

Grand Manan Coastal Hike (Dark Harbour - Whale Cove)

*Make ferry + shuttle reservations well in advance.

*Much of the trail is on private land, so be respectful.

*Keep away from cliff edges...they may be crumbly or undercut.

*Filter + treat all water...don't risk sickness in the woods. (carry 2 liters of water)

*If possible, bring a gps with the important locations saved.

Distance: about 18.5 km *includes side trails and road walk.

Difficulty: Challenging

Trail markings: Red blazes (mostly can covers) or orange/red tape.

*Side trails are blazed blue or yellow.

Water: water sources are small brooks and springs.

(SHUTTLE INFO)

We got in touch with a man willing to shuttle us from the ferry terminal to the southern end of the island. Please contact the GMVIC for more info:

Grand Manan Visitor Information Center

13 route 776 (opens June 17 2019)

506-321-9016

Day 1: Dark Harbour (km0) [21] – Money Cove Lookout (km5.40 [26.4])*north of Money Cove

Drive to Black's Harbour and leave vehicle at the ferry landing, and walk onto the ferry.

Take 9.30 ferry to Grand Manan Island...arrive about 11 am.

***have breakfast on the boat.**

***meet shuttle and drive to Dark Harbour**

[**]: denotes mileage on the complete Red Trail

Km0 [21]: Dark Harbour Road

Km.6 [21.6]: Large open campsite

Km1.2 [22.2]: X a small brook with good water 44° 45.057'N 66° 50.097'W

Km2 [23]: Possible campsite on headland

Km2.1 [23.1]: X a small brook with good water 44° 45.415'N 66° 50.060'W

Km2.2 [23.2]: Possible campsite on nice open headland under trees

Km2.6 [23.6]: Possible campsite on grassy headland

Km2.9 [23.9]: Possible campsite on headland

Km3.3 [24.3]: X small brook with good water 44° 46.071'N 66° 49.655'W

Km3.6 [24.6]: X small brook

Km3.8 [24.8]: Lookout

Km4.6 [25.6]: X a branch of Money Cove Brook. *Falls downstream

Km4.9 [25.9]: X a bridge over main branch of Money Cove Brook
Km5 [26]: Trail junction: (left) 850 meters to Money Cove beach
(right) yellow trail to North Head via Quigley Hill *4.3 km

*take left hand trail to Money Cove.

Camp near beach if possible, or return to main trail and camp at km26.4

Km5.4 [26.4]: **Campsite at Lookout with bench** 44° 46.402'N 66° 49.176'W

Day Total: about 6 km

Day 2: Money Cove Lookout (Km5.4) [26.4] – Whale Cove (Km15.2) [36.1]

Km6.3 [27.3]: **X Twin Brooks *get water from second brook** 44° 46.827'N 66° 48.851'W

Km6.4 [27.4]: Lookout

Km6.5 [27.5]: Possible campsite on grassy lookout.

Km6.7 [27.7]: Indian Beach Lookout

Km7 [28]: Split Tree

Km7.1 [28.1]: X a small brook with good water 44° 47.054'N 66° 48.447'W

Km7.1 [28.1]: Indian Beach side trail *260 meters

*check out the beach then return to main trail

Km7.2 [28.2]: X a small brook with good water

Km8.2 [29.2]: Whistle Lookoff + campsite

Km9.7 [30.7]: Long Eddy Light *trail starts to right of Helipad

Km11 [32]: Short side trail to the Bishop rock formation **[SNACK]**

Km11.3 [32.3]: **SPRING 44° 47.815'N 66° 46.365'W**

Km11.6 [32.6]: Short side trail to Ashburton Head

Km33.3: X at Eel Brook Falls

Km12.8 [33.8]: 7 Days Work side trail

Km14 [35]: Pass Waterfall.

Km14.1 [35.1]: X a small brook with good water 44° 46.872'N 66° 45.926'W

Km14.3 [35.3]: Pass a waterfall + bridge

Km14.9 [35.9]: Lookout + possible campsite

Km15.2 [36.2]: Whale Cove

Walk 1 km on Whale Cove Rd.

Turn left onto NB-776 and walk 1.2 km to Ferry Terminal

Day Total: 10.3 + 2.2 = 12.5

Be back at the ferry landing by 1645 to catch the 1730 ferry.

***if back by 1445, ask if space is available on the 1530 ferry.**

***have supper on the boat.**

GRAND MANAN FERRY INFO *subject to change

***the food on the boats is basic but good.**

***Reservations required.**

***Arrive 1 hour before departure times.**

Reservations: Toll Free in NB (855) 882-1978

or create an account and reserve on line at: <https://register.coastaltransport.ca/>

***a few sailings are reserved for dangerous goods, so check ahead.**

Reservations are valid only up to 45 minutes before the scheduled departure.

Passengers must check in prior to this time.

If you have not checked in 45 minutes before sailing you may lose your reserved spot.

Please contact our ticket office at (506) 662-3724 if you cannot make your scheduled sailing.

Rates: No charge from Blacks Harbour...pay when departing Grand Manan Island.

Age: >12: \$12 5 - 12: \$5.95 <5: Free

Passenger vehicle: \$35.80 Motorbike: \$12 Bicycle: \$4.10

Schedule:

Daily from Blacks Harbour: 09:30, 13:30, 17:30, 21:00

Additional Summer Crossings (June 17 to September 14): 07:30, 11:30, 15:30

NOTE: On Sundays there is no 07:30 sailing from Blacks Harbour.

Daily from North Head: 07:30, 11:30, 15:30, 19:15

Additional Summer Crossings (June 17 to September 14): 09:30, 13:30, 17:30

NOTE: On Sundays there is no 09:30 sailing from Grand Manan.

Walking on/off of the ferry.

Foot traffic moves on/off the ferry before vehicles.

(ON)

At Blacks Harbour, check in at the gate, park and wait in the main terminal until you see the ferry approaching, then make your way down to what looks like a bus stop near the top of the ramp.

At North Head, check in at the terminal, then go to the enclosure at the top of the ramp.

Wait there until directed to walk onto the boat.

***if planning to eat onboard, get in line at the cafeteria towards the FRONT of the boat on the 3rd level deck.**

(OFF)

Grand Manan (assemble on the car deck on the LEFT hand side)

Blacks Harbour (assemble on the car deck on the RIGHT hand side)

Go to the bottom deck and wait towards the FRONT of the cars on the proper side, until told to exit the ferry.

