

# NACKAWIC AREA HIKES

## **BIG POKIOK NATURE PARK** *(see maps 1 + 2)*

Over 7 kms of nature trails south of Nackawic, NB.

### **Getting There:**

- (1) From Fredericton, drive west on route 2 (TCH) and take exit 231 onto route 102, then drive towards the St. John River.
- (2) After 800 meters turn sharply right onto the gravel Pokiok Road, and continue 2.7 km to a fork.
- (3) Turn left onto a rough road, and carefully drive about 450 meters to a parking area. (45° 56.068'N 67° 13.970'W)

### **HIKERS DREAM TRAIL (3.3 km loop)**

*\*the dead water created by the Ducks Unlimited dam is quite scenic....especially in the fall.*

From the right side of the parking area, walk southwest on the trail for about 360 meters, and turn left onto an old wood road. Follow this road for 1 km to the Ducks Unlimited dam that has formed a 14 km long dead water to the southeast. From the dam, the trail continues in a counter-clockwise direction for another 1.9 km until it reaches the parking area.

### **STREAM SIDE TRAIL (1.1 km loop)**

From the Hikers Dream parking area, return 450 meters to the Pokiok Road and turn left. Drive 340 meters to a small wooden bridge. Continue for 250 meters to a parking area. (45° 56.010'N 67° 14.410'W) The Stream Side Trail Loop begins here on the right side of the road. The trail follows a ridge before turning east towards the stream. After about 500 meters the trail reaches the Pokiok Stream, then follows it upstream to the bridge. At the bridge, turn right and walk 250 meters back to your vehicle.

*\*the following 3 trails can be treated as a linear trail with loops. (3.2 km return) (see map 2)*

*\*these 3 trails are not well marked in some places, so use caution.*

### **LOOKOUT TRAIL (630 meters return)**

On the left side of the road at the parking area, the Lookout Trail leads to Pokiok Falls, 300 meters away.

### **PARTRIDGE TRAIL (1.25 km return)**

Near Pokiok Falls, the Partridge Trail joins the Lookout Trail.

### **BEECHNUT TRAIL (1.3 km return)**

At the southern extent of the Partridge Trail, the Beechnut Trail begins. After about 150 meters, it becomes a large loop that eventually skirts a large bog, before heading back towards the parking area.

### **OLD POKIOK FALLS** *(see map 1) \*this is not a hike, but a historic location.*

*Located along the road, beneath an overpass.*

- (1) Return to the entrance to the Pokiok road, turn right onto route 102, and drive 400 meters to an underpass.
- (2) Park beneath the underpass near the south end of the Hawkshaw bridge.
- (3) Remnants of the old falls are located on the left, along the highway. (45° 57.537'N 67° 14.816'W)

**\*be careful crossing the road.**

**This once scenic gorge has been flooded by the Mactaquac Head Pond, so that little remains of its former beauty. Small rapids, and the top of the sunken gorge can still be viewed. It would be an interesting place to swim on a hot summer's day, and is reported to be 20 or more feet deep, with sheer and narrow rock walls.**

### **TROUT BROOK FALLS** *(see map 3)*

**46 00' 24" N 067 15' 25"W**

*An easy 2 minute walk to this 3 meter cascade waterfall.*

- (1) Cross the Hawkshaw bridge over the SJ River and continue on route 105 to the Irving store.
- (2) Drive 700 meters and turn left onto the Campbell Settlement road.
- (3) Drive 1.2 kms until the road crosses a stream.
- (4) Park along the road, travel downstream on an ATV trail for 75 meters to a short side trail on the left, leading to the falls.

**This is another instance of the Mactaquac Head Pond flooding a once popular spot. Prior to the building of the Mactaquac dam, there was a large water fall downstream of here also called Trout Brook Falls.**

### **NACKAWIC NATURE TRAIL** (3.5 km return) *(see map 4)*

Drive to the Big Axe in Nackawic, and park near the ball field.

The trail begins on the other side of the ball field, and follows the river for about 1.6 km.

### **SHOGOMOC SUSPENSION BRIDGE** *(see maps 5 + 6) \*part of the Great Trail*

Near the south end of the Hawkshaw bridge, go west on the overpass and drive upriver along the old highway for about 4.6 km to just before the road ends, and turn right onto a narrow paved road.

