



Casque Isles Hiking Trail Information



Description

The Casque Isles Trail is a 53 km recreational wilderness trail that begins in Rosspport, extends through Schreiber, and ends in Terrace Bay. There are a few more km of side trails and Access trails and roads as well. The trail is broken up into 6 Segments and has 11 Access locations. Along the way there are 11 campsites, some smaller than others. See the separate campsite list. You can plan day hikes while staying in a local campground or hotel, through hike a large portion, or complete the whole trail while camping along the way.

The 7th Segment of the trail is the Rosspport Coastal Trail, which starts in Rosspport at the same spot as the Casque Isles trailhead in Wardrope Park and ends in the MTO rest area to the east of Rosspport. This trail can be accessed from either end and is 1.5 km long.

The main trail is marked with blue markers, side trails and access routes are marked with white markers. In the rock fields cairns are used to direct users, on bald rock areas white weeping pipe may be used, and there may be white painted marks on shoreline sections.

The Trail is well marked, but some sections may see annual growth onto the trail corridor.

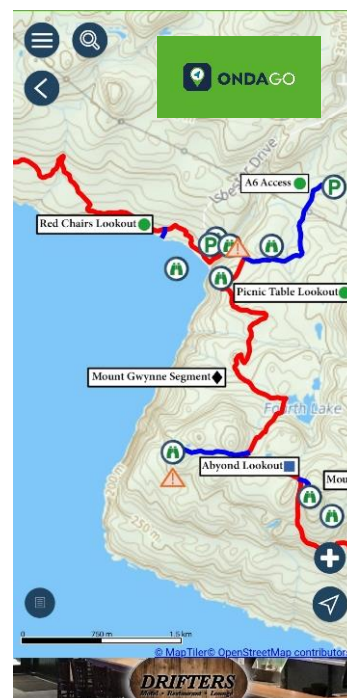
Maps; the Casque Isles is a member of the Voyageur Trail Association (VTA), our umbrella organization of trail clubs from Blind River, ON to Nipigon, ON.

Clubs within the VTA manage around 500 km of trails. For the price of a membership at www.voyageurtrail.ca you will get access to all of these trails on the Ondago app, plus you will be able to print pdf maps of the trails and download GPX tracks as well. Every year we review our trails and update them as necessary.

Only the official maps and descriptions from the Voyageur Trail Association on the Ondago app are accurate, reliable, and trustworthy.

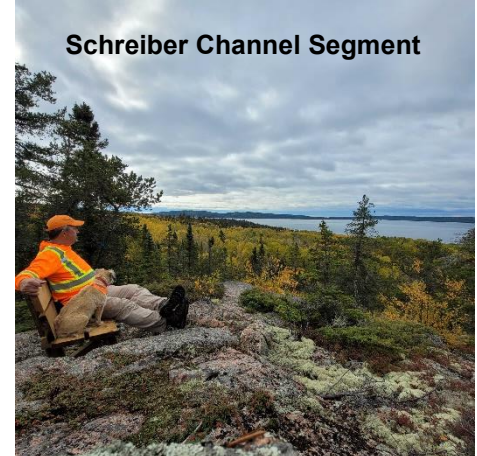
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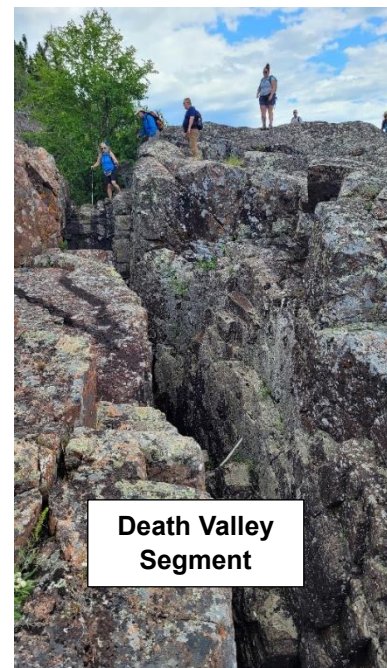


Difficulty Classification; Trail Difficulty Classification on all VTA trails follows the standard set out by the Parks Canada Trail Classification System. For ease of understanding, the VTA has provided more insight into what you can expect while hiking the trails, [What to Expect: the Trail & Terrain - Voyageur Trail Association](#). You can also review the *VTA Trail Classification PDF* available on the same page.

