

Nepisiquit Trail Hike Plan_eastern half

Logistics:

Drive to Bathurst and park one vehicle at St. Anne Regional Fire Dept. Sub Station 1 (Pump House) 2735 Rough Waters Rd. (500 meters from Access B)

*Park on the gravel off to the side, not on the paved driveway. 47.577119N -65.642302W

*You can also choose to park at Daly Point Nature Preserve, adding 10 km of city walking to the hike.

Drive to Heath Steel Bridge area and park second vehicle at Roger's Lake Lodge.

Walk to the other side of the Heath Steel Bridge and begin hiking down river.

Roger's Lake Lodge

1506 502 2696

Cross Heath Steel Bridge and drive 600 meters.

Turn right and drive 300 meters.

Turn left and drive 400 meters and locate the office.

*it's best to call and ask permission ahead of time.

Water: Drinking water was plentiful on this trail, with many chances to filter from the river or at the many brook crossings.

Safety: Bring a satellite communicator & guide book.

Many hornets along the trail, so bring epi pens if allergic.

Note: You also have the option of parking in Bathurst and hiring a shuttle to take you to Heath Steel Bridge.

Day1: *6 km

Camp: Otter Campsite KM77.5

*get water at Coles Brook near camp.

Day2: *16.6 km

Lunch: Moose Campsite KM85.6

Camp: Beaver Campsite KM94.1

Day3: *14.9 km

Lunch: Nepisiquit Falls Dam area KM102.5

Camp: Bear Campsite KM109.5

Day4: *13.5 km

Lunch: Salmon Campground KM118

Camp: Eagle Campsite KM125.5

Day5: *14.5 km

Lunch: Boucher Falls KM137

Finish: Access B

Return to Roger's Lake Lodge and pick up your other vehicle.

(NEPISQUIT TRAIL LOCATIONS eastern half) *distances are approximate

(K-L) **KM78.5: Access L** / Highway 430 at Heath Steel Bridge. *Access point is at road crossing.

6 km **KM78: Heath Steel Bridge campsite.** *4 tents (N47°22'27.36" W66° 4'5.06")

KM77: Lazare's Brook crossing.

Notes: Difficult with multiple steep grades.

At Lazare's Brook there is an old chimney remaining from a fishing camp.

(J-K) **KM72.5: Access K**

8 km **Geonig "Otter" campsite** *3 tent platforms + teepee

KM72.3: Coles Brook crossing.

KM70: Taylor Brook crossing.

KM64.3: Tiam "Moose" campsite. *3 tent platforms. (N47 22 32.34 W65 55 51.72)

Notes: Difficult with many steep hills.

Explore up Coles Brook towards the Geonig campsite.

(I-J) **KM63.8: Access J** at end of 700 meter side trail.

5 km **KM62.1: Rod's Lookout.** *Espuaagwek = High on a bank.

KM60.1: Nine Mile Brook crossing.

Notes: Moderate/Difficult

(H-I) **KM59: Access I.** at end of 600 meter side trail.

4 km **KM57: Nepisquit Brook crossing.** *Rope Bridge

Notes: Moderate/Difficult

(G-H) **KM56.1: Access H** at end of 1.2 km side trail.

8 km **KM55.8: Gopit "Beaver" campsite.** *3 tent platforms + teepee (N47 21 33.60 W65 50 42.36)

KM55.5: Sam's Lookout at The Narrows *L'nu ogtaoig = Where they take it out.

KM53.5: Pine Tree Camp

KM48.8: Lavignes Brook crossing.

Notes: Moderate

(F-G) KM47.5: Access G

8 km Nepisiguit Falls Dam *Egomoqaseg = Rock moving like a sailing ship.

KM44.3: Gilmour Brook crossing. *Rope Bridge

KM42.8: Portage Brook crossing. *Rope Bridge

Notes: Easy

The Nepisiguit Falls Dam has a locked gate to prevent crossing the river.

(E-F) KM 40.8: Access F

There is a large place to camp under trees at Access F.

6-8 km Chain of Rocks rapids*Taqaqampsegwei = On the other side of the river.

KM40.3: Muin "Bear" campsite. *3 tent platforms + teepee (N47 24 27.78 W65 43 9.27)

KM37: Gordon Meadows Brook Rope Bridge. *Etnigtuigg = Where it splits (portage)

Notes: Easy/Moderate

Gordon Meadow Brook was an ancient portage route to the Miramichi River.

Approaching Gordon Meadow Brook:

Left: At low water you can cross at the mouth of Gordon Meadow Brook.

Straight: Picnic Table and rope bridge. *BEST OPTION!!!

Right: Hike another 1.3 km upstream to a regular bridge, then 1.3 km downstream again.

(D-E) KM32: Access E at Middle Landing bridge *Pisewinjig = Rough water

6.3 km Highway 360 crossing *a fairly busy road.

Plamau "Salmon" campsite (N47°26'25.14" W65°42'18.90")

KM31: The Devil's Well *north side of trail.

KM29: The Hemlocks campsite. (N47°27'47.80 W65°41'32.30)

Notes: Moderate. 2 small bridges in this section.

(C-D) KM24.8: Access D

6.7 km **Gitpu "Eagle" campsite.** *4 tent platforms + teepee + basic toilet (N47°29'26.46" W 65°40'18.96")

*room for several tents at this site.

*there are also options to camp along the river in this area.

KM22: Pabineau Falls * Gegoapsgog = Where the seals lay.

KM19.5: Red Pine Brook crossing. *Rope Bridge.

Notes: Moderate

Relics of the old Papineau Sport Fishing Lodge can be seen near the falls.

Salmon can be seen jumping the Papineau Falls in late September and October.
Gitpu campsite is near some deep water pools in the river, good for swimming.

(B-C) KM18.3: Access C.

9 km KM13: Boucher Falls + Train Bridge *easy to miss the trail after crossing train track.

KM12: Boucher Brook crossing *Small Rope Bridge

Notes: Moderate

(A-B) KM10: Access B. *corner of Rough Waters Rd. + Green Belt Lane

*if exiting at the Pump House, walk right on Rough Waters Rd. for 400 meters to the fire Dept. Sub Station.

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10 km KM1: Access A. *10 km of road and bike trail walking.

KM0: Daly Point Park. *Apji jgum = Where the ducks live.

Notes: Easy

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