



TIBBITT LAKE LOOP

Highlights:

For those interested in a true wilderness experience, this is an excellent choice. The area receives few visitors and is beautifully unspoiled. The terrain is typical of pre-Cambrian shield country - rugged rock outcrops and stunted coniferous trees, mainly black spruce and jack-pine, as well as birch, poplar, tamarack, willows and low bushes. There is an excellent chance that canoeists will spot bald eagles, arctic terns, loons, and several species of ducks here. There are plenty of spots to picnic, camp and swim along this route.

Itinerary:

This circular route begins and ends at Tibbitt Lake, a 70 km drive from Yellowknife at the end of the Ingraham Trail. Overnight parking is available.

Load canoes to the left of the culverts and proceed north on Tibbitt Lake. Though the route may be paddled in either direction, it is often preferable to go this way so as to encounter Goop Lake early in the trip.

Paddlers may choose to spend some time exploring this part of Tibbitt Lake. A small set of rapids can be found 2 km north where the Cameron River flows into Tibbitt Lake. A scenic view of the area can be obtained by climbing the rocky shore on the eastern side of the lake. The first portage is located 1 km from the culverts, in a bay along the eastern shoreline. The portage is 250 m in length and well traveled. A noteworthy feature is the great number of blueberry bushes along the trail. Goop Lake is shallow and swampy. Avoid the muck that surrounds the shoreline; There's a good reason this lake is called 'Goop!' The second portage, about the same length as the first, is at the east end of Goop Lake. (cont)

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Duration & degree of difficulty:

Distance:	16 km
Average Trip Time:	10-12 hours over 2 days
Portages:	2
Longest Portage:	250 m

With no sizeable rapids, this route is well within the capabilities of novice paddlers planning a weekend outing.

Winds are not a major factor as the lakes are relatively small and sheltered.

The route can be followed in either direction.

The two portages are short, flat, and well defined

Nearest camping:

Reid Lake Territorial Park is 10 km from Tibbitt Lake. It offers camping facilities and is the starting point for other canoe routes.



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Lake Trip
For Beginners





Itinerary (cont):

The hard work is now over, and you can enjoy paddling the rest of the route. Travel east on Upper Terry Lake for 2 km then south for 2 km. There's a small riffle as you enter Terry Lake but it is easily passable. Follow the western shoreline as you paddle 3 km southwest, entering a narrow channel before turning right around the point. It's now 1.5 km north on Terry Lake to another small riffle. Paddling this section requires some effort as it is upstream against the current. It is then almost 4 km north on Tibbitt Lake to reach the original starting point at the culverts.

Side trips can be made along this route to the Ross River or Cameron River rapids. It is also possible to view the remains of a small bush plane that crashed some time ago. The wreckage is on a small island in the southeast corner of Terry Lake. The plane is hard to spot since it is in several pieces and well rusted.



Tibbitt Lake Loop Canoe Route

This is a wilderness canoe trip and is not entirely predictable. Routes are not maintained on a regular basis. Changes in weather or water level, overgrown trails, and many other risks could affect the accuracy of the information in this brochure. You are ultimately responsible for your own safety.