Most of the Casque Isles would be considered as Difficult in classification, but there are many sections that are Moderate with a few Easy sections available as well. In some areas there are round boulder fields, remnants of ancient beaches from just after the last Ice Age. These will slow you down as you will have to watch your footing. On some sections you will be traversing the exposed shoreline of Lake Superior, these spots can have high steps that will increase the physical work to hike and can be treacherous in wet weather. In other areas you will be ascending and descending steep ravines, which require extra effort and caution.



All these areas are indicated on the Ondago maps with an exclamation mark enclosed in a red triangle. The Casque Isles Trail is a true wilderness recreation trail, and you must be prepared for any outing.





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That's not to say that every part of the trail is like this! There are many Moderate sections that can be enjoyed, such as the Falls Trail in Rainbow Falls Prov. Park, Whitesand Campground. The piece of trail to the east of Rainbow Falls for 3 km to Winston Point Lookout is a very nice walk, make sure to go 200 m further to visit the bench as well. The section from the Aguasabon Falls in Terrace Bay to Terrace Bay Beach is a Moderate section as well, but a nicer stroll is from Terrace Bay Beach to Danny's Cove. About 1.5 km each way, this is a very nice excursion.

In 2019 we partnered with Trans Canada Trail and the Township of Schreiber to upgrade the Picnic Table Lookout Trail, starting at the A6 Access at the far south end of Schreiber. This trail was built to an Easy standard and is enjoyed by many hikers and walkers. The view from the Picnic Table Lookout makes the 2 km hike (each way) worth the effort.



Picnic Table Lookout



Trail to Danny's Cove

The Casque Isles Trail is a recreational, wildland trail in rugged country. For the most part, there is little trail traffic, and no nearby facilities, therefore you must be self-sufficient!
All outdoor activities involve some degree of risk.
Please remember that your safety is your personal responsibility.
Be well prepared for your chosen activity and route.



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Segment Information

ROSSPORT COASTAL TRAIL – 1.5 KM IN LENGTH

Access: Wardope Park in Rosspport and the MTO rest area 1.5 KM east of Rosspport.

Highlights: Lakeshore experience, Parks Canada Red Chairs.

One section of the trail in the middle is Difficult, where the large boulders hold up the bank for the highway, the rest is Easy. Suitable for all level of hikers.

MCLEANS SEGMENT – KM 0 TO KM 14

Access: **(A1)** Rosspport, across Hwy 17 from East entrance, **(A2)** 1 km east of Hwy Maintenance Garage, **(A3)** Sox Lake Road (unmarked Road .5 km east of Railway overpass near Lakeshore Rd.), **(A4)** Rainbow Falls Provincial Park, Whitesand Campground.

Highlights: Raised beaches, glacial erratics, Rosspport Heights & Terrace Heights Lookouts, Rainbow Falls.

- Interesting and varied geography.
- Runs north of CP Rail mainline with good views of Lake Superior.
- Suitable for children accompanied by adults.

SCHREIBER CHANNEL SEGMENT – KM 14 to KM 27

Access: **(A4)** Rainbow Falls/Hwy 17 (south side of Hwy), **(Hunter Road)** 1 km east of Rainbow Falls, **(A5)** Schreiber Beach (follow Isbester Dr. in Schreiber).

Highlights: Selim & Winston Point Lookouts, Rosspport Islands Lookout, Flint Island, stromatolites near Flint Island, “Hanging Lake” & Lookout, Twin Harbours, Parks Canada Red Chairs just west of Schreiber Beach.

- Suitable for children accompanied by adults.





