

Killarney Outfitters

Killarney Provincial Park Lake and Portage Descriptions

MCGREGOR BAY, Killarney Provincial Park

PORTAGE FROM MCGREGOR BAY TO THREENARROWS LAKE VIA KIRK CREEK

To find Kirk Creek take out the map and find where the parks boundary line ends. The access to this route can be found on the eastern shores of McGregor Bay, only a couple of kilometers' from Blue Ridge. The first 75m portage can be difficult to find as it is found after paddling down a narrow creek. Once on Kirk Creek there are several small portages and lift overs accompanying this route; get into a rhythm and the paddle along the creek will go by in no time. The portages will present themselves as follows; 75m to access a marshy area of the creek; paddle along this creek to reach the next 40m portage leading into the unnamed pond of water lilies and lily pads head towards the northern shores; here is the first of two 50m portages, the first one being to the left and the next to the right. Finally, almost there! Next a 75m portage to the left, a 20m portage to the right and then the final 50m can be found to the left of the dam.

PORTAGE FROM MCGREGOR BAY TO BAIE FINE

The 905m portage from McGregor Bay is not within the park boundary and upkeep is minimal, although many paddlers still take this route throughout the season making it navigable and rarely over grown. Paddle along the southern shoreline of McGregor Bay along the range known as Blue Ridge to find the entrance to this portage located in a valley just under 5km from the parks boundary; remember to keep a map at hand as this portage is not signed.

McGregor Bay sets a different kind of mood and paddling here is quite a refreshing change from the parks interior. Many small bays and rock bluffs scatter these waters and although motorized boat traffic is allowed here, the large size of the waterways help to eliminate boat traffic. Always remember to keep the map and compass at hand to navigate these areas. Paddle to the campsite #136 located on a large area of exposed pink rock jutting out into the East Channel, just on the parks border. There are many ways to get to here; explore the winding passages of McGregor Bay or head north to set up camp straight away. Keep in mind site #136 is exposed with few shady areas and in extreme weather this may not be the preferred site. On a beautiful day however, the scenery here is spectacular. Rising hills behind the outcrop and a private lagoon with crystal clear turquoise water makes this a beautiful spot for swimming.

Many cottages scatter this area. If seeking seclusion we suggest against paddling here.