

## Nepisiquit Trail Hike Plan\_western half

### **Logistics:**

Drive 2 vehicles to Heath Steel Bridge on NB-430.

Park a vehicle at Rogers Lake Lodge 1.5 km north of the bridge.

Roger's Lake Lodge

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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.

Drive second vehicle to Mt. Carleton Park. \*NB-430 is rough but passable, requiring slow speeds.

At Mt. Carleton Park, stop at the Registration Center and tell them your plans.

Drive to Bathurst Lake and park on the right before the bridge.

**Note: If hiking the entire 150 km trail, you also have the option of parking in Bathurst and hiring a shuttle to take you to Bathurst Lake.**

**DAY1:** \*4.5 km

\*short hiking day due to 6 hours of road travel.

Walk 4.5 km down the trail and camp in a large cleared area on the right. (47° 22.460'N -66° 44.146'W)

**DAY2:** \*17.5 km

Get water at Silver Brook KM9.5

Lunch at 69 mile Brook campsite KM15

Camp at Corker's Gulch Campsite KM22.5 (47° 23.042'N -66° 33.930'W)

\*4 tents max.

**DAY3:** \*17.5 km

Lunch at Popple Depot Pit. KM28

Camp at Shelter 3 KM40 (47° 23.329'N -66° 24.070'W)

\*4 tents max.

**DAY4:** \*15 km

Lunch at Access P KM47

Camp at Shelter 2 KM55 (47° 22.038'N -66° 14.323'W)

\*4 tents max.

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

**Safety:** Bring a satellite communicator & guide book.  
Lots of hornets, so bring epi pens if allergic.

**DAY5:** \*17 km

Lunch at The Bend campsite KM61

Finish at Heath Steel Bridge KM72 (47° 22.538'N 66° 4.325'W)

Walk 1.5 km to your vehical at Roger's Lake Lodge.

Drive back to Mt. Carleton to get your other vehicle.

**Notes:**

1. Bring the Guide Book and a Satellite Communicator.
2. The campsites are small, so you might squeeze in 4 tents at best.
3. Beware of many yellow jackets nests in the ground all along the trail.
4. If hiking the entire trail there is a metal box to stash food 100m west of NB-430 at Heath Steel Bridge.
5. If hiking the entire trail, DAY5 campsite is 250m east of NB-430. (47° 22.454'N 66° 4.083'W)

**(NEPISQUIT TRAIL LOCATIONS western half) \*distances are approximate**

**(T-U) KM150: Access U** / Bathurst Lake \*Nigtua'tog = Where the rivers flow both ways.

**11 km KM145.4:** possible campsite at end of 4.5 km Park service road.

**KM140.4: Silver Brook campsite.** \*space for a few tents (N47° 21.052' W66° 41.993')

**KM140.3: Silver Brook crossing.** Miawe'g ge'gupnn = Between the hills

**KM139.5: Shelter #4 Pagoegonaq "shallow water"**

**Little South Branch campsite** \*space for 4 tents (N47°20'54.96" W66°41'18.54")

**KM139.4: LSBN River crossing.** \*Rope Bridge \*Pagoegonaq = Where the water gets shallow.

**Notes:** Easy/Moderate.

Last 4.5 km is a park service road, built to recover trees killed in the great fires of 1923 and 1933.

Silver Brook Meadow was the site of Silver Brook Farm, from the late 1800s – early 1900s, supplying food for the lumber camps.

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**(S-T) KM138.8: Access T** / McEwens Bridge \*Access point is across the river.

**8 km KM137.2:** 1.5 km Bailey's Chasm side trail. \*located on the south side of the trail, 1.5 km west of 69 mile brook. Marked with pink ribbons.

**KM135.8: Sixty Nine Mile Brook crossing.**

**KM135.2: Sixty Nine Mile Brook campsite.** \*nice site along river for 4 tents. (N47°21'51.64" W66°38'52.68")

**KM132.6: Charnisay campsite.** \*3 tents (N47°22'26.90" W66°37'19.86")

**Notes:** Easy/Moderate

McEwens Bridge was decommissioned in 2007. Named for Russell McEwen who lived alone there in an abandoned camp office from 1952 – 1961.

