



Gros Morne  
National Park

# Snug Harbour to North Rim

## Route Description

Follow the Western Brook Pond and the primitive Snug Harbour trails to the campsite at Snug Harbour. Take the North Rim access trail to the Long Range plateau and then find your own route to the North Rim viewpoint overlooking the gorge of Western Brook Pond. The route is 24 kilometres return and you should plan to camp 1-2 nights at Snug Harbour.

**Note:** Parts of this route is unmarked and requires wilderness navigation skills using map, compass, and GPS. Coordinates are provided as Universal Transverse Mercator UTM Zone U21, North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83).

Leg	Start	End	Distance (approx.)	Description
1	Western Brook Pond Trail Head 21U 437068m E / 5515346m N	to Snug Harbour campsite (Waypoint NR-2) 21U 442364m E / 5513790m N	8.0 km	Follow the Western Brook Pond trail and take the side loop to Western Brook and the start of the Snug Harbour trail. To reach the Snug Harbour trail you will need to ford or wade across the Western Brook. Hikers are advised to ford the brook just above the outflow from the pond where the water is at its shallowest and the current at its weakest. Find the start of the primitive Snug Harbour trail (UTM 439644m E / 5515421m N) ( <b>Waypoint NR-1</b> ) and follow it east to the campsite. The trail is in poor condition and you should expect muddy conditions. In places the trail follows the shoreline and you need to look for markers indicating when the trail re-enters the forest.
2	Snug Harbour campsite (Waypoint NR-2) 21U 442364m E / 5513790m N	to Top of North Rim Access Trail (Waypoint NR-4) 21U 444783m E / 5513271m N	2.5 km	From the Snug Harbour campsite, follow the shoreline east for about 50 metres to the primitive North Rim access trail leading to the Long Range plateau. There is a trail marker at the start of this trail (UTM 442726m E / 5513801m N) ( <b>Waypoint NR-3</b> ). The trail is rugged and can be muddy and slippery in sections. In places, yellow markers on trees will help guide you. At UTM 444783m E / 5513271m N ( <b>Waypoint NR-4</b> ) the trail ends and you will be above the treeline and close to the top of the plateau.
3	Top of North Rim Access Trail (Waypoint NR-4) 21U 444783m E / 5513271m N	to North Rim View Point (Waypoint NR-6) 21U 444525m E / 5512029m N	1.5 km	From here the route is unmarked and should only be attempted when visibility is good and there is no cloud cover on the mountains. From the end of the access trail, continue south for about 500 metres climbing the slope to the plateau at UTM 444699m E / 5512866m N ( <b>Waypoint NR-5</b> ). Head south for about 1 kilometre, finding your own way towards the viewpoint at UTM 444525m E / 5512029m N ( <b>Waypoint NR-6</b> ). Along the way you will encounter patches of <i>tuckamore</i> . Navigate around them or look for game paths through them. When nearing the cliff edge, approach with caution. Six hundred metres is a long drop. Return to Snug Harbour by the same route.