Drive 2.2 km and park near the walking bridge.

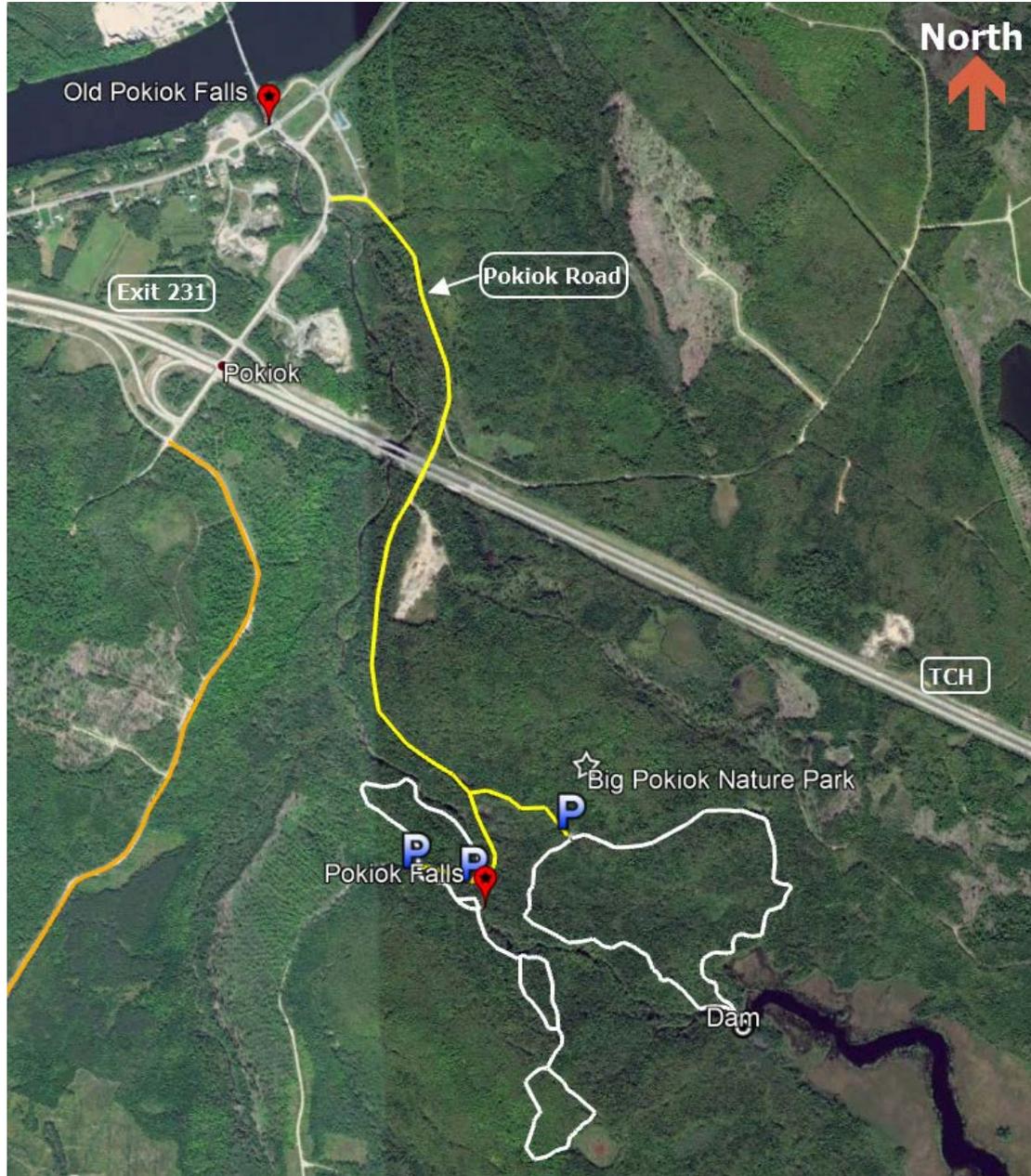
There is a 300 meter long trail that goes upstream, starting near the parking area.

There is a picnic area near the other end of the walking bridge.

The paved trail on the other side continues for 1.8 km until it reaches houses, then the road widens and continues another 1.8 km until it joins the Temple Rd.

