



Access

Campsite

Lookout

Crown Land

Private Land

Wilderness Area

Other Protected Area

Managed Portage (Metres)

Hiking Trail

Loose Surface Road

Hard Surface Road

Road Through Wilderness Area;
Vehicle Use Permitted

MAGNETIC DECLINATION

Use diagram only to obtain numerical values
APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 2020 FOR
CENTRE OF MAP
Annual change decreasing 8'

17°12'
or
306 Mils

4'
or
1 Mil

True north

Magnetic north

1000

0

1000

2000

3000 m

1:30000

Contour Interval: 10 Metres

The Skull Lake Loop is best enjoyed as a multi-day trip, but is also suitable for day trips. This 24 km route includes 12 portages, totalling 3055 metres.

The access point at Oyster Pond is at a municipal boat launch, just off Highway #7. Driving to the alternate access point on Lays Lake Road from Meaghers Grant requires a high clearance vehicle.

Navigating on open water can be hazardous when windy. Use caution and be prepared to wait for better conditions. If travelling on ice, ensure conditions are safe wherever you go.

If you choose to light a campfire, use an existing fire ring or bring your own fire pan. Make sure no fire ban is in effect. Firewood may only be collected from fallen, dead wood. Never leave your campfire unattended and thoroughly extinguish it when you do.

Managed portage trails are inspected periodically and maintained to a basic standard. They are marked with signs and trail markers.

"No trace" camping must be practiced. Please pack out all litter. Dispose human waste in your own latrine hole well away from a campsite or water source.

Please tread lightly. Check Nova Scotia Environment's Keep it Wild brochure for standards and Leave no Trace principles.

Cellular coverage is limited. Plan ahead and leave a detailed itinerary with a trusted person.

Anglers must follow rules outlined in the Nova Scotia Anglers' Handbook, published by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. Catch and release fishing is encouraged within the wilderness area.

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