



Fatbiking on Squirrel Nuts Trail

Welcome to the Ghost & Mavis Lakes Trail System - a Crown land network of singletrack wilderness trails developed by outdoor recreationalists and area residents for non-motorized use.

Parking

Please respect the wishes of area residents by utilizing the parking areas at Star Lake and the confluence of the Ghost Hollow Loop Trails - avoiding recreational use of roads whenever possible. Above all, respect the private property of lakeshore residents, this is their backyard.

Pet owners

Please remove dog poop from the trail bed. A leash can prevent an unfortunate interaction between other pets or trail users. Please have one on hand and when in doubt, leash your pet.

Use At Your Own Risk

Natural hazards and unavoidable obstacles exist on these rough wilderness trails. Trail users should expect at all times to encounter variable conditions such as slippery tree roots, or rock or unanticipated obstacles such as downed trees. Trail users should operate under control and within their abilities at all times..

Consider weather and daylight hours in your decision making and when in doubt, err on the side of caution.



Ghost Hollow Loop 2



Ghost Hollow Loop 1 Lakeshore Trail

Trail Safety

*Bring a cell phone, but bear in mind that wireless service can be inconsistent throughout the trail system. Apps such as 'Trailforks' can offer a better awareness of your whereabouts in the trail system.

*It is advisable to hike or bike in groups. Always notify a loved one of your planned route and when you are expected to return.

*In autumn months it is recommended to wear high visibility clothing, such as blaze orange, as hunters may be present on these Crown land trails.

*Mountain bikers must wear helmets. A few trailside repair tools such as tubes, a pump, a chain tool and quick links can save a long walk out if mechanical problems arise.

*Winter snow cover often presents difficulties in route finding. Winter trail use on ungroomed trails should be attempted only by experienced trail users. Dress in layers, get an early start and travel within the fitness level of your party. Winter trail users must not park on roads and private drives.



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TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

1 The Boneyard 2.5 km - 30-35 min. walk
A popular trail to hone basic mountain biking skills or enjoy a forest adventure on foot without straying too far from the car. The Boneyard winds through mature jackpine forest on flatter terrain that is suitable for all skill levels.

2 Rollercoaster 1.2 km - 20-30 min. walk
Rewards intermediate bikers and trailgoers with a plunging, twisting descent through banked corners to the treeline. Access it from the Hill Billy, or The Boneyard.

3 Starlight 1.5 km - 20-30 min. walk
Beginning on the other side of Ghost West Road from the end of The Boneyard, Starlight raises the bar ever-so slightly featuring more varied terrain and technical difficulty in the same mature boreal forest setting as The Boneyard.

4 Hill Billy Trail 3.5 km - 60 min. walk
Get your heart pumping on this rainy day and winter fat bike favourite. Fun descents and endless climbs in easy terrain make the Hill Billy Trail a cardio classic. Winter hikers are asked to obey signage in the winter months.

5 Ferguson Trail 2.5 km - 30 min. walk one-way
Considered by some to be the crown jewel of the trail system. The Ferguson Trail owes its technical demands to sections of exposed bedrock that can be slippery for bikes in the rain and good fun on a dry day.

6 Ferguson Backside 1 km - 15-20 min. walk
A satisfying alternate route to the finish of the Ferguson Trail or the Hillbilly Trail.

7 Ghost Hollow Loop 1 2 km - 30-40 min. walk
Fast and flowy on the inside, fun and more technical near the lakeshore, Ghost Hollow Loop 1 is a delight any time of the year.

8 Ghost Hollow Loop 2 3.3 km - 45-55 min. walk
This is gnome country. Find your way through a number of unique eco-zones as you navigate the elevated ridge separating Ghost and Mavis Lakes. Strenuous and technically difficult for bikers. Ride within your ability — you are a long way out!

9 Squirrel Nuts 2 km - 30 min. walk
A unique lakeshore romp with plenty to offer intermediate level bikers and hikers of all sorts. Lakeside singletrack gives way to sections of old doubletrack.

10 Root-A-Bega 2 km - 40 min. walk
Rocky and rooty climbs up the south shore of Mavis Lake lead to a fun downhill romp through a mature jackpine forest.

Ghost Lake Hiking Trails

11 Ghost Falls - 30 minute walk extension to GHL2

Extending from Ghost Hollow Loop 2 and passable only on foot, Ghost Falls is a worthy four-season hiking or snowshoe destination, best accessed from the alternate parking area at the top of GHL1.

12 Clearwater Pond - 1-1.5 hour walk extension to GHL2

Climb steeply through impressive terrain to a hanging pond high above Ghost and Mavis Lakes. Trail around Clearwater Pond can become indistinct in places.

13 Ghost Lake Beach Trail - allow 4-5 hours return

Be prepared for an adventure in difficult and infrequently travelled terrain. Some route-finding may be necessary and sections of trail may not be passable.

