

Beaver Bites Challenge

The Beaver Bites badge is awarded on the completion of all the loops listed below, including both side trails and main trail sections.

All km references using Edition 30 of **The Bruce Trail Reference: Maps and Trail Guide**.

Group 1: Map 24

Intercept, Loree, Len Gertler

Park at km 2.3, (on the shoulder of the 21st Sideroad and the 4th Line). Hike Intercept Side Trail to the main trail (turn left) Hike to Loree Side Trail (turn left). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right). Hike the main trail to Len Gertler Side Trail (turn right). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right) and follow the main trail back to Intercept Side Trail and your car. Total: 8.5 km

Margaret Paull

Park west of km 10.6 (on the north side of 18th Sideroad, 450 m west of the 5th Line). Follow the main trail west to Margaret Paull Side Trail (straight ahead). Hike this trail to the main trail. (Turn left) and follow the main trail back to your car. Total: 3.7 km

Group 2: Map 25

Metcalfe Crevice, Chuck Grant, Pinnacle Rock

Park at Metcalfe Rock parking area just south of km 27.9 (10th Line). Follow the main trail east to Metcalfe Rock Side Trail. Take time to explore this imposing area of rock formations and crevices, then continue north on the main trail to Chuck Grant Side Trail (turn left). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn left) and follow it back to your car, stopping along the way at Pinnacle Rock to look at this interesting feature. Total: 9.2 km

Group 3: Maps 25, 26

Ken Young, Mac Kirk

Park at km 43.5 (on the shoulder of Sideroad 7B). Follow the main trail north to Ken Young Side Trail (turn right) Hike this trail to the road then walk back to your car. Move your car to roadside parking on County Rd. 13 in Kimberley, (blue steel gate on east side of the road, km 46.8). Hike the main trail east to the top of the escarpment, then turn left to hike Mac Kirk Side Trail loop. Then hike back down to your car. Total: 4 km

Wodehouse Karst

During March and April, passage on Wodehouse Karst Side Trail is not possible due to the ephemeral lake created by the melt waters of Wodehouse Creek. Park on Grey Rd.

7 between Sideroads 7A & 4A at the Wodehouse Karst Side Trail sign. Hike down the escarpment on Wodehouse Karst Side Trail to the main trail, (turn left and hike about 250 m to view Bill's Creek emerging from the Karst), then turn around and hike back up the side trail to your car. Alternately, on a day when you are already on the main trail you can hike in and out this short side trail. Total: 3 km

Kimberley Forest

Option 1: Park in the lower Beaver Valley Ski Club lot. Walk west over the bridge and turn right at the junction where you see the Kimberley Forest Side Trail sign. Hike the side trail on the club road until it veers left onto the bottom of a ski hill and soon after heads right into Kimberley Forest. Turn around where the side trail meets the main trail at km 83.1 and hike back to your car. Total: 5 km

Option 2: **Summer only** due to main trail closure during the ski season November 1 to May 1. Park in the lower Beaver Valley Ski Club lot. Walk west over the bridge and turn right at the junction where you see the Kimberley Forest Side Trail sign. Hike the side trail on the club road until it veers left onto the bottom of a ski hill and soon after heads right into the Kimberley Forest. Turn left where the side trail meets the main trail at km 83.1. Hike the main trail to the Valley Crossover Side Trail, straight ahead and walk on the club road back to your car. The last part of this loop is a small reroute not in Edition 30. Total: 7.1 km

Valley Crossover, Campbell's/Graham's Hill

Park at km 76.8 in the Bruce Trail parking lot on Graham's Hill Rd. (Turn left) Hike the Campbell's/Graham's Hill Side Trail to the main trail. (Turn left) and follow the main trail to the Valley Crossover Trail. (Turn left) Hike this trail to the main trail. (Turn left) and follow the main trail back to your car. **During summer months only, parking is available at the Beaver Valley Ski Club in the lower parking lot, along the Valley Crossover Side Trail.** Total: 12.8 km

Group 4: Map 26

Eugenia Falls

Note that Eugenia Falls Conservation Area is closed during winter months. Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) charges parking fees at its properties. Check the GSCA website for fees and payment methods at www.greysauble.on.ca.

Park at Eugenia Falls Conservation Area, in Eugenia, located west off County Rd. 13 on Pellisier St. Walk the paved path to the falls.

Follow the main trail south for a few metres, then turn left onto the Eugenia Falls Side Trail. This short trail rejoins the main trail where you turn right and hike north back to your car. Total: 730 m

Hogg's Falls Upper, Hogg's Falls Lower

Park at km 67.5 (Hogg's Falls parking lot, on the west side of Lower Valley Road, about 750 m north of East Back Line). Hike on the main trail to the Hogg's Falls Lower Side Trail (turn left). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right). Hike the main trail to the Hogg's Falls Upper Side Trail (turn left). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right) and follow the main trail back to your car. Total: 4.6 km

Stew Hilts

Park at km 74.3, Johnston's Sideroad. Hike south on the main trail to the Stew Hilts Side Trail, turn left and follow the side trail south to its end at the junction with the main trail. Then turn right onto the main trail and hike north to return to your car. Total: 3.9 km

Group 5: Maps 27, 28

Sligo, Beaver Pond Lookout, Epping Lookout

This is a linear hike which includes the three side trails. It may be completed by hiking in and out or by placing a car at each end for a shuttle. (To shuttle, park one car at the John Muir Lookout parking lot on Grey Road 7, near km 96.9).

Park on the shoulder of Sideroad 16C at km 91. **Do not park in the entrance to the farmer's field.** Hike west on the on the road on the main trail for a short distance, then continue on the Sligo Side Trail on the road (700 m) until it turns right, off the road, then continue north. Hike this trail to the main trail (turn left). Hike the main trail to the Beaver Pond Lookout Side Trail (turn left). Walk in for a short way to view this wetland area, then back out. Continue north on the main trail to Grey Road 7. Cross the road to the Epping Lookout Trail and hike this trail to the John Muir Lookout area. Total: 7.5 km

Fairmount, Siegerman, Allan

Park at km 98.3 on Sideroad 22B. Hike Fairmount Side Trail (enters off north side of road) to the main trail. (Turn right) Hike the main trail to the Siegerman Side Trail, km 103.0 (turn right). Hike this trail to the main trail (turn right). Hike the main trail, continue straight onto the Allan Side Trail, then continue straight onto the main trail again and back to your car. Total: 11.2 km