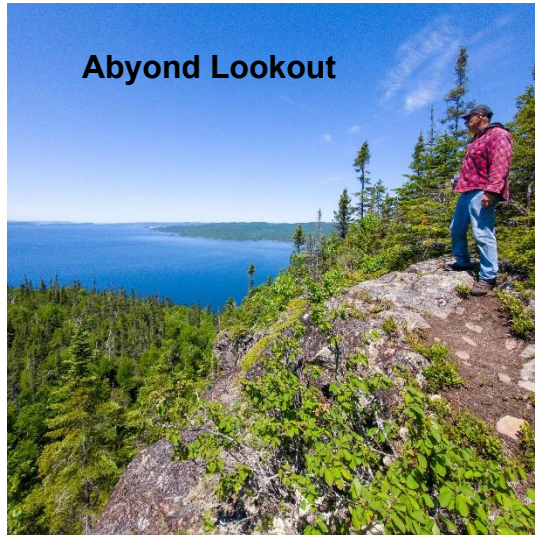
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MOUNT GWYNNE SEGMENT – KM 27 to KM 34

Access: (A5) Schreiber Beach, (A6) South end of Winnipeg St. in Schreiber past Waste Plant, (A7) Worthington Bay Rd. (unmaintained road, 4x4 access, 4 km walk from parking lot)

Highlights: Cook's Cr. suspension Bridge, Picnic Table & Abyond Lookouts, Fourth Lake, Mt. Gwynne Lookout (260m/900ft above Lake Superior, 360-degree Lookout)



DEATH VALLEY SEGMENT – KM 34 to KM 44

Access: (A7) Worthington Bay Rd. (see above), (A8) Hydro Bay W Cottage Rd. (1st Rd on South side of Hwy 17 east of Landfill. Road is numbered #461). Parking is at the Power Transmission line, private property beyond the gates. **Do not block the road please.**

Highlights: Pictographs, Seiche in Kelly's Harbour, Tombolo, Les Petits Ecrits, Wilderness Area.

CAUTION: Most rugged section of Casque Isles Trail, high angle climbs, 1.5 kms of hiking on rocks on Lake Shore.

- Not recommended for children under 10 years old.
- The name, "Death Valley" refers to the ease with which Ojibway perched on the rim of surrounding hills to shoot moose and caribou below.





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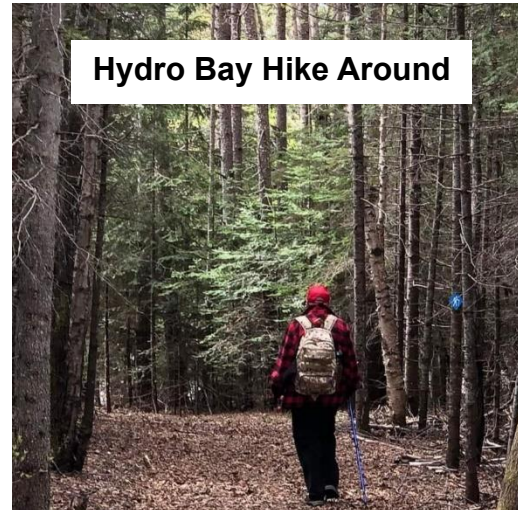


HYDRO BAY HIKE-AROUND – KM 44 to KM 47

Access: (A8) Hydro Bay W Cottage Rd, (A9) Hydro Bay Rd. S.

· Connecting Trail between Death Valley and Lyda Bay Segments.

Highlights: Lookout over the Aguasabon Generating Station (AGS).



LYDA BAY SEGMENT – KM 47 to KM 53

Access: (A9) Hydro Bay Rd. S., (A10) Terrace Bay Beach (follow signs to Waterfront/Beach/Hiking in Terrace Bay), (A11) Aguasabon Falls Parking lot.

Highlights: Pukaskwa Pits, raised boulder beaches,

Lyda Bay Lookout (65m/200ft above Lake Superior), hiking through the Terrace Bay Nature Reserve, Aguasabon Falls, Terrace Bay Beach.

- Popular Segment used frequently by locals.
- Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult.
- Very photogenic, with shallow bays pleasant for wading.

