

## Red Rock Mountain Trail (2)

Classification:

Distance: 7.7 km (return)

Nipigon River

Eagle's Ridge

Lloyd's Lookout

Hike this scenic trail to enjoy spectacular panoramic vistas overlooking the township of Red Rock, Nipigon River, and Black Bay. The Red Rock Mountain Trail is a foot and bike path that goes along the crests and valleys of Red Rock Mountain. Hike the whole trail or try just the loop for a shorter (5.3 km) hike.

This trail provides a stellar view of stunning features of this portion of Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area. Lake Superior (Nipigon Bay and Black Bay) can be viewed above the town of Red Rock from a series of three viewing platforms.

Directions: From Hwy 11/17 take the turn-off to Red Rock on Hwy 628. Drive 5 km and turn right onto Red Rock Rd No. 1. The trailhead and parking area is just past the Bailey bridge, at the end of Red Rock Rd





## **Hurkett Cove**

Classification:

Distance: 2 km (one way)

Located within Hurkett Cove Conservation Area, this trail is a naturalist's treasure. Over 180 different bird

species have been observed at this site, coined the "Pelee of the North." An easy short walk with little elevation brings you through the forest, along the shores of Lake Superior's Black Bay to the rich marshland that draws so many of these birds during their migration. See songbirds along the trail, raptors overhead, and waterfowl and shorebirds in the Cove or along the Black Bay shore. A pavilion with picnic tables and displays can be found just north of the parking lot.

Directions: From Hwy 11/17 just east of Dorion, turn east onto Black Bay Drive. Head east for 2.9 km on Black Bay Drive and follow the signs to Hurkett Cove Conservation Area.

A fee of \$2 is required to park and supports Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.



# Nipigon River Recreation Trail

Classification:

Ruby Lake

Park

Distance: 8.2 km (one way)

Experience the shoreline of the Nipigon River from Nipigon to Red Rock and along Nipigon Bay. Consider taking a 20 minute hike starting at the Red Rock trailhead to the first viewing platform at Lloyd's Lookout. A few minutes past that, relax in the Parks Canada red chairs, or, start at the Nipigon Marina trailhead and hike approximately 2-3 kms of flat terrain along the edge of the Nipigon River. Look for otters, blue herons, bald eagles, and white pelicans! If you plan on doing the whole trail, starting at the Red Rock trailhead is recommended. Note: Rerouting of a portion of the trail is proposed, which may result in a temporary closure of the section indicated in purple.

Directions: To start in Nipigon, turn off Hwy 11/17 onto Railway St. or First St. and follow the signs to the marina. At the marina, the trailhead is on your right, just past the washrooms and RV parking lot, on the far side of the metal bridge that crosses Clearwater Creek. To start in Red Rock, from Hwy 11/17 take the turn-off to Red Rock on Hwy 628. Drive 6.4 km on Hwy 628 and turn left onto Third St., which is just before the railway crossing. The trailhead is at the end of Third St.



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# Rossport Coastal Trail

Classification:

Distance: 1.5 km (one way)

Rossport Coastal Trail is an easy access trail near Rossport. It is mainly a flat, easy stroll, but does have some stretches crossing uneven surfaces such as a small creek and rocky beaches. Enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Superior, beautiful beaches, and scenery of some of the many islands of the Rossport archipelago.

Directions: Starting at the east end of Rossport Village at Wardrope Park, the trail meanders east along the shore of Lake Superior to end at the Roadside Park Rest Area just east of Rossport on Hwy 17. Follow the white painted boot prints to stay on track.





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# Trail Safety and Etiquette



Please stay on the marked trails. Some areas have sensitive vegetation that can be damaged by off-trail use.

Pack out what you packed in. Leave the trail in better condition than you found it. Always bring along water, food, and a

Hike with others: don't go alone. Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back.

Don't rely on cell service for communication or mapping. Not all areas in the region have cellular coverage. In an emergency, call 911 as soon as you do have a cell signal.

Bring a first aid kit with you and know how to use it.

Keep dogs on leash: don't let them disturb wildlife in their natural environment.

Wear sturdy footwear as trails have uneven terrain and some slippery surfaces that make open-toed shoes or formal footwear unsuitable.



Stretch before, during, and after your hike. Your muscles will appreciate it!

