hiking 20+ km per day.

Parking: Due to the potential for vandalism, it is safest to park overnight only at the beginning and end of the trail.

I would leave one vehicle at Laverty Falls parking area in Fundy NB, and leave one at the trailhead on Pine Glen Road.

Before parking in Fundy NP, go to the visitor center, tell them your plans, and then the driver must buy a 1 day pass.

Caladonia Mountain Road in Riverside Albert is paved and a good way to travel between Alma and Riverview.

Markings: The trail is marked with blue blazes, and there are signs marking each kilometer.

Water: The trail crosses many streams, but some campsites have no water, so plan ahead.

Things to mention:

Whenever the trail uses existing roads **BEWARE**...or you can easily miss where the trail turns off into the woods again.

The first several kilometers of the trail can be wet...especially in spring.

There are no trespassing signs along the trail near KM25.2 (west of Highway 910) but you are ok as long as you stay on the trail.

In 2018 the trail was cut over at about KM28, and obscured with brush piles and skidder ruts.

At about KM52, my guide book was inaccurate. Only walk 60 meters along Colier Mountain Road before turning right onto Gold Mine Road.

Blackmore Lake has leeches and brown colored water.

Broad River in Fundy National Park requires wading except in very dry weather.

The last 3 kilometers up to Laverty Parking lot is all uphill and a bit of a slog.

Some Water Sources: Locations are approximate, and water sources can dry up in the summer.

KM14.2: Baltimore Campsite

KM17.8: Spring

KM20: Spring + Woodmouse Brook

KM25.3: Turtle Creek where highway 910 crosses

KM29: Spring

KM34.6: Spring at Beaverbrook Campsite

KM35.3 Upham Brook

KM39.6 Hayward Brook

KM41.8: Spring to the left of Kent Road, 100 meters above trail.

KM46.2: small brook (fill up water here if camping at Blackmore Lake)

KM48.2: Blackwood Lake water is warm and brown ☹️

KM55: Kierstead Brook and adjacent Barrett Brook

Some Campsites: Locations are approximate, and I've probably missed a few.

KM10.8 campsite near a small river

KM14.2: Baltimore Campsite...east of the trail about 350 meters.

KM15.4: small campsite.

KM19.2: small campsite.

KM21.4: small campsite

KM27: small campsite

KM31.3: Prosser Ridge Lookoff

Nice view, but it's an atv area so pitch your tent out of the way...also no water here.

KM34.6: Beaverbrook campsite is near a giant windmill so quite noisy...but it has a nice spring.

KM36.3: small campsite

KM40: small campsite

KM48.2: Blackwood Lake: The campsite was quite messy with garbage...and the lake water isn't great.

KM54.9: small campsite (big spruce tree)

A Sample 4 Day Itinerary:

Day1: KM0 (Riverview) – KM14 (Baltimore campsite and spring)

Day2: KM14 – KM31.3 (Prosser Ridge Look off) ***get water at spring near KM29.**

***next day get water at KM35 Beaverbrook campsite.**

Day3: KM31.3 – KM48.2 (Blackwood Lake) ***water is warm + brownish, so best fill up at a brook near KM46.2**

***next day get water near KM55 Kierstead + Barrett Brooks**

Day4: KM48.2 – KM65 (Lavery Falls Parking Lot)