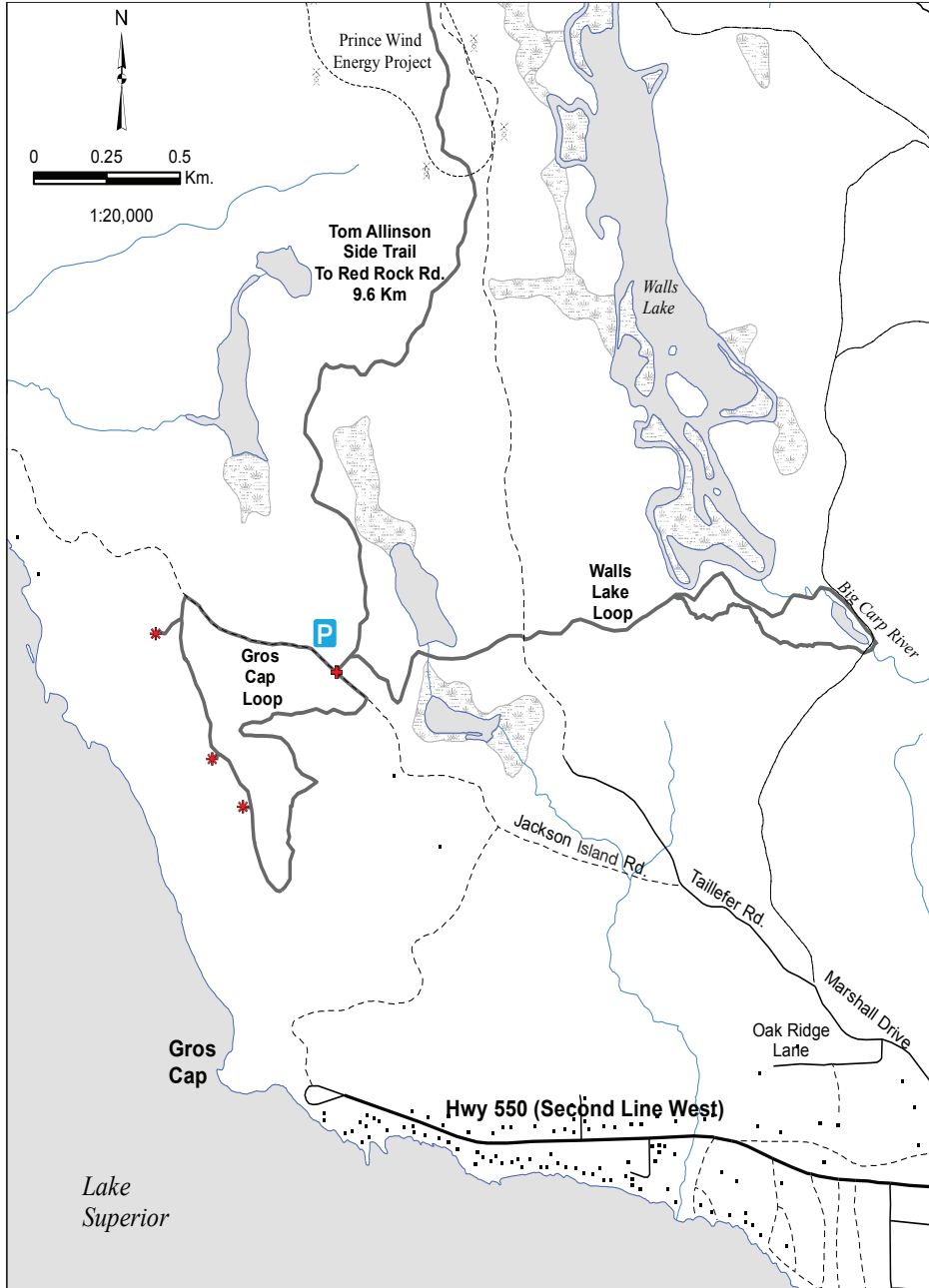


GROS CAP LOOP TRAIL

This yellow-blazed approximately 3-km loop trail is a pleasant trail that offers wide views over Whitefish Bay at the blue-blazed side trail lookouts. There are wet sections on the trail so be sure to have proper protective footwear.



