

Border Route Trail Conditions Overview including April and May 2021 Trail Clearing Results

June 11, 2021

Border Route Trail (May 23, 2021)

Item	BRT Segment	Brush Level	Trees	Section Distance	Comments
1	McFarland Lake	Cleared May 2021	6	3.07 miles from Eastern BWCAW Boundary	Remaining trees are easy step overs. May need crosscut saw for these trees.
2	Pine Lake	Light East half west half Medium	16 22	3.6 miles from McFarland/East Pike Portage west to Pine/Pike portage	Difficult leaner tree 0.2 miles east of Pine/Pike portage. May 4 2021 scouting: most trees are step over or have a temporary path established around.
3	West Pike/Gogebic	light with spots of medium	None	To V32 2.22 miles west from Pine/Pike portage	
4	West Pike/Gogebic	Cleared May 2021 some low brush (ankle biters) remains.	None	to V31 1.47 miles west from V32	
5	West Pike/Gogebic	clear in west half. Some medium with spots of heavy in east half.	None	to Gogebic camp 1.97 miles west of V31	The BRT crosses on top of the beaver dam that forms the beaver pond just south of Gogebic Lake. In wet periods, the pond leaks around the east end of the beaver dam crossing requiring hopping to keep boots dry.
6	Clearwater Lake	East end Heavy	25	2.22 miles from east end of Clearwater to Mountain/Clearwater portage.	
7	Clearwater Lake	West end light	Few	2.34 miles west from Mountain/Clearwater Portage to 0.1 mile gap	
8	Clearwater Lake	West end Heavy	none	0.1 mile Gap 1.47 miles east of West Camp	
9	Clearwater Lake	West end light	none	1.47 from Gap to West Camp trail jct.	
10	Rove Lake	Cleared Sept 2020	None	1.43 miles west from Clearwater West Camp trail to east end of Long portage	
11	Long Portage	Light	1	2.03 miles from east end of the Long portage to it's west end junction with the BRT	Flood on Long portage at 0.5 miles west of Daniels Lake / BRT junction for 150 yards. Recommend boots off (switch to something that can get wet).
12	Rose Lake East	Clear	None	1.11 miles from west end Long portage to West camp on East Rose	
13	Rose Lake East	Clear with medium on ridge tops	4	1.83 miles from west Rose Camp to Stairway Portage	
14	Rose Lake West	Cleared April 2021	1	1.55 miles west of Stairway portage to saucer pond.	Seasonal shallow saucer pond on west end of this section. Holds snow melt and rain until June. Hike on top of tree debris on the south side of the trail.
15	Rose Lake West	Clear	None	1 mile west to Partridge camp trail junction from the seasonal saucer pond	
16	Rose Lake West	Light with few clusters of medium to South Lake Trail jct	1	1.21 miles west to South Lake Trail jct. from Partridge camp trail junction	
17	Mucker/Sock Lakes	Medium with some pockets of heavy	2	1.5 miles west from South Lake jct to Mucker Lake flow	Mucker Lake flow is high in early May due to snow melt drainage making rock hopping at the BRT jct. with the flow impossible. A large tree bridges the flow about 100 yards upstream. It can be slippery so use it at or own risk.
18	Mucker/Sock Lakes	Cleared May 2021	None	0.68 miles west from Mucker lake flow to Sock Lake camp trail	
19	Mucker/Sock Lakes	Half medium; half heavy	2	0.65 miles Sock Lake camp trail west to Mayhew Road trail jct.	0.12 miles going west from camp trail cleared May 2021. 0.53 miles left to clear.
20	Topper Lake	Cleared May 2021	None	0.8 miles from Mayhew Rd Trail Jct west to Topper Lake camp	
21	Topper Lake	Cleared May 2021	None	1.6 miles west from Topper camp to Crab Lake Spur jct.	
22	Crab Lake	Heavy and heavy plus in first 0.25 miles going west from Crab Lake Spur trail jct.	2	0.81 miles west from Crab Lake Spur to Crab Lake Cutoff trail jct.	

Brush Levels:

Clear = no brush

Light = not encroaching trail

Medium = encroaching trail

Heavy = may need to push thru

Item	BRT Segment	Brush Level	Trees	Section Distance	Comments
Access Trails (May 9, 2021)					
23	Daniels Spur Access Trail	No Data		1.0 miles from trail head to BWCAW Boundary 1.96 miles Boundary to BRT	Trailhead is flooded in May from snow melt and rain. Will stay wet if there is lot of rain. Recommend boots off (switch to something that can get wet).
24	Caribou Rock Trail	"In very good condition"	6	1.26 miles from trail head to BWCAW Boundary 2.46 miles Boundary to BRT	Crosscut saw needed for some of the downed trees
25	Moss Lake Trail	Eastern 1.0 miles light Western 1.4 miles medium to heavy		2.4 miles from Caribou Rock Trail to South Lake Trail south of the BWCAW	
26	South Lake Trail	No Data		2.1 miles from trail head to BWCAW Boundary 1.4 miles Boundary to BRT	A bypass of a large tree (UTM 685959.29E 5328797.43N 15U) north of the Partridge southwest camp was constructed in 2014 to the wear of the root end of the tree. There is 10 foot section of the tread near the lower end of Partridge Lake that can be under water if the lake level is high from snow melt and seasonal rains
27	Mayhew Road Trail	Clear		0.45 miles from Mayhew Rd Trail Head to BWCAW Boundary 0.52 miles Boundary to BRT	
28	Crab Lake Spur Trail	No Data		1.66 miles from trailhead to BWCAW Boundary 1.0 miles Boundary to BRT	
29	Crab Lake Cutoff Trail	Cleared May 2021	None	0.6 miles from split from Crab Lake Spur trail to BRT	

Brush Levels:

Clear = no brush

Light = not encroaching trail

Medium = encroaching trail

Heavy = may need to push thru

Item	BRT Segment	Brush Level	Trees	Section Distance	Comments
Wilderness Camp Trails (May 9, 2021)					
30	Pine Ridge Camp			100 feet miles to camp	Reflective marker on south side of BRT. Camp on north side of BRT
31	Pine Pike Portage Camp	Clear		0.5 miles to camp	Trees down at BRT intersection, Border Route Sign knocked down
32	Clearwater East Camp			355 feet to camp	
33	Clearwater West Camp	Cleared September 2020	None	0.3 miles to camp	
34	No camp trails for the following camps, BRT passes thru them: Gogebic Camp, Daniels Lake South Camp, Daniels Lake North Camp, East Camp Rose Lake East, and West Camp Rose Lake East				
35	Partridge Northwest Camp	Clear		0.3 miles to camp	
36	South Lake Camp	No Data		0.4 miles to camp	
37	Sock Lake Camp	Cleared May 2021	None	0.3 miles to camp	
38	Topper Lake Camp	Clear		150 feet to camp	

Brush Levels:

Clear = no brush

Light = not encroaching trail

Medium = encroaching trail

Heavy = may need to push thru