

2025 CKNS Maintenance Plan for Water Trails in Wilderness Areas

As approved by ECC February 6, 2025

During the 2025 season, CKNS wishes to undertake portage and campsite maintenance within wilderness areas, as per CKNS' *Water Trail Maintenance Agreement for Wilderness Areas*, as outlined below.

Black text is derived from the *2024 Water Trail Maintenance Agreement* with CKNS and identifies work completed or started in 2024. Additional work planned for the 2025 season is identified in bulleted blue text. Highest priority tasks will be water trail inspection and maintenance not completed in 2024 and water trails shown on maps posted on CKNS' website.

All work must be undertaken consistent with ECC's *Water Trail (Canoe Route) Maintenance & Rehabilitation Guidelines in Designated Wilderness Areas*. For safety, CKNS work parties must prepare remote location plans (trip plans) for any planned work. CKNS shall also notify the applicable ECC Regional Coordinator before they start work identified in this maintenance plan and CKNS shall notify the Regional Coordinator once work has been completed and include an update of the completed work. ECC may inspect the work and ask for changes. Other terms identified in the CKNS *Water Trail Maintenance Agreement* also apply.

1. Terence Bay Wilderness Area

Whale Cove Loop. Routine maintenance of the three portages along the water trail from Grover Cove (Terence Bay) to Quarry Lake and to Whale Cove Lake and of its two extensions to Round Pond and Loon Cove Lake and of single campsite on Whale Cove Lake.

- Routine maintenance of two portages and restoration of one portage along the Grand Lake - Ragged Lake Loop, plus restoration of portages along its extension through the following lakes on Pennant River: Ragged Lake – Sandy Lake, Sandy Lake – The Two Lakes, The Two Lakes – unnamed stillwater below Broad Falls in the community of Moody Lake. Maintenance of associated campsites along this route. It is understood that maintenance of the Ragged Lake – Sandy Lake portage may not occur until ECC approves a final alignment based on field inspection.

2. Cloud Lake Wilderness Area – Cloud Lake Loop

Routine maintenance of all marked portages and campsites on Cloud and Frog lakes. Also of unmarked island campsite on Cloud Lake. Further cleanup of small garbage dump near island campsite on Cloud Lake. Routine maintenance of newly installed thunderboxes at the two “island” and the “mainland” campsites. No change since 2024.

3. Medway Lakes Wilderness Area – Milford Lakes

Maintenance of portages along the Allison Lake Loop; i.e. Allison Lake – Little Sundown Lake – stillwater above Elder Lake – Elder Lake – Fisher Lake (both direct portage and route via Elder Brook) – Eleven Mile Lake – First Branch Lake - Rocky Lake – Allison Lake.

Maintenance of portages along the Tuskopeak Brook route (Butler Bog to Allison Lake) and from Lynch Mill Duck Pond to Allison Lake. Maintenance of Mersey River portages between Eleven Mile Lake and Four Mile Stillwater. Maintenance of portages along the Fisher Lake – Boot Lake – Gang Lake – Thomas Lake Loop.

Remaining repairs to Rocky Lake Warden Cabin, consistent with *Rocky Lake Warden Cabin*

Construction Plan, approved by ECC in 2024. Maintenance of campsite at above site. Routine maintenance of newly installed thunderboxes at the “esker peninsula” campsite on Allison Lake and at the campsite near the head of First Branch Lake. [No major changes.](#)

4. Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area – Skull Lake Loop and Extension

Maintenance of the Skull Lake Loop portages (Oyster Pond - Moose Cove Lake – Richardson Lake – Eastern Richardson Pond – Rocky Lake – East Lake – Skull Lake Pond - Skull Lake – Moose Cove Lake) and of its Mud Lake – Moose Lake – Fishing Lake – Hartman Lake - The Flat Lakes – Island Lake extension. Maintenance of the twin Eel Pond – Little Eel Pond – Salmon River Lake portages.

Maintenance of two portages near the head of Jeddore Harbour (Jeddore Harbour – tidal “Mill Pond” and “Mill Pond” – Salmon River Lake) and of the Salmon River Lake – Admiral Lake carry.

Routine maintenance of newly installed thunderboxes at the group “flat campsite” on Jeddore Harbour and at an unnamed island campsite on Moose Cove Lake. [No changes since 2024.](#)

5. Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area

Routine maintenance of the five portages along the upper Nine Mile River water trail (Coxs Lake to Maple Lake) and of portages along the “Inner Loop” (Three Finger Lake – Crane Lake – unnamed marsh - Big Cranberry Lake – Big Horseshoe Lake –Three Finger Lake).

Maintenance of the three portages radiating from Stillwater Lake (to Frasers Pond, to Big Horseshoe Lake and upstream along Stillwater Run to an unnamed stillwater). Maintenance of pairs of island campsites on Coxs Lake and on Frasers Lake, plus two near the head of Maple Lake. [No change since 2023.](#)

6. Waverley – Salmon River Long Lake Wilderness Area

Routine maintenance of the King Lake – Preeper Big Lake carry (wilderness area section only) and of the four portages radiating from North Red Trout Lake to Three Mile Lake, Birch Lake, Preeper Big Lake and Frying Pan Hole. Routine maintenance of portages from Three Mile Lake to Ernst Lake, and from Ernst Lake to South Red Trout Lake.

