



HIDDEN LAKE

Highlights:

Hidden Lake is one of the most beautiful lakes in the North Slave Region, a large network of interconnecting water bodies. Enjoy a day trip or spend a few days camping on the numerous islands and exploring the scenic bays and inlets. Hidden Lake is secluded as there are three portages to reach the lake. On a sunny day, this lake appears aquamarine in colour, and you can spot the fish swimming in its crystal clear water.

Camping in Hidden Lake Park:

Hidden Lake Territorial Park is a wilderness park with no developed facilities. Firewood is not provided, and cutting of trees is not permitted, so please bring your own fuel and equipment for cooking, and pack out all garbage.

Nearest camping with full facilities:

Reid Lake Territorial Park is located 15 km east of Powder Point on the Ingraham Trail.

Prelude Lake Territorial Park, also on the Ingraham Trail, is 17 km west of Powder Point towards Yellowknife.

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Duration & degree of difficulty:

Distance: 2.6 km of paddling and portages to reach Hidden Lake

Average Trip Time: 1-3 days

Portages: 3

Longest Portage: 600 m

There are no runnable rapids along the route.

Certain parts of the portages are arduous, but they are short.

As Hidden Lake is quite large, wind and waves can be a major problem. Allow extra time for the trip in case you become wind-bound.

Stay close to the shore for safety's sake, only cross the lake at its narrowest point if necessary.



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INGRAHAM TRAIL ♦ CANOE ROUTES

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A one, two, or three-day lake trip





Itinerary:

The route begins and ends at the Powder Point Day Use Area located at Hidden Lake Park, 45 km east of Yellowknife on the Ingraham Trail. Parking is available at Powder Point.

Canoes are loaded at the Powder Point boat launch. Canoeists then head across a narrow arm of Prelude Lake towards a set of rapids, visible 400 m away. The short portage is to the left of the rapids, about 60 m long.

Canoeists then paddle 100 m upstream, staying near shore where the current is less strong. Head across the lake in a northwest direction for 500 m to reach the second portage.

This portage is 300 m along a groomed path with a short uphill and downhill climb. Remnants of a small trapper's cabin can be found on the left side of the trail, about 50 m from the start of the portage.

Paddle along the left shore for 100 m then directly north across the small lake for 500 m to reach the third portage. This portage involves a short, steep uphill climb and then a 600 m walk along flat terrain. The mid section of this portage can be avoided by navigating a narrow, meandering creek that appears after the uphill climb. Obstacles and low water levels often make it advisable to portage rather than take a chance on the creek. Some of the best blueberry picking around can be found along the third portage into Hidden Lake. Blueberry season usually peaks in mid-August.

You have now arrived at Hidden Lake and can spend as much time as you desire paddling in solitude. The lake is approximately 13 kms long but the most scenic areas are within the first 6 kms.



Hidden Lake 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.