

Massasauga Provincial Park Canoe Trip Route

May 30 to June 2, 2016

Description of Canoe Trip Route: Day by Day:

This Canoe route is planned entirely within Massasauga Provincial Park, located just south of Parry Sound on Highway 69. The canoe trip will begin and end at the Three Legged Lake Access Point. Vehicles will be left in this parking lot and readily accessible throughout the canoe trip if needed.

The main purpose of this 4-day trip is to better prepare students for their two-week canoe trip in Temagami. A complete review of necessary camping and canoeing skills will take place throughout this trip. The students will be divided into their 4 groups and camp in this manner. We will normally travel as one large group and divide up when reaching our campsites. Three sites will be needed each night as a result. Campsites are numbered for reservation purposes.

There will be a total of 4 groups on the trip. Groups 1 and 2 will follow the itinerary listed below and Groups 3 and 4 will do the same route but in reverse. All groups will camp in the same area on Wednesday night.

Daily Itinerary:

Day 1: Monday May 30, 2016

All Groups: Depart school at 7:30 am. Drive by bus to Hwy 400 and head north to Hwy 69 to Oastler Lake Provincial Park to pick up park permits. Proceed to Three Legged Lake Access Point. Once on lake, paddle west to 370 m portage into Spider Lake. Paddle north then west on Spider Lake. Once past the narrows, paddle south toward Site 19, then paddle east to Site 21. At this point, paddle south past Site 22 and then past Site 26. At this point, Groups 1 and 2 split from Groups 3 and 4.

Groups 1 and 2 route: Paddle west toward Site 28 then south to the first portage. Once over the 90 m portage, paddle across this small pond to a second 165 m portage. After the portage to Clear Lake, each group will proceed to their own campsite. Camp at the following sites:

Group 1: Site 31 (Group 3: 30)	Group 2: Site 34 (Group 4: 33)
Distance Paddled: 13.2 km	3 Portages: 370 m, 90 m, 165 m Total Portages: 625 m

Day 2: Tuesday May 30, 2016

Groups 1 and 2 route: Depart campsites, both groups meet up, and paddle south to the 1200 m portage into Port Rawson Bay. Once over the portage, paddle southwest past Bear Island then head south. Paddle south past campsites 217 and 221. Continue south past Francis Island, Georgina Island, and Fritz Islands. Paddle into Captain Allen Strait past campsites 306 to 302. Once through the channel, continue northwest past Pleasant Island and proceed to campsites. Set up camp and then complete canoe over canoe rescues.

Group 1: Site 329	Group 2: Site 330
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(Group 3: 327)	(Group 4: 331)
Distance Paddled: 15.5 km	1 Portage: 1200 m Total Portages: 1200 m

Day 3: Wednesday June 1st, 2016

Groups 1 and 2 route: Paddle southwest through a narrow channel and then northwest toward Wreck Island. Upon reaching Wreck Island, hike the Interpretive Geology hike around the island. After the hike is completed, depart and waddle east along the south shoreline of Wreck Island and then northeast toward Barnard Island. Go through the narrows into Bowery Bay and then north past sites 319 and 320. Continue east through channel along the south shoreline of Vanderdassen Island. Paddle north past campsites 211 and 210 into Vanderdassen Bay. Continue to the 475 m portage into Clear Lake. After the portage, paddle on Clear Lake across to the 645 m portage into Spider Lake. Paddle north to campsites and set up camp and practice canoe over canoe rescues.

Group 1: Site 23 (Group 3: 21)	Group 2: Site 25 (Group 4: 26)
Distance Paddled: 23.8 km	2 Portages: 475 m, 645 m Total Portages: 1120 m

Day 4: Thursday June 2, 2016

All groups will meet up in the morning and then paddle on Spider Lake to island across from site 16. Paddle east then south on Spider Lake toward the 370 m portage into Three Legged Lake. Once over the portage, paddle east to the access point. Depart access point and return to school.

Distance Paddled: 9 km	1 Portages 370 m	Total Portages: 370 m
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Total distance paddled: 63.5 km Total distance portaged: 3315 m