**Near the bridge, beneath the waters of the head pond is said to lie a large flat rock, that was once "the meeting place of chiefs", or Shogomoc in the Maliseet tongue.**

MAP 1



MAP 2



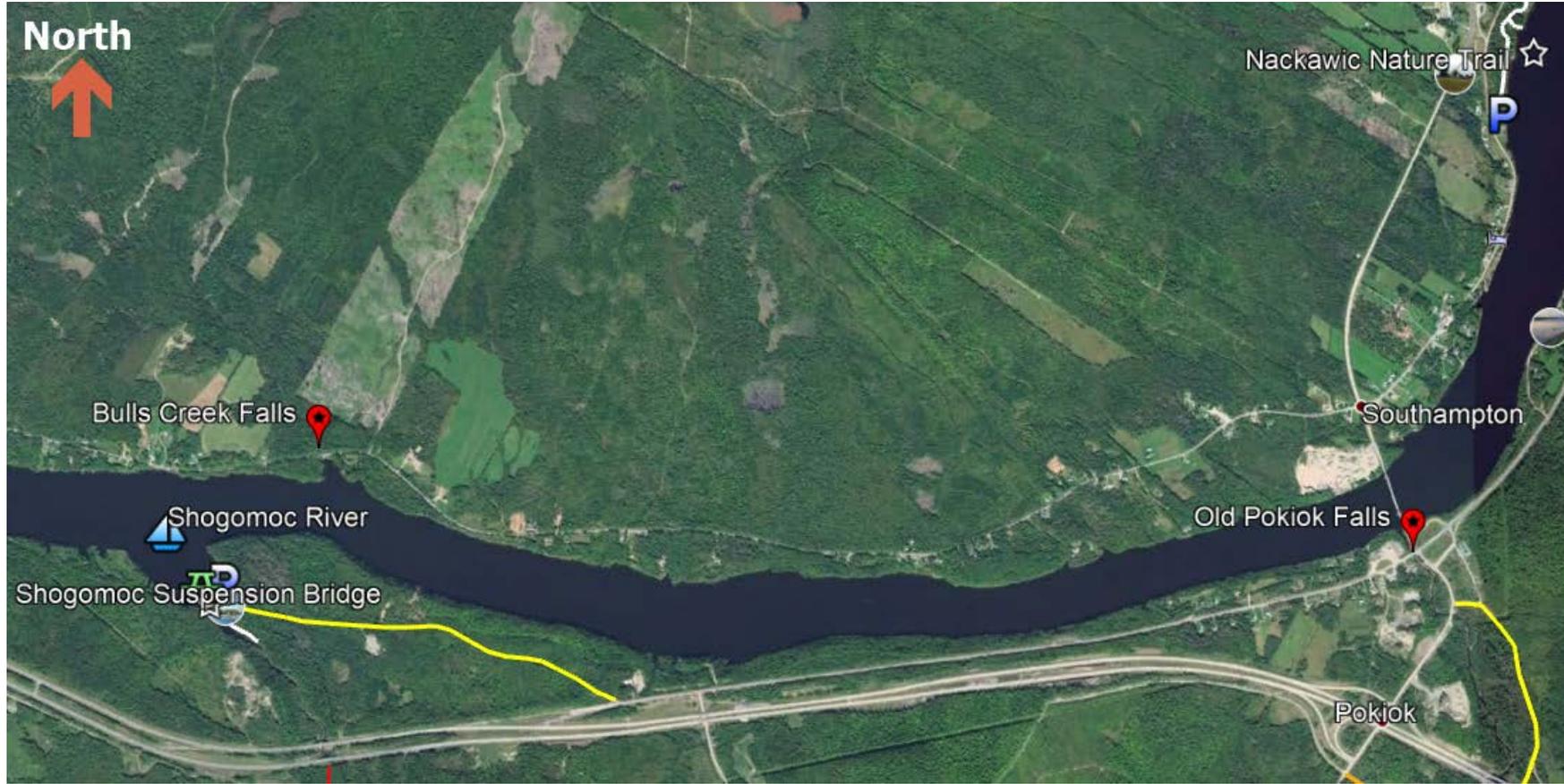
MAP 3



MAP 4



MAP 5



MAP 6

