

# Killarney Outfitters

## Killarney Provincial Park Lake and Portage Descriptions

### **JOHNNIE LAKE, Killarney Provincial Park**

#### **PORTAGE FROM JOHNNIE LAKE TO BELL LAKE**

This 300m portage provides good footing with gradual incline; exiting near the Bell Lake permitting station. Cross the road and portage through the parking lot to find the put in spot.

#### **PORTAGE FROM JOHNNIE LAKE TO RUTH ROY LAKE**

The 90m portage between Johnnie and Ruth Roy Lake begins at a small cascading falls and is quite short with some elevated rock in areas. The landing on Ruth Roy is a favourite spot to jump in for a swim!

#### **PORTAGE FROM JOHNNIE LAKE TO CLEARSILVER LAKE**

A fairly flat 830m portage passes through hemlock forest on the way from Johnnie Lake. Watch footing as this portage has a couple of really small creek beds to pass over.

#### **PORTAGE FROM JOHNNIE LAKE TO BELL LAKE VIA LOG BOOM LAKE**

There are three small portages (100m, 50m, and 190m) which connect Johnnie to Bell Lake through Log Boom. This lake was originally known to loggers in the area as the lake where logs were boomed. Logs cut in the Balsam, David and Bell Lake areas were impounded here before the park was established.

#### **PORTAGE FROM JOHNNIE LAKE TO CARLYLE LAKE**

Carlyle and Johnnie Lake connect through a small water way at Johnnie's south western end. Although this channel is not passable in motor boats, paddling a canoe or kayak through should be a breeze at any time of the season. A small beaver dam requires a lift over but should present no difficulties.

#### **PORTAGE FROM JOHNNIE LAKE TO TURBID LAKE**

Johnnie accesses Turbid Lake through Billy Creek without portaging, although a few lift overs are required. Water levels on the creek can be low at times but should present no problems to paddlers.

#### **JOHNNIE LAKE**

The clear blue waters of Johnnie Lake meander around several peninsulas; each bend reveals a new rugged vista. Johnnie's stunning pink granite shorelines are studded with windswept pines that underline a magnificent view of the La Cloche Mountain Range. The best views of Silver Peak, in particular, can be found from the waters of Johnnie. In the large bay known as "Crooked Lake" is an enchanting 30m cascade tumbling over the rocks which separate Johnnie from Ruth Roy Lake.

Now popular among paddlers for its beauty, Johnnie Lake was once a major site for logging camps. In the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the adjoining West Mahzenazing River (pronounced "Ma-sin-in-a-zing", an Ojibwa name meaning "pictured-water") was an important passage for transporting lumber to the mill at Georgian Bay's Collins Inlet. Located near the entrance to the channel leading between Johnnie and Carlyle this historic route is easily identified by the dam at its mouth. Unfortunately, this river leads through territory whose ownership is currently under dispute between the Ontario Government and the First Nations People, so it is best to just admire it from Johnnie.

Although the twists and turns on Johnnie are great for keeping the scenery fresh, be sure to have a map handy as it is easy to be waylaid in one of the many small bays.

Those interested in a bit of fishing will be pleased to find stocks of Pike and Small Mouth Bass. However, please be aware that fishing Lake Trout is prohibited on Johnnie year-round.

When choosing a campsite for the night, we would recommend sites #63, #64, or #68; each having a stunning view.