Baily's Chasm is about 1 km up the slopes of Mt. Walker and was discovered by Professor L.W. Baily in 1863. Pesigugeag = Where the land splits.

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(R-S) **KM131.5: Access S** \*Access point is across the river.

8.5 km **KM130:** reported nice **campsite** along river. \*details unknown

**KM127.5: Corker's Gulch campsite.** \*4 tents (N47°23'2.75" W66°33'55.93")

**KM126.8: Corker's Gulch crossing.** \*log crossing

**KM125:** reported ok **campsite** \*details unknown

**KM122: Popple Depot campsite.** \*gravely cleared area with room for several tents (N47°23'53.99" W66°30'51.86")

\*walk down to river near Ranger Camp for water.

Notes: Moderate/Difficult

Popple Depot was a major supply center for the lumbering industry from about 1945 – 1965.

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(Q-R) **KM121.8: Access R** + road crossing \*Access point is at road crossing.

11.5 km **KM119: Little SW Nepisiguit River crossing** \*old steel bridge

**KM117:** Govenor's Pool

**KM116: Blue Ledge Lake Rd. campsite.** \*3 tents (N47°23'4.42" W66°28'25.96")

**KM115.8: Blue Ledge Brook crossing**

Notes: Difficult

Take time to see the world famous Governor's Pool.

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(P-Q) **KM110: Access Q** Devil's Elbow \*Access point is across the river.

6.5 km **Shelter #3 Gelo'tg** (N47°23'19.68" W66°24'4.20")

Two Guards \*rock formation in river. Gelo'tg = Watchers of the river.

**KM107.2: Gigtun campsite.** \*3 tents (N47°22'58.65" W66°22'13.58")

**KM106.3: Emery's Gulch Brook crossing**

**KM104:** 2 km Mt. Denys side trail on south side of trail. \*difficult, steep and slippery, marked by pink ribbons.

Notes: Moderate/Difficult

Tradition says that you should make an offering to the river for safe passage when passing the Guard Rocks.

Mt. Denys: named for the governor of Acadia in the 1600S. Mjijaqamij = Spirit or Shadow

Gelo'tg means "watchers of the river, and refers to the two Guard Rocks.

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(O-P) **KM103: Access P** \*Access point is across the river.

8 km **KM101.3: Fifty Mile Brook crossing.**

**KM97: Indian Falls campsite.** \*small site for 2 tents (N47°21'52.63" W66°15'46.85")

**KM96.5: Moody Brook crossing.**

Notes: Moderate/ Difficult

Indian Falls Depot, was the central supply station for logging for the Bathurst Power + Paper Co. from the 1920s to 1965.

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**(N-O)** **KM95: Access O**\*Access point across river.

**5.5 km** **Grants Brook crossing**\*can be a difficult wade at high water.

**Shelter #2 Wantaqpegigt** (N47°22'2.22" W66°14'19.28")

**KM91.8: Gravel Bar campsite.** \*3 tents (N47°22'58.66" W66°12'15.09")

Notes: Moderate

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**(M-N)** **KM89.5: Access N** \*Access point is across the river.

**6 km** **KM88.8: The Bend campsite.** (N47°23'31.30 W66°10'38.10)

**KM87: Otter Brook crossing.** \*Rope Bridge

Notes: Moderate

Otter Brook has nice clear water.

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**(L-M)** **KM83.7: Access M**

**6 km** **Shelter #1 Papog'jigj "little playful waters"**

Reported campsite for 2 tents. (N47°23'32.70" W66° 7'9.01") \*Access point is across the river.

**KM80.7:** Alfred's Lookout. \*Pagtogowwaak = Echo Back.

**KM78.7: Roger's Brook crossing.**

**Km78.6:** ½ way food box (N47° 22.466' W66° 4.331')\*100 meters west of road.

Notes: Moderate/Difficult

Look for two large pines across river at Access M, on 40 Mile Brook.

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

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