

Introduction

The Temagami region contains numerous patches of old growth White and Red Pine forests, perhaps the largest concentration found in temperate climates.

Less than 2% of these Pine forests remain today because they are valued for their timber.

The old-growth Pine forest remaining here on Temagami Island is one of the best examples of a forest condition that was once much more widely distributed throughout Ontario and the rest of Canada.

Please help to minimize impacts by remaining on the trails at all times.

The Temagami Island Old Growth Trails offer an experience for all hikers, from Novice (1), Intermediate (2) and Expert (3) for difficulty.

Detailed information on the history of the trails is available on the website run by the Ancient Forest Exploration and Research: www.ancientforest.org

When hiking the trails, bring sufficient water and food for your hike, if you plan to stay on the island for an extended period of time.

The trails are well marked and you should not get lost if you stay on the marked trails.

There are other unmarked trails that lead to private lodges such as Camp Adanac on the east side of the island and Temagami Lodge on the west side. There are a few cottages around the perimeter of the island, mostly on the west side.

A South Access Trail that may still appear on older trail maps, was closed in 2014 and is no longer in use.

Visitors are encouraged to explore the trails on snowshoes or cross-country skis during the winter months.

For further information visit the Temagami Information Centre, 1-800-661-7609, www.temagamiinformation.com

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Temagami Old Growth Trail Partnership

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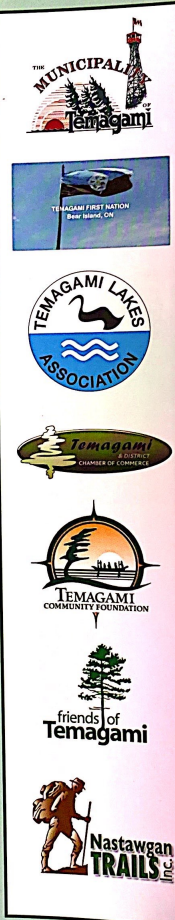
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The Trails

Red Access Trail (1)

This 600m trail starts at the North Dock and is marked with red trail markers. The North Dock was installed in 2014. It is a secure structure. Exercise caution when approaching in low water conditions.

A secondary trail shown in Grey can be used to access the campsite on the point. The campsite may be separated from the island in high spring water. If not occupied by campers, it is a good spot for a picnic or a place to swim off the rocks.

Part way down the Access Trail, there is a split trail on your left that goes down to Camp Adanac on the lake. A bit further, travelling south west, the Red Access Trail joins with the Blue Trail.

Blue Trail (1-3)

This 3 km trail is the longest in the Conservation Reserve. At its junction with the Access Trail you can travel west (to your right) or east (to your left) in a loop that returns to the junction.

Travelling west will take you to the junction of the White Trail, and a bit further along, the Orange Trail. Travelling past the Orange Trail junction takes you to the West Bay area.

Travelling east and south will take you around the Blue Trail in a clockwise direction past the two Yellow Interpretive Trail access points and the East Dock area.

The Blue Trail to the White and Orange junctions is fairly flat and easy for Novice hikers. It is reasonably flat going in the other direction, to the East Dock.

The Blue Trail from the West Bay to the East Dock is a mixture of (2) and (3) for difficulty with many elevation changes. There is an open rest area near the ¼ way point on the trail before it turns and heads east then north.

Not far past the East Dock is a small trail marked in Blue on your left as you travel north, that leads you to a box privy. The trail is marked with Blue Diamond decals with stylized M/F figures.

White Trail Loop (2)

The White Trail is also marked and used as a cross country ski trail for winter activities. It is a short, ~700m loop that can be accessed from either the Blue or the Orange Trails. The White Trail travels over several elevation changes, so it can be arduous.

Orange Trail (2-3)

This 1200m trail starts from its junction with the Blue Trail. It has Orange and White trail markers on it for the short section it shares with the White Trail between the Blue and White Trails. Past the White Trail junction the trail is marked in Orange markers only. The Orange Trail is also known as the North View Trail on earlier maps. It also has several elevation changes as it ascends to a high point on the island.

The Orange Trail has a short loop at the end (not shown on the Map) that allows you to walk around a bit. The loop joins back on the main trail as you descend and return to the Blue Trail. It is an easy hike going downhill.

Be careful to follow the Orange markers as you descend as there are unmarked trails that are visible on your way down on your right. They will lead you to Temagami Lodge, a private facility, on the west side of the island.

Yellow Interpretive Trail (2-3)

This 800m loop comes off the Blue Trail in two locations. A section on the Blue trail has 4 of the interpretive posts on it, with the remaining 6 on the Yellow Trail loop.

Hikers can also access the Yellow Trail by landing at the East Dock and starting from there. The East Dock is in a fairly shallow back bay so be cautious if you are using a motor boat. Canoes will have no problem.

The Yellow Trail also has significant elevation changes along its course making it difficult (3) in some places.

There is a separate interpretive write-up for these trails at the North Dock information Kiosk.

What are the Metal Tags on the Trees?

As you travel the Temagami Island Old Growth trails, you may come across large trees that have small, numbered stainless steel markers attached to them. Please don't try to remove them. The numbered trees are protected and registered to individuals and groups as part of the n'Daki Menan Pine Tree Project, sponsored by the Temagami First Nation (TFN) on Bear Island and by the Temagami Community Foundation. The metal tags correspond to a charitable donation given to the sponsoring individual or group that goes to support the Laura McKenzie Learning Centre on Bear Island.

A certificate is issued by the TFN confirming that the tree has been protected. <http://www.temagamifirstnation.ca>