### Be bear-wise

Learn about bear behaviour and bear safety tips before heading out on the trail. Carry bear spray. Talk or sing when hiking to make wildlife aware of your presence. If you see a bear, make yourself look big, stay with your hiking partner(s), speak calmly, and slowly back away.



If you are backcountry camping, make sure to store food and anything with an odour safely, away

For more info on bear safety:

www.pc.gc.ca/docs/v-g/oursnoir-blackbear/index.aspx www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise

# Top of Superior Hiking Trails



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### Trail Classification

All trails in this guide have been classified according to Parks Canada's Trail Classification System. An overall preliminary classification has been assigned to each trail. Note: Sections of a trail may be a little easier or a little more difficult than the overall trail classification.



**Easy**: Suitable for all visitors including those with no trail experience; hard packed surface with no obstacles and minimal stairs; estimated time to complete the trail is under 2 hours; little to no elevation gain or



**Moderate**: Suitable for most visitors with basic trail experience who are generally prepared; mostly stable surface with infrequent obstacles, stairs may be present; estimated time to complete the trail is under 5 hours; may experience moderate elevation gain with some short steep



**Difficult**: Suitable for visitors with trail experience and prepared with proper equipment and water; variety of surface types including nonestablished surfaces; estimated time to complete the trail may exceed 5 hours; may experience major elevation gain with long steep sections.



Classification:

optional shorter segments)

turn off Hwy 17 at Winnipeg St. in Schreiber. Turn right onto Scotia St. and take the next left onto Subway St. After passing under the railway tracks turn right onto Isbester Dr. (A5) and

In Terrace Bay, turn off Hwy 17 at Lakeview Dr. and follow the signage to the Waterfront/Beach (A10). Alternatively, turn off Hwy 17 at the Aguasabon Gorge Road and follow the road to the

Follow the shore of the Top of Lake Superior from Rosssport through Schreiber to Terrace Bay on this rugged trail, passing by old gold mines, fossil deposits, and caves adorned with Indigenous pictographs. With 11 access points over 5 segments, this well maintained and signed trail offers an achievable experience for every level of hiker.

To complete the whole 53 km trail usually takes 3-4 days. However, if time is limited, to sample our trail, two shorter hikes are recommended. Consider a 1.5 km hike (~30 minutes, one way) to the east of Schreiber Beach (A5) on the Mt. Gwynne Segment past an enchanting creek to the panoramic view at the Picnic Table Lookout, or, hike for 1.5 km (~30 minutes, one way) to the tranquility of Danny's Cove on the Lyda Bay Segment (A10, A11), beginning at the spectacular Aguasabon Gorge or at Terrace Bay Beach.



# Marathon to Heron **Bay Trail**

Classification: Distance: 9.4 km (one way)

This part of the Voyageur Trail connects Marathon to Heron Bay following a coastal ridge along the boreal forest.



# Kwewiskaning Coastal Trail



Distance: 10.4 km (one way)

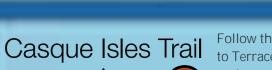
Kwewiskaning is the Ojibway word meaning "Where the fish spawn." This trail connects Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (formerly Pic River First Nation) to Heron Bay and joins with the Marathon to Heron Bay portion of the Voyageur

These trails pass low rocky outcrops, spruce forest, muskeg and large rolling sand dunes located at the mouth of the Pic River. Built on the ancient landscape of the Canadian Shield, enjoy great views of Pic Island, Hawks Ridge, and Marathon.

At the trail's south end at Pic River, there is a 900 ft boardwalk with two observation platforms offering gorgeous views of Lake Superior.

Directions: From the north, the Marathon to Heron Bay trail begins at the south end of Hemlo Drive in Marathon. The south end of the Marathon to Heron Bay Trail and the north end of the Kwewiskaning Coastal Trail can both be accessed at the end of Lafarge Road in Heron Bay. To get there from Hwy 17, turn south at the junction with Hwy 627, just east of Marathon. To reach Lafarge Road, turn right just after the train tracks, about 6 km after turning onto Hwy 627. The south end of the Kwewiskaning Coastal Trail begins at the boardwalk at the mouth of the Pic River. To get there, follow Hwy 627 south and make a right turn onto a gravel road just before crossing the bridge over Pic River to Pukaskwa National Park.





**Kilometers** 

Distance: 53 km (one way with

Directions: For Schreiber Beach, follow the road to the parking at Schreiber Beach.