Routine maintenance of Three Mile Lake Warden’s Cabin, including the provision of adequate firewood, using fallen or downed trees and dead wood only. Construction of a wood shed at above site, following the approval of a basic construction/design plan, including its location, to NS ECC staff before construction begins.

- [Monitoring of the two approved campsites on Three Mile Lake and one on North Red Trout Lake and decommissioning of any new unauthorized camping sites that may be discovered or reported on these lakes. All three approved campsites will be equipped with new thunderboxes in 2025.](#)

7. Tobeatic Wilderness Area

Maintenance and rehabilitation of portages and campsites along the following four routes, excluding portages located outside of the wilderness area: Sissiboo watershed: Lake Joli to Moosehide Lake (10 portages); Sissiboo/Tusket/Mersey watersheds: Sporting Lake to Buckshot Lake (4 portages); Roseway/Mersey watersheds (Silvery Lake to Little Tobeatic Lake (3 portages).

- [The Roseway River route; i.e., Crain Lake to Irving Lake \(15 portages\) has been removed, as it was greatly improved in 2024 and is not likely to be done again in 2025.](#)

8. Boggy Lake Wilderness Area

Completion of the restoration of severely damaged carries from Liscomb River Road through Middle Lake, Boggy Lake and Square Lake to Long Lake (Moser River). Routine maintenance and

provision of adequate firewood supply, using fallen or downed trees or deadwood only, of Long Lake Warden's Cabin.

- Major restoration of the above cabin, its wood shed and outhouse, as per a proposal to be submitted to ECC for approval separately.

9. Alder Ground Wilderness Area

Maintenance of portage from Liscomb River Road to Melopseketch Lake and completion of restoration of portage from Melopseketch Lake to Hunting Lake (short route). Maintenance of two campsites (island and mainland) on Melopseketch Lake. Maintenance of portages and campsites on Hunting Lake, Liscomb River (as far as the mouth of Island Brook), and on Island Brook itself. [Slight change since 2024.](#)

10. Liscomb River Wilderness Area

Maintenance of portages around rapids from Golden Fleece Brook access point to the head of Hunting Lake. [No change from 2024.](#)

11. Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area

Routine maintenance of the canoe route between Hubley Big Lake and Big Five Bridge Lake. Rehabilitation of campsite at outlet of Prices Lake. Maintenance of Black Point Lake – Frederick Lake portage and of Cranberry Lake – Pot Lake portage.

Maintenance of portages along and near Prospect River, namely McDonald Lake – Little McDonald Lake, Little McDonald Lake – Fiddle Lake, Fiddle Lake – Stoney Beach Pool, and Stoney Beach Pool – Pantaloon Lake. [No change since 2024.](#)

12. Eastern Shore Islands Wilderness Area

Routine monitoring of campsite and thunderbox on Cap Island and at Big Sandy Cove on Wolfes Island. Monitoring of Glawson Point campsite on Phoenix Island. [No change since 2024.](#)

13. White Lake Wilderness Area

Monitoring and rehabilitation of the two main water trails: Admiral Lake – Bakers Brook ponds – North West Lake – Hard Scrabble Lake – Scrabble Lake – Sparrow Lake – White Lake – Collins Lake – unnamed ponds – Meadow Brook (Musquodoboit River). Scrabble Lake – Red Lake - Spider Lake – Piney Lake – Rocky Lake – McCaffrey Long Lake – Pine Lake.

- [Monitoring and rehabilitation of the following additional portages from Collins Lake: To Old Harbour Road Lake and to Water Lily Lake. Also portage from Chain of Lakes Stillwaters to Chain of Lakes.](#)

14. Tangier Grand Lake Wilderness Area

Maintenance of portages along the following routes to Tangier Grand Lake: Mooseland Road – Rider Lakes Brook – Bear Lake - Tangier Grand Lake and Devils Lakes – Hilchie Lake – Davidson Lake – Northeast Branch of Tangier Grand Lake. Maintenance of campsites, including three newly installed thunderboxes, on Tangier Grand Lake.

- [Rehabilitation of the three principal portages on Tangier River between Sixth Lake and Tangier Lake.](#)
- [Rehabilitation of three short portages from Shellbird Lake through two unnamed ponds to West Cove of Tangier Grand Lake.](#)
- [Rehabilitation of portages from Rider Lakes Pughole \(Tangier River\) through the Rider Lakes](#)

Brook ponds to Rider Lakes.

15. Rogues Roost Wilderness Area

Routine maintenance of campsite, including newly installed thunderbox, on Hearn Island. No change since 2024.

16. Devils Jaw Wilderness Area

- Rehabilitation and maintenance of two campsites on Long Lake; an island one (44.95365, -63.82710) and a mainland one (44.95898, -63.82424).