

Killarney Outfitters

Killarney Provincial Park Lake and Portage Descriptions

MURIEL LAKE, Killarney Provincial Park

PORTAGE FROM MURIEL LAKE TO O.S.A. LAKE

This 595m portage can be found on the northern shore of Muriel Lake's eastern end. Please watch footing here as a layer of duff covers the bedrock and can create slippery conditions. This portage is particularly scenic as it passes through a hemlock forest.

PORTAGE FROM MURIEL LAKE TO BAIE FINE VIA ARTIST LAKE

To find the entrance to this route, paddle along the northern shore of Muriel towards its western end. The portage to Artist Lake from here is in two parts. The first 110m portage leads to the landing on a small unnamed marshy area teeming with small wildlife such as birds, frogs, and even otters. Paddle west for approximately 500m and get out at the smooth sloping granite landing for the next 185m portage. This will lead to a tricky landing on Artist Lake that has a steep incline which can be very slippery in wet weather. Put in and paddle west across Artist to find the entrance to the next 370m portage on the lake's southern shore. This portage covers flat, though sometimes wet, terrain and should present no difficulties. This portage ends at a small creek which leads to the westernmost tip of Baie Fine named "The Pool". To reach the main body of Baie Fine, paddle north and then west out of this smaller bay.

MURIEL LAKE

While paddling Muriel Lake expect to find a mix of everything; a small island, quartzite ridges, clear water and friendly wildlife such as George the resident snapping turtle who hangs around the two sites on that lake! Many loons have been spotted on Muriel and the echo of their haunting calls can be heard bouncing off the surrounding ridges.

Pitch a tent on the slight ridge at campsite #34. Although this site may look unappealing because of its elevation (especially after a long day of portaging), it is truly rewarding and has a spectacular view. Campsite #35 on the western end of the lake is also a great site and is closer to water level for tired paddlers!

GULCH HILL

Up for a challenge? Gulch Hill is a popular "bushwhacking" trip for many paddle and hiking enthusiasts alike. Paddle across Muriel Lake to the southern shore; pick a ridge line that is easily accessible and follow it up to the peak of the eastern peak (the western peak doesn't offer as great of a view). There are not a lot of trees along the way, and it's mostly steep cliffs to follow up to the summit. There's a great view out over Georgian Bay from the peak just east of the small pond at the top. Following the small creek from the peak, you may even come across the small beaver pond that now looks like a life size version of a pick up stick game... great spot for some photos!