Aguasabon Gorge parking (A11).

Follow the trailhead signage at each location.







Along the trail there are spectacular views of Heron Bay and the surrounding area as well as access to Lunam Lake.



Established in 1976 by founder Thomas McGrath, the Casque Isles Trail continues to be maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers. This 53 km trail showcases the Top of Superior from Rossport through Schreiber to Terrace Bay. It can be hiked as a whole or in 5 separate segments by using one of the 11 access points for those who enjoy shorter day hikes.

Maps for the Casque Isles Trail and a Trail User Guide can be found by visiting www.hikesuperior.ca. Guided hikes are advertised on www.facebook.com/ CasqueIsles/



Rossport is peacefully nestled on one of the most protected harbours on Lake Superior. The village overlooks the pristine Rossport Islands, described as "a Cathedral without Pillars" and, sometimes, the "Peggy's Cove of the North."

Rossport area is a nature lover's paradise. Canada's famous artists, the Group of Seven, drew inspiration from the unique beauty of this area.

The protected waters have become a dream location for kayakers, canoers, boaters, and divers. Favourite destinations by water are Battle Island Lighthouse and the wreck of the Gunilda. www.rossport.ca



shore of Lake Superior.

Between the geological outcrops in the landscape and the tales of building the Canadian Pacific Railroad, Schreiber's Downtown Schreiber, Schreiber Railway Museum, and

For more information on the Schreiber Experience please visit us online at www.Schreiber.ca



Terrace Bay is a beautiful little town nestled in the boreal forest on the banks of Lake Superior. Framed by the most beautiful scenery on the north shore, there is so much to explore in our lively community.

Experience the Superior Six: the Aguasabon Falls and Gorge, Casque Isles Hiking Trail, Slate Islands Provincial Park, Terrace Bay Lighthouse and Beach, and the Aguasabon Golf Course.

Learn more at: www.terracebay.ca/explore.



nspired by the vistas surrounding Marathon that they isited and explored the area for much of the 1920s walk in their footsteps!

Explore the famous Pebble Beach and Carden Cove, and njoy Peninsula Golf Course. Penn Lake Park is a jewel within the Town of Marathon, offering fully serviced campsites including Wi-Fi. Provincial and National Parks are only a short distance from Marathon. Come visit, play, and explore Marathon!

www.marathon.ca 1-807-229-1340

marathon

Nishnaabeg Biigtigong Nishnaabeg is an Ojibway community whose traditional territory includes the shores of Lake Superior

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Each year we hold cultural events that include a traditional Pow Wow (the second weekend of July) located at the mouth of the Pic River.

(Gtchi-Gami).

The area is considered a traditional gathering place with much history and cultural significance.

www.picriver.com



The traditional name of Pays Plat First Nation is Pawgwasheeng, which means "where the water is shallow." Join us for cultural week (the third week in July), which ends with our annual Pow Wow Friday to Sunday at the Pow Wow grounds in Pays Plat. Enjoy traditional ceremonies, drummers, and dancers. Shop at the vendors display for traditional arts and crafts from Pays Plat. Stop at the food vendors and try some delicious traditional fare.

www.ppfn.ca



Pukaskwa National Park is a vast, wild, natural playground found on the edge of the world's largest freshwater lake. It's a place where powerful waves collide with rugged, towering coastlines; a place of endless sunsets over sandy driftwood beaches.; a place where everyone can catch a glimpse of the rich traditions, values, and contemporary life of the Anishinaabe. Pukaskwa National Park is a place where Lake Superior's untouched

a relaxing stroll or a full-day challenge, we have a trail for you! Day hiking trails range from 1 km strolls on a beach boardwalk to the full day hike to the White River Suspension Bridge. Part of the rugged and beautiful Coastal Hiking Trail, the White River Suspension Bridge crosses 23m high above Chigamiwinigum Falls.

