



The Circuit:

Detailed Route Description



Legend:

Upriver travel: ↑

Downriver travel: ↓

Flatwater or may have to portage: ↔

Current Affected by Tide: ↑↓

Westward travel from Mount Carlton

Leg 1: Mount Carleton Park to the Saint John River via the Little Tobique and Tobique Rivers (166.5 km)

1. ↔ End of ancient portage trail (easterly end of Little Nictau Lake) – to – Outlet of Nictau Lake: 6.5 km
2. ↓ Outlet of Nictau lake – to – Route 385: 11 km
3. ↓ Route 385 – to – Tobique Forks (Nictau): 45 km
4. ↓ Tobique Forks (Nictau) – to – Riley Brook: 10 km
5. ↓ Riley Brook – to – Plaster Rock: 50 km
6. ↓ Plaster Rock – to – Mouth of Tobique River: 40 km **
**Need to bypass dam at Tobique Narrows*
7. ↓ Mouth of Tobique River (Perth-Andover) – to – Perth-Andover: 4 km

Leg 2: Middle Saint John River (Perth-Andover) to Mouth of the Jemseg (231 km)

8. ↓ Perth-Andover – to – Beechwood Power Dam: 25 km
**Need to bypass dam at Beechwood*
9. ↓ Beechwood Power Dam – to – Bristol: 11 km
10. ↓ Bristol – to – Florenceville: 5 km
11. ↓ Florenceville – to – Hartland : 19 km
12. ↓ Hartland – to – Woodstock : 20 km
13. ↓ Woodstock – to – Nackawic 43 km
14. ↓ Nackawic – to – Mactaquac Power Dam : 38 km
**Need to bypass dam at Mactaquac*
15. ↓ Mactaquac Power Dam – to – Fredericton : 20 km
16. ↓ Fredericton – to – Oromocto: 18 km
28. ↓ Oromocto – to – Mouth of Jemseg River: 32 km

Leg 3: Lower Saint John River – to – Cains River (96.5 km)

29. ↑ Mouth of Jemseg River – to – Outlet of Grand Lake: 7 km
30. ↔ Outlet of Grand Lake – to – Salmon Bay (mouth of Salmon River at the head of Grand Lake): 34 km
31. ↑ Head of Salmon Bay (Mouth of Salmon River) – to – Chipman: 14 km
32. ↑ Chipman – to - Gaspereau Forks (mouth of Gaspereau River): 9 km
33. ↑ Gaspereau Forks – to – Start of ancient portage, on Gaspereau River: 24 km
34. *Ancient portage trail: Gaspereau River to the Cains River - 8.5 km*

Total Distance of Legs 1 to 3: 494 km

Eastward Travel from Mount Carlton

Leg 1: Mount Carleton Park to Mouth of Gordon Meadow Brook (108.7 km)

1. ↔ Start of ancient portage, on Bathurst Lake –to- Outlet of Nepisiguit Lakes: 8.5 km
2. ↓ Outlet of Nepisiguit Lakes (Nepisiguit River)-to- Popple Depot (Mouth of Portage Brook): 24 km
3. ↓ Popple Depot (also Mouth of Portage Brook) –to- Route 430: 39 km
4. ↓ Route 430– to - The Narrows: 21 km
5. ↔↓ The Narrows (may have to portage) – to – Bathurst Mines : 6 km
6. ↔↓ Power Dam at Bathurst Mines– to – Mouth of Gordon Meadow Brook: 10.2 km
**Need to bypass Nepisiguit Falls dam at Bathurst Mines, river left.*

Leg 2: Nepisiguit River to the Miramichi Watershed (96.7 km)

7. ↑ From Mouth of Gordon Meadow Brook (Nepisiguit River) – to – southerly tributary Gordon Meadow Brook: 22 km
8. ↑ From southern tributary of Gordon Meadow Brook - to – start of ancient portage trail: 1.2 km
9. *Ancient portage trail: Portage Trail to McKay Brook – 3 km*
10. ↓ McKay Brook (end of portage trail)– to – start of Portage River: 1 km
11. ↓ Portage River- to – Mouth of Portage River (Northwest Miramichi River): 13.5 km
12. ↓ Mouth of Portage River (Up Northwest Miramichi River) – to –Wayerton: 12 km
13. ↓ Wayerton (down Northwest Miramichi River) – to – Sunny Corner (wharf at Metepenagiag): 24 km
14. ↓↑ Sunny Corner (wharf at Metepenagiag) down Northwest Miramichi River – to – Beaubears Island (City of Miramichi, Friends of Beaubears): 20 km

**Recommend timing descent of Northwest Miramichi to take advantage of outgoing tide.*

Total distance of Legs 1 to 2: 205.4 km

For eastward travel there is the potential to ascend Southwest Miramichi & Cains Rivers to end of portage trail on Cains River. This travel would be lengthy and hard work. An alternative route might be to descend the Cains River from the Grand Lake Road to the portage trail -- 9.65 km. The latter option implies transport from City of Miramichi to the canoe put-in on the Grand Lake Road.

Final Leg: End of Portage Trial, Cains River to City of Miramichi: 90 km

1. ↓ Start/end of ancient portage, on Cains River – to – Shinnickburn: 16 km
2. ↓ Shinnickburn – to – Mouth of Cains River: 24 km
3. ↓ Mouth of Cains River (Southwest Miramichi)– to – Blackville: 10 km
4. ↓ Blackville – to – Quarryville (Renous): 16 km
5. ↓ ↑ Quarryville (Renous) – to – Beaubears Island (City of Miramichi), Mouth of Northwest Miramichi River (The Tickle, City of Miramichi): 24 km

Recommend timing descent from upriver to take advantage of outgoing tide.

Summary Information:

Water distance: 773.7 km

Portage distance: 15.7 km

Total distance: 789.4 km (approximately 800 km)