

Shogomoc Footbridge Trail

Distance: 4 km loop

Difficulty: Easy

Shogomoc in Maliseet means “place of chiefs,” a reference to a large flat topped rock, also known as Governor’s Table, that was visible in the Saint John River before being flooded in 1967.

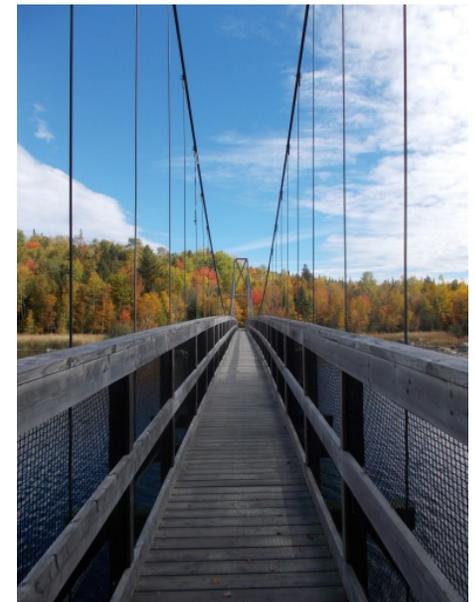
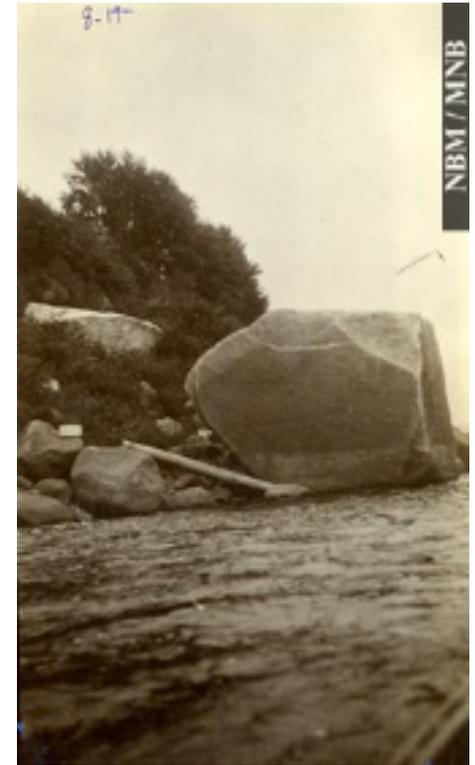
Getting There:

From Fredericton, drive west on NB-2 (TCH) and take exit 231 onto route 102, then drive towards Nackawic. After about 870 meters, turn right onto a ramp and then turn left and cross an overpass. Continue west on NB-102 for about 4.4 km, and just before the road ends, take a narrow paved road on the right. Follow this road for 2.2 km to the Shogomoc Footbridge.

The Trail:

Walk across the bridge and then up the paved trail to a washout and barricade. After the barricade, walk another 180 meters to an old bucket on a tree on the left. Follow a short flagged trail on the left to a group of large rocks in the woods. After checking out the rocks, continue on the road for another 1.3 km to where you start to see houses. Just before the first house, take a short trail uphill on the left to the upper trail. The upper trail returns parallel to the lower trail for about 1 km, then goes more southwest for another .7 kilometer to a side trail on the left. Turn sharply left (North) on the side trail, and follow it for about 450 meters back to the Footbridge.

The paved lower trail is a section of highway that was abandoned when the Mactaquac Dam was built in 1967. It is interesting to note that the partially sunken bridge nearby was built in 1959, only 8 years before the area was flooded by the dam. There is a picnic table at the west end of the bridge.



About 500 meters west of the footbridge, there are several large glacial erratic rocks in the woods that are worth checking out. Some sections of the road still have the old style guardrail cables in place from 1967. The upper trail follows a high ridge above the lower trail.

Dave Suttie, October 2018



Shogomoc Footbridge Trail Map



Shogomoc Footbridge Trail Map (detailed)