Pukaskwa's Mdaabii Miikna and Coastal Hiking Trail offer premiere Ontario wilderness hiking experiences. Enjoy well-equipped backcountry campsites, beautiful beaches, and awe-inspiring views of the impressive Lake Superior coastline and rugged boreal forest. The Coastal Hiking Trail is a part of the Trans-Canada Trail. Please note: orientation and camping permits are required for any overnight stay in the backcountry.

www.parkscanada.gc.ca/pukaskwa



www.ontarioparks.ca

Popular day hikes at **Sleeping Giant Provincial Park** include the Sea Lion ONTARIO Trail (2.5 km return) and the Top of the Giant Trail (22 km return). Spectacular scenic vistas await at the end of both trails. For backpackers, try the linear Kabeyun Trail (40 km) along the coast of the Sibley Peninsula, offering some of the best scenery in the province. This park has over 100 km of trails to explore!

> Ouimet Canyon Provincial Park located near Dorion, offers a 1 km barrierfree trail taking visitors to two viewing pods overlooking the expanse of this 150 metre wide, 3.2 km long, and 100 metre deep canyon gorge.

Neys Provincial Park located between Terrace Bay and Marathon offers many trails to explore including the Under the Volcano Trail (4.2 km return) and the more rugged Coastal Trail (25.6 km return). Be sure to hike up to the pagoda to view Pic Island, made famous by Canadian Group of Seven artist Lawren Harris. Neys offers 25 km of hiking trails for park visitors.

Visit Rainbow Falls Provincial Park west of Terrace Bay with four trails (13.4 km) to choose from. Hike the linear 1.1 km Rainbow Falls Trails via a series of stairs and platforms along the side of the Whitesand River to the bridge overlooking the cascading waters. For backpackers, continue on along the Casque Isles section of the Voyageur Hiking Trail as part of a longer, multi-day trip.



Whether you're climbing the Sleeping Giant, visiting the City of Thunder Bay, camping on a remote lake, or trolling for the big one on Lake Nipigon, we'll offer you a true taste of everything great in Superior Country. Catch the Superior spirit and soothe your soul.

www.superiorcountry.ca

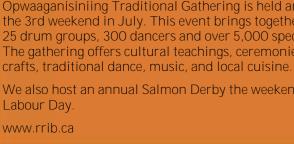


The traditional Ojibwe name for the Red Rock Indian Band is *Opwaaganasiniing* which means pipestone in the locative voice.

Opwaaganisiniing Traditional Gathering is held annually he 3rd weekend in July. This event brings together 20-25 drum groups, 300 dancers and over 5,000 spectators. The gathering offers cultural teachings, ceremonies,

We also host an annual Salmon Derby the weekend after

www.rrib.ca



Nipigon is a unique community where unspoiled nature goes hand in hand with rich culture and a storied past.

History buffs will enjoy our Historical Walking Tour or a Museum, featuring artifacts

spanning hundreds of years and an exhibit on the world record brook trout caught on the Nipigon River in 1915.

Nipigon's all season trails are waiting to be explored! With breathtaking vistas and diverse wildlife, there are a variety of day hikes to choose from including Deer Lake Mountain, Kama Cliffs, and Mazukama Falls Trails.

For more information on our trails and other attractions, visit www.nipigon.net or call 1-877-596-1359.



87 km

92 km 5 km

116 km | 29 km | 24 km

Pays Plat First Nation | 175 km | 88 km | 83 km | 73 km | 55 km | 53 km

Red Rock Indian Band 122 km 34 km 29 km 20 km 2 km

120 km | 32 km | 27 km | 18 km

| 191 km | 103 km | 98 km | 89 km | 71 km | 69 km | 16 km |

| 210 km | 123 km | 118 km | 108 km | 91 km | 89 km | 35 km | 20 km

224 km | 137 km | 132 km | 123 km | 105 km | 103 km | 49 km | 34 km | 14 km

310 km | 320 km | 233 km | 228 km | 219 km | 201 km | 199 km | 145 km | 130 km | 110 km

306 km | 219 km | 214 km | 205 km | 187 km | 185 km | 131 km | 116 km | 96 km | 82 km

Distances in Miles -

Distances in Kms

Thunder Bay

Dorion

Hurkett

Red Rock

Nipigon

Schreiber

Marathon

Terrace Bay

Sault Ste. Marie

# Working together to bring great trails to you!

The trails featured on this map are a result of decades of dedication from many players in this region. The trail associations, communities, and conservation agencies presented here are committed to providing high quality trails for residents and visitors alike.

Did you know that the trails featured on the front and back of this map represent over 325 km

We hope you enjoy your trail experience and encourage you to take the time to explore all the wonders this region has to offer!

