

Killarney Outfitters

Killarney Provincial Park Lake and Portage Descriptions

BELL LAKE & THREE MILE LAKE, Killarney Provincial Park

PORTAGE FROM BELL LAKE TO JOHNNIE LAKE

The entrance to this 300m portage is located near the Bell Lake permit station and across the road from the parking lot. This trail provides good footing; expect a gradual decline before accessing Johnnie Lake.

PORTAGE FROM THREE MILE LAKE TO BALSAM LAKE

This short 30m lift over runs from the northern end of Three Mile Lake to the easternmost point on Balsam Lake. To find the entrance, paddle to northern-most point on Three Mile. This portage was once home to the remnants of an old logging tramway. The tramway was recently taken out in the fall of 2011 and the portage now provides good footing on a tight gravel path.

PORTAGE FROM BELL LAKE TO DAVID LAKE

This two-part portage starts with a 745m portage, beginning at a shallow landing on the westernmost arm of Bell Lake. This portage covers relatively moderate terrain with gradual inclines and declines, and generally good footing. This half of the route exits at David Creek. A quick paddle north on the creek will lead to the second 200m leg. This portion is also fairly flat, and covers a considerable amount of exposed bedrock.

PORTAGE FROM BELL LAKE TO GREY LAKE

This 595m portage sits at the north-eastern tip of Bell Lake, near the mouth of the channel to Three Mile Lake. A small bay to the east marks the portage location. This trail starts off flat with a few large rocks so be careful and watch footing. A steep incline before reaching the old park boundary road will be the first of two. Continue on the portage to reach the second incline which will then lead to the wide put in on Grey Lake.

PORTAGE FROM BELL LAKE TO JOHNNIE LAKE VIA LOG BOOM LAKE

The entrance to the 190m portage is located on the westernmost arm of Bell Lake near the Silver Peak trailhead. Paddle south on Log Boom to reach the second portage of 50m, another short paddle is required before reaching the final 100m portage into Johnnie Lake. Before the establishment of Killarney Provincial Park, Log Boom Lake was originally used by loggers. Cut from the Balsam, David and Bell Lake areas, logs would collect in Log Boom Lake before being transported via Johnnie Lake and the Mahzenazing River to Collin's Inlet on Georgian Bay.

BELL LAKE AND THREE MILE LAKE

Bell and Three Mile Lakes are connected by a narrow channel at the northern end of Bell. A large rock island located in the middle of this channel is a great spot on a hot summer's day; jump or dive in! Although this area has enough depth, it is always a good idea to check before jumping or diving in, as water levels can vary throughout the season. Beautiful views of La Cloche mountain range can be found to the west rising above the majestic pines which border these two lakes. Many campers on Bell & Three Mile (closer to three kilometres) have reported hearing the haunting howls of wolves at night, though it is very rare to see these shy creatures.

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Fishing enthusiasts will be pleased to find ample stocks of Bass (Small Mouth and Rock varieties) and Northern Pike in Bell Lake. Please keep in mind that fishing Lake Trout is prohibited for all seasons due to fish sanctuary regulations in the park.

When choosing a campsite for the night, we recommend site #89 which is situated at the mouth of the passage from Bell to Three Mile Lake. This campsite has beautiful views of Bell Lake from both sides of the island it sits on, and there are also steep rocks which are perfect for swimming although it is not deep enough for diving.