

Killarney Outfitters

Killarney Provincial Park Lake and Portage Descriptions

DAVID LAKE, Killarney Provincial Park

PORTAGE FROM DAVID LAKE TO BELL LAKE

This two-part portage starts with a 200m portage, located at the south eastern tip of David Lake. This first portion is fairly flat, and covers a considerable amount of exposed bedrock. This half of the portage finishes at David Creek. A quick paddle south on the creek leads to the second 745m portage. The next half of the portage also covers relatively moderate terrain with gradual inclines and declines with good footing. The trail exits at a shallow landing on the westernmost arm of Bell Lake.

PORTAGE FROM DAVID LAKE TO JOHNNIE LAKE VIA CLEARSILVER LAKE

To follow this route, choose the fork leading west from the David Lake landing. The two-part portage begins with a short 85m portage to the sandy shore of David Creek. A quick paddle south across David Creek leads to the second 980m leg. The landing on David Creek is somewhat challenging, however the rest of this portage should present no challenges as it covers moderately rolling terrain. Bear in mind that this portage intersects with access trails to Silver Peak at two points along the route, so keep a map handy. Upon reaching Clearsilver, paddle south-east across the length of the lake to find the third 830m leg of this portage. This final portion is a fairly flat, easy route through a valley and past hemlock stands before reaching Johnnie Lake.

PORTAGE FROM DAVID LAKE TO BALSAM LAKE

This 665m moderately difficult portage is located on the northern shore of David Lake's northernmost bay. There is a gradual incline up from David's rocky shore, and a steep pitch at the Balsam Lake end. Wear proper footwear on this portage as areas can get damp after heavy rainfall. Always watch footing and keep an eye out for damp sections along the trail after heavy rainfall.

PORTAGE FROM DAVID LAKE TO BOUNDARY LAKE

The entrance to this 565m portage is located in a bay on the south western shore of David Lake. This portage has a moderate incline and decline as it progresses toward Boundary Lake.

PORTAGE FROM DAVID LAKE TO GREAT MOUNTAIN LAKE

Located at the north western most point on David Lake, this 2945m portage is considered to be one of the more difficult routes in the park. This is because its route covers steep, hilly terrain with many twists and turns. Take a moment and appreciate the beauty of the location as it changes from rocky outcroppings to forested lowlands. The portage exits at a rocky landing on the eastern shore of Great Mountain Lake.

DAVID LAKE

Situated at the base of Silver Peak, David Lake is one of Killarney Provincial Park's more popular destinations. Paddle around the twists and turns, watch as new sections of the lake are slowly revealed. David Lake's rugged beauty is framed by the rolling foothill crag at the base of Silver Peak as well as other spectacular rock formations. This large deep lake is dotted with many tiny islands that make excellent picnic locations for hungry paddlers. Amateur botanists may be surprised to find that the lush forest surrounding David plays host to a rare mix of fir, maple, poplar, and oak trees. These tree varieties almost never grow together, and it is only around David Lake where geographic conditions allow such a combination. Oak trees rarely grow this far north or at such high elevations, however they can be found in abundance throughout KPP.

Please note that David Lake is a fish sanctuary which enjoys protection from the Canadian Government, meaning that fishing of all species is prohibited year-round.

When choosing a campsite for the night, we recommend site #106. This site is located high off the water and has several tent pads (clear areas on the ground). Beautiful views of Silver Peak make this campsite ideal.