

Winter Camping

Campground

Winter camping is permitted on existing summer campsites. Washroom facilities are located at the main park office. Firewood is available for purchase at the park office when staff are available.

Backcountry

Winter camping in the interior is a popular activity in the park. For safety purposes, file a trip plan on your permit before departure. Please do not set up camp on designated summer campsites; instead camp in protected low-lying areas at least 30 metres away from shorelines and trails. Remember that cutting live growth is prohibited and leave no trace of your visit.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing provides access to virtually all areas of the park. The Collins Inlet trail, which is packed, is an excellent way to explore Killarney's diverse landscape of forests, wetlands and granite ridges. If planning to travel along the Silhouette trail, use extra caution when crossing the ridgetops which may be extremely slippery. Snowshoes are available for rental from the park office.

Warm Up Hut

For your convenience, there is a small cabin available in the George Lake campground. Located by the amphitheatre, it a great place to have meals and warm up by the wood stove.

Killarney in Winter

A wilderness of frozen lakes, snow capped ridges, crisp clean air, and a sense of solitude await the winter traveller to Killarney. Whether on foot, snowshoe or cross country ski, a winter visit to Killarney can be an exhilarating experience. To help ensure that your winter trip will be a safe and enjoyable one, please take the following precautions:

- Travel over ice is not recommended and your safety is ultimately your responsibility. If you do plan to cross lakes, check for the latest ice conditions with park staff. Caution must always be exercised near creeks, narrows, dams, and other areas of moving water.
- As a precaution, carry a survival kit with you at all times.
- With temperatures as low as -30 C, always be prepared for severe cold temperatures. Bring proper clothing, a sleeping bag and other equipment for these conditions.

Park Permits

A permit is required for all park use. Permits can be purchased from the George Lake office. If there are no staff available, please use the self-registration at the kiosk.

For maps, latest conditions, or to become a member of the FOKP, please contact:

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Killarney Provincial Park

Winter Activity Guide



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Ski Trails

Killarney Provincial Park offers the nordic skier 33 kilometres of picturesque trails. These trails are maintained on a regular basis and pass through mixed forests of spruce, maple, and birch trees. A closer look will reveal tracks of a variety of animal species such as deer, snowshoe hare, and even wolf.



Freeland Trail

Length: 11.5 kilometres (return)
Terrain: Generally flat with some rolling sections
Trailhead: Park office

This linear trail is packed but not always track set. The trail leaves the campground from the Bobcat section of the campground and finishes east of Freeland Lake. The trail is suitable for all ability levels.

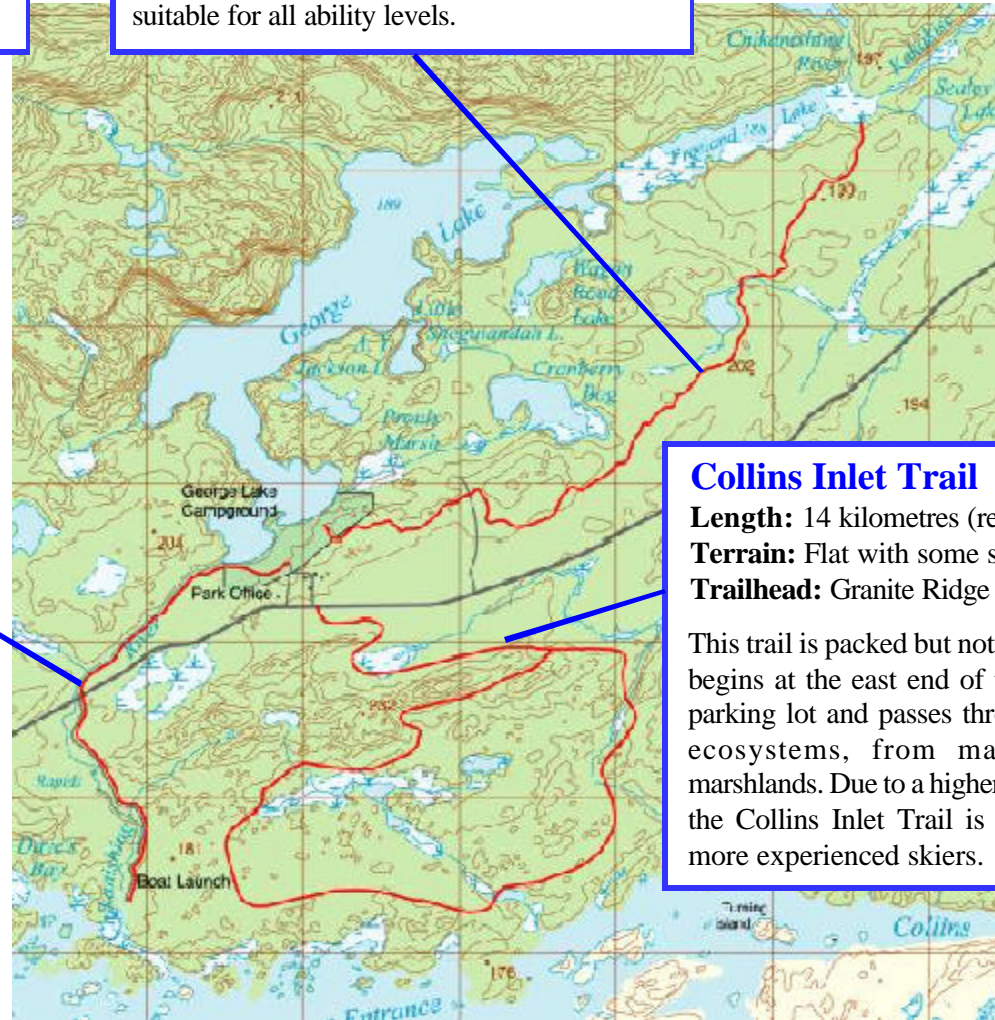


Chikanishing Trail

Length: 7 kilometres (return)
Terrain: Flat
Trailhead: Park office

This trail is packed and track set. The trail, which meanders along the picturesque Chikanishing Creek, follows campground roads and the Chikanishing access road. The trail is an excellent choice for novice skiers.

Winter travel tips: Skiers, please carry an equipment repair kit and ensure you have suitable clothing for changing weather conditions.



Collins Inlet Trail

Length: 14 kilometres (return)
Terrain: Flat with some steeper pitches
Trailhead: Granite Ridge Trail parking lot

This trail is packed but not track set. The trail begins at the east end of the Granite Ridge parking lot and passes through a number of ecosystems, from mature forests to marshlands. Due to a higher level of difficulty, the Collins Inlet Trail is recommended for more experienced skiers.