LOOP TRAIL DESCRIPTION

The Gros Cap Loop Trail is approximately 3 kilometres long and must be accessed by way of Marshall Drive.

When heading west on Hwy 550 towards Gros Cap from Sault Ste. Marie, turn right at Marshall Drive (note: pavement ends at .4km).

In winter months, the road is not plowed past this point. Turn left (2.3km) on to Taillefer Road. Continue down Taillefer Road being careful not to turn at any gated drives as they are private. Keep left. At approximately 2.6km, make a right hand turn. Continue along, passing a relay tower on your left (3km mark).

At 3.3km, you will see yellow blazes from the loop trail section that follows a portion of Jackson Island Road / Taillefer Road.

At 3.45km, you will see blazes from the Tom Allinson Side Trail on the right. (As a note of interest, if one was to hike the Tom Allinson Side Trail, one would encounter the Prince Township Wind Farm towers.) This wide open area is the “parking lot”. Please be aware of how you park your vehicle as to not interfere with logging trucks or residents of the nearby area.

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VOYAGEUR HIKING TRAIL USERS' CODE

- Hike only along marked routes. Do not take shortcuts.
- Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
- Do not climb fences.
- Keep dogs under control (leash if necessary) and follow your club's guidelines concerning dogs).
- Carry out all garbage (if you can carry it in, you can carry it out).
- Light cooking fires at official campsites only. Drench fires after use (or better still, carry a lightweight hiker's stove).
- Respect the privacy of people living along the trail. Walk around the edges of fields, not across them.
- Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
- Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photos.
- Do not damage live trees or strip off bark.

BE A LOW-IMPACT HIKER!

DECLARATION: I understand that the Voyageur Trail is a wilderness trail and some remote or little-used sections may be in poor condition due to fallen trees or regrowth of vegetation. I understand that I hike it at my own risk. I have read and will abide by the Trail Users' Code (above). (signature)

LOOP TRAIL DESCRIPTION continued

Directions from parking area (clockwise around the Gros Cap Loop):

Leaving the parking area, head SSE down Jackson Island Road (also known as North Gros Cap Road or Taillefer Road) for approximately 100 metres. Yellow double blazes will be easily located indicating the hiker to proceed right into the bush.

Upon entering the bush, head down the path in a westerly direction through a mixed forest with lush areas of ferns, moss and lichens. At .4km the trail will come upon a very marshy area complete with water loving plants like cedars. The hiker will then come to a rocky outcropping where one would notice Saskatoon and blueberry bushes. There are two outcroppings to pass between .5 and .6km whereupon the hiker will arrive at an elevated esker (old cobble beach).

At 1km make a right turn following an old skidder track. The hiker will continue along here to a sign in book location and then pass by some large boulders until another sharp right turn takes you on to a wider, more well-travelled trail. The property to the left is private property and the landowner has it posted to "keep out" – please abide by the owner's request.

Follow the wide trail through another cobble beach. As you travel this part of the trail, you will notice short blue-blazed side trails taking you out on the rocks overlooking Lake Superior. Sometimes the tree canopy can interfere with the views, however the last side trail at the 2km mark, is a little longer and offers the best views over the lake. This is the perfect stop for a break. (This is a great spot for blueberries in season.)

Following the yellow blazes once again, the hiking trail junctions with Jackson Island Road at 2.3km. Turn right (east) and follow this road (slightly uphill) for .6km back to the parking area.

With this, the Gros Cap Loop Trail is completed.

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This trail is made possible by the generosity of our private landowners, including the Sault Ste. Marie & Region Conservation Authority. Please respect the rights of our landowners and stay to the marked trail, pick up after your pet and take nothing but photographs.

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