

EXPLORE THE WATERWAY: CANOE TRIP

TRIP MAP

The Dartmouth chain of lakes are an excellent part of the Shubenacadie Waterway to explore by canoe. Here is one of our favourite trips!

KNOW AHEAD!

If you want to fish, be sure to get a sportfishing license from the province first.



START YOUR DAY AT PORTOBELLO INCLINE PLANE

Put your canoe in the water at Portobello Incline Plane. There are two parking spaces available across from 1190 Waverley Road, or there is a narrow driveway from Waverley Road down to the dock (across from the community mailboxes at Joe Street). A paddle north over calm water will help you get your sea legs and enjoy Lake William before you start the 4km paddle to cross the lake.



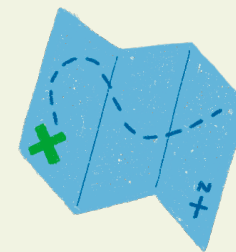
BREAK TIME AT MCDONALD SPORTS PARK

Dock on Lake Thomas for a lunchbreak and try your luck fishing for Chain pickerel and Smallmouth bass. The park amenities include picnic tables and washrooms. There are also many trails if you need to stretch your legs after the paddle.



TRIP BACK

Give yourself plenty of time for the trip back, as the winds on Lake William pick up in the afternoon and can make for a tiring paddle. The way back offers the chance to try a portage, as the upstream paddle against the flush under Rocky Lake Road bridge is very difficult. Take your boat out at the Waverley Village Green and put your boat back in at the Irving Station.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Portobello Incline Plane was part of the Shubenacadie Canal. In the 1860s, boats loaded with cargo like lumber and bricks were transported between Lake William and Lake Charles on a marine railway system.