



Oak Forest Hiking Trail

LEGEND

-  Hiking Trail
-  100m Increment



1:3,800



Disclaimer:
Supportive footwear is recommended for use on this trail as it can be rugged in places. Neither the City of Greater Sudbury nor the Blueberry Festival Committee is responsible for injuries obtained while hiking on this trail.



Oak Forest Lookout Park – Trail Guide



A quiet oak forest is located almost in the centre of Sudbury. It can be accessed from 3 separate entrances in Minnow Lake; off the Lonsdale pedestrian/cyclist pathway, at the base of the hill in the St. Jean School Playground on Bancroft Drive, and at the very end of Hillside Avenue. The map on the reverse shows the location of the hiking trail (broken up into 50 metre increments), along with the lookout locations.



This red oak stand is the only of its kind in the city. The forest is situated in a valley surrounded by high rock peaks that command a magnificent view of both Minnow and Ramsey Lakes. The oaks are set within a mixed forest of red, jack and white pines, white birch, red maple, speckled alders, and trembling aspen. This combination generates a spectacular fall colour display as the leaves change to various shades of gold, rust, crimson, and burnt orange.



Hikers will discover that the climb is a bird lover's paradise. Tree swallows, sparrows, robins, woodpeckers, and chickadees are just a sampling of the busy bird community. Accentuating the summit's natural environment are 2 small duck ponds that can be found bustling with avian activity.

The oak forest is threatened by the gypsy moth, a common pest for oak and other broad-leaved forests. Gypsy moth caterpillars are responsible for rapid defoliation of tree branches, reducing the trees ability to produce food. Defoliated trees also allow more light into the forest, which can alter the plant growth on the forest floor. Successional light-tolerant tree species may then overtake those trees that succumb to repeated gypsy moth attacks.



Don't miss the opportunity to see the beauty of the Oak Forest Lookout Park!