



**Mount Carleton Provincial Park gates will open May 15th.
The campground opens May 21st.
Cabin rentals are available June 8th.**

Hiking is the best way to get to know the Mount Carleton wilderness. There are 9 trails to choose from, covering 62 kilometers (39 miles).

With the exception of the trails at Williams Fall and Pine Point, most require good physical condition.

- For your safety, it is recommended that you register at the Visitor Centre before venturing on any of the longer trails.
- Bring the site map.
- Wear appropriate footwear and comfortable clothing.
- Bring plenty of water and food.
- The mountain tops are breezy and cool so you may want to pack a wind-breaker and/or raincoat, especially in the spring and fall.
- Bring insect repellent during spring and summer.
- Campfires are not allowed on the hiking trails.
- To prevent destruction of the fauna, please remain on the trail.
- Pack out what you pack in as there is no garbage collection on the trails.

- Collecting plant and/or animal specimens is not permitted.
- Do bring binoculars and field guides.
- Be prepared to see snow anytime between November and mid-May.



[Download the Mount Carleton Trail Map here](#) . (5.7 mb PDF)

Bald Mountain Brook (Trail #9)

Location: Access by vehicle is from the Bald Mountain Brook Road. Otherwise, start from the Mount Bailey Trail

Length: 11 km return

Time required: 4 ½ hours return

Difficulty: moderate

Trailhead GPS Reference: N 47° 24' 25", W 66° 54' 04" taken from the road

This linear trail links the Mount Bailey Trail with the Mount Head Trail. Trail attractions include tumbling waterfalls on the portion of the trail leading east of Bald Mountain Brook Road and an active beaver pond on the western portion of this trail.

Big Brook - Dry Brook Loop (Trail #1 & #4)

Location: Starts at Bathurst Lake.

Length: 19.6 km

Time required: 7 1/2 hours

Difficulty: moderate to strenuous

Trailhead GPS Reference: N 47° 23' 34", W 66° 48' 43"

This trail is moderate in difficulty, if hiked clockwise; otherwise it is strenuous. The most attractive features of this trail are that it goes through beautiful stands of white birch, passes alongside active beaver ponds, and tumbling waterfalls. Note that the park guide splits this trail into two main components: Dry Brook Trail and Big Brook Trail.

Caribou Brook - Linear (Trail # 2)

Location: starts at the same place as the Sagamook trail

Length: 8.6 km return

Time required: 4 hours return

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead GPS Reference: N 47° 25' 06", W 66° 52' 10"

This trail is named after Caribou Brook which flows alongside it. The brook itself is named after caribou which roamed these lands until the early 1900s. The trail parallels the road between the Nictau and Nepisiguit Lakes which used to be an ancient native portage.

Mount Bailey Trail - Loop (Trail #8)

Location: Starts from the Recreation Area at Nictau Lake

Length: 9.1 km

Time required: 3 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Trailhead GPS Reference: N 47° 25' 27", W 66° 55' 21" at the Recreation Area

There are two points of access for this trail: the Recreation area and 0.7 km from there up the old Mamozekel Road. The view from the summit is stunning. Deer and moose are often spotted in Bald Mountain Brook in the valley below so be sure to carry binoculars. There is also a picnic table at the summit.

Mount Carleton Trail - Loop (Trail #5)

Location: Starts at the parking lot at the end of Bald Mountain Brook Road

Length: 9.9 km

Difficulty: Moderate

Trailhead GPS Reference: N 47° 21' 10", W 66° 54' 09"

This is the highest peak in the Maritimes (820 m/2693 ft). There are two trails which lead to the summit; therefore, you can go up one way and down the other. From the summit, on a clear day, it is possible to see 10 million trees.

Mount Head Trail - Linear (Trail #10)

Location: Starts at the top of Mount Sagamook or Mount Carleton

Length: 4.5 km

Time required: 3 hours

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

This linear trail is not accessible by vehicle. Hikers access the trail from the summit of either Mount Sagamook or Mount Carleton. The trail connects three of the major summits of the park: Mount Carleton, Mount Head, and Mount Sagamook.

Pine Point Trail - Loop (Trail #7)

Location: Peninsula that juts out into Bathurst Lake

Length: 2 km

Time required: ¾ hour

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead GPS Reference: N 47° 23' 34", W 66° 48' 43"

This loop trail follows the shores of the arm of land projecting into Bathurst Lake. The point is mostly covered by a stand of majestic red pines created by a forest fire in 1933. Loon and other aquatic birds are often spotted on the lake.

Mount Sagamook Trail - Loop (Trail #6)

Location: Starts at the parking lot just south of the Nictau Lake heritage cabins

Length: 8.1 km

Time required: 4-5 hours

Difficulty: Strenuous

Trailhead GPS Reference: N 47° 25' 06", W 66° 52' 10"

This is a circular trail. The western route is more difficult than the eastern. It starts up an old logging road and generally follows an old route established in the early 1900s by Admiral Spruance, a sportsman from Hartford, Connecticut who used to be a member of the Nictau Fish and Game Club. The view from the summit makes this demanding hike worthwhile. This is also the site of the annual escapade of fiddlers who climb to the summit to play their fiddles.

Williams Falls Trail - Linear (Trail #3)

Location: 2 km east of Armstrong Brook Campground

Length: 0.5 km

Time required: ½ hour

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead GPS Reference: N 47° 25' 36", W 66° 53' 03"

The trail joins Williams Brook near a 3-meter waterfall. A bridge built above the falls is a favorite spot for taking pictures from a platform below. Although designed to be wheelchair accessible, some of the slopes are steep making for difficult and challenging ascensions.