139 mi

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44 mi 385 mi

42 mi | 381 mi

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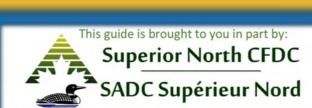
308 mi

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255 mi





### Visiting

Dorion, Hurkett, Red Rock, Nipigon, Red Rock Indian Band, Pays Plat First Nation, Rossport, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon, Pic River, or Manitouwadge? Explore..



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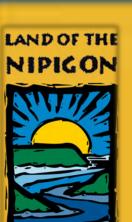
## Lake Superior **National Marine Conservation Area**

Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area (NMCA), once established, will be part of a nation-wide system of protected areas managed by Parks Canada and will be approximately 10,880 km<sup>2</sup> in size, occupying almost 13% of the largest freshwater lake in the world

Lake Superior NMCA is taking part in Parks Canada's Red Chair Experience Program. This program is meant to provide visitors with the opportunity to connect with nature and experience the most unique and beautiful places overlooking Lake Superior NMCA. We encourage you seek out the Red Chairs (shown on the maps with this symbol (49), slow down and enjoy these special places! Take a photo and share your experience through social media using the hashtags #ShareTheChair and #TopOfLakeSuperior.

www.parkscanada.gc.ca/superior





WATERWAYS

DEVELOPMENT

ASSOCIATION

The Land of the Nipigon Waterways Development Association (LNWDA) vas established in 1992 as a nonprofit trail organization with the promotional theme "Experience the Land of the Nipigon."

Chair Ted Nyman was instrumental n establishing the group, and worked tirelessly to develop the Nipigon River Recreation Trail, which, along with the Red Rock Mountain Trail, are managed under he LWNDA. The current executive volunteers, staff, and council nembers from Red Rock and Nipigon ensures the sustainability of the group and the success of its

Contact: 807 887-3151 ext. 26 www.nipigon.net



The Township of Red Rock is nestled on the shores of Lake Superior. It is a vibrant, safe community offering many attractions only minutes off Hwy 11/17.

The community offers a full-service marina with many amenities: an interactive interpretive centre, waterfront restaurant, splash pad, playground, laundry, and wash-

The Township of Red Rock is a trailhead hub offering access to the Nipigon River Recreation Trail, Red Rock Mountain Trail, and the new Lake Superior Water Trail, which can be accessed at the mouth of North Trout Creek. www.redrocktownship.com



109 mi

46 mi

34 mi

33 mi

706 km | 619 km | 614 km | 604 km | 586 km | 584 km | 531 km | 515 km | 496 km | 482 km | 410 km | 411 km |

18 mi | 131 mi

44 mi 56 mi

43 mi 55 mi 64 mi

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) is a community-based environmental agency that provides value-added services to our watershed residents. We are responsible for the wise management of renewable natural resources in our watershed.

Conservation Authorities undertake a broad range of programs, including: watershed management, erosion control, flood forecasting and warning, recreation, plan input and review, water level monitoring, environmental education, and stewardship. We improve quality of life by actively providing Conservation Areas for semipassive recreation and environmental education oppor-

www.lakeheadca.com



Dorion is a warm, friendly community. Although it is a small community, it is large at heart with some major attractions. A well-groomed trail, walkway, and bridge lead visitors to a spectacular view of Ouimet Canyon. Canada's longest suspension bridge at Eagle Canyon Adventures is also located in Dorion. Besides walking the two bridges, adventurous tourists can also skim over this canyon on a zip-line.

Hurkett Cove Conservation Area is a photographer's paradise. Dorion is also home of the annual Dorion's Canyon Country Birding Festival. Approximately 120 bird species are observed during the two-day festival. Dorion gives you the best of both worlds: rural serenity at a close distance to Thunder Bay.

www.doriontownship.ca



Challenge your driving skills by riding in the annual Manitouwadge ATV jamboree. Held on the third weekend in July you will pilot your ATV over 100 km of mud, water, rocks, and spectacular scenery.

Riders start the poker run from the community centre, returning for lunch. After completing the afternoon route, riders gather at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall for dinner and prizes. Start the weekend by testing your skills to score a hole in one at the clubhouse.

www.PlayInTheExtreme.ca



and partner organizations to build its vision of a continuous wilderness hiking trail paralleling the rugged north-

entire trail. It can be purchased at visitor information www.voyageurtrail.ca