

Killarney Outfitters

Killarney Provincial Park Lake and Portage Descriptions

PETER LAKE, Killarney Provincial Park

PORTAGE FROM PETER LAKE TO BALSAM VIA DEACON & FOX LAKES

The 1322m portage leading from Peter Lake to Fox Lake can be very marshy. The trail cuts through the forest and then runs along a bog for a few hundred meters. Deacon Creek may look navigable in areas however much of this water way is not; trying this route will cause back tracking. From Fox Lake an unmaintained 825m portage can be found in the small bay at the southern section of Fox Lake; this route will bypass Deacon Lake.

If seeking adventure, why not try to find the remnants of an old logging cabin just north of Deacon Creek to the left of the Fox to Peter Lake portage. Remember, if off trail hiking, to bring along a map, compass and sufficient amounts of water.

Once on Fox Lake paddle south to the small bay for the next 210m portage exiting on Deacon Lake. Follow Deacon Lake to its south western shores, here a marshy area begins the final portage into Balsam Lake. Balsam Lake joins to Deacon Lake with just a small lift over. This lift over is not stated as a portage on the park maps, but due to low water levels it is rarely possible to paddle through.

PETER LAKE

If campsite #120 is available, to the right of Deacon Creek, stop for a quick lunch before heading to Peter Lake.

Peter Lake is in the Lakelands and Headwaters section of the park. This gorgeous lake allows paddlers quick and easy access to Lake Panache.

When choosing a campsite for the night, we suggest campsite #240, located on a small rocky outcrop on the southern shore of Peter Lake. Set up camp and head towards the northern shore line to check out Hideaway Lake, a small inlet off Lake Panache! Lake Panache is a beautiful lake with few cottages (in this area), take a paddle around before heading back to the campsite!