

BRT Wilderness Trail Conditions Summary Spring 2022 July 1, 2022
Includes May 2022 Trail Clearing Results and May 2022 Scouting.

Item	BRT Section	Brush Level	Trees	Section Distance	Comments
1	McFarland Lake	Cleared May 2021	6 +	3.07 miles from Eastern BWCW Boundary	May 2021 Remaining trees are easy step overs. Need crosscut saw for these trees. Sept 2021 scouting: a few new trees down making some step overs more difficult.
2	Pine Lake	East half cleared 2022 Light west half	6 +	3.6 miles from McFarland/East Pike Portage west to Pine/Pike portage	May 23 2022: Cleared 1.7 miles west from McFarland access trail with 6 trees left needing crosscut saw. 1 mess has short reroute around it. Unknown number of trees left in west half but are step overs or have a temporary path established around.
3	West Pike/Gogebic			6.55 miles from Pine/Pike portage to Clearwater/West Pike portage.	
3a	West Pike/Gogebic	Pine/pike portage west on up slope heavy to V34. V34 west to V32 light with spots of medium	?	To V32 2.22 miles west from Pine/Pike portage	May 4 2021 scouting: most trees are step over or have a temporary path established around.
3b	West Pike/Gogebic	Cleared May 2021	None	to V31 1.47 miles west from V32	Middle segment of section cleared May 2021.
3c	West Pike/Gogebic	Some medium with spots of heavy brush	None	to Gogebic camp 1.97 miles west of V31	May 2021 removed 6 deadfalls. 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.
3d	West Pike/Gogebic	Cleared 2018	None	0.9 miles Gogebic camp to Clearwater/West pike portage	Segment has heavy tree canopy minimizing brush growth.
4	Clearwater Lake East	Cleared Sept 2021 to 1.7 miles west of the east end of Clearwater Lake. Cleared storm damage May 20, 2022	None	2.22 miles from east end of Clearwater to Mountain/Clearwater portage.	Cleared tornado damage 10 tree falls in the west end 0.52 miles of section.
5	Clearwater Lake West			3.89 miles west from Mountain portage to West Clearwater Camp trail	
5a	Clearwater Lake West	Cleared May 2022	None	1.31 miles west from Mountain portage	Major damage by tornado cleared May 2022. Tread repair may be needed due to craters from tipped over trees.
5b	Clearwater Lake West	Last cleared in May 2019 Expect medium and heavy spots	?	2.27 miles from tornado damage west to V20	No scouting update but known to be hikeable may 2022.
5c	Clearwater Lake West	last cleared Sept 2020	None	0.31 miles from V20 to West Camp trail	
6	Rove Lake	Cleared Sept 2020	None	1.43 miles west from Clearwater West Camp trail to east end of Long portage	
7	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).
7	Rose Lake East			2.9 miles from west end of Long portage to Stairway portage	
8a	Rose Lake East	Cleared July 2021	None	1.11 miles from west end Long portage to West camp on East Rose	
8b	Rose Lake East	Cleared July 2021, 0.5 miles rough cut brush gap heading east from V18	1	1.83 miles from west Rose Camp to Stairway Portage.	Cleared over 30 trees, 1 left will require crosscut saw.
9	Rose Lake West			3.75 miles from Stairway portage to South Lake Trail	
9a	Rose Lake West	Cleared April 2021	1	1.55 miles west of Stairway portage to saucer pond.	Seasonal shallow saucer pond near the mid point of this section. Holds snow melt and rain until June. Hike on top of tree debris on the south side of the trail.
9b	Rose Lake West	Clear 2021	None	1 mile west to Partridge camp trail junction from the seasonal saucer pond	May 2022 clearing trip canceled due to weather conditions.
9c	Rose Lake West	Cleared May 22, 2022	None	1.21 miles west to South Lake Trail jct. from Partridge camp trail junction	Removed 2 tree falls.

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10	Mucker/Sock Lakes			2.83 miles from South Lake trail to Mayhew Lake Road trail	
10a	Mucker/Sock Lakes	Cleared May 22, 2022	None	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.
10b	Mucker/Sock Lakes	Cleared May 2021	1	0.68 miles west from Mucker lake flow to Sock Lake camp trail	Last cleared May 2021. Scout Sept 2021 = Large tree on up slope on west side of flow.
10c	Mucker/Sock Lakes	Half medium; half heavy	?	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.
11	Topper Lake			2.4 miles from Mayhew Road trail jct. to Crab Lake Spur jct.	
11a	Topper Lake	Cleared May 2021	None	0.82 miles from Mayhew Rd Trail Jct west to Topper Lake camp	
11b	Topper Lake	Cleared May 2021	None	1.6 miles west from Topper camp to Crab Lake Spur jct.	May 2022 scout reports clusters of brush need clearing
12	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.	During May 2022 scouting limited brushing on one half of the corridor completed in the heavy brush at the east end of the section. Should be hikeable.

Access Trails (May 2022)

13	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).
14	Caribou Rock Trail	Expect medium to heavy level	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
15	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	No 2022 data update available.
16	South Lake Trail	Wilderness segment cleared May 22, 2022		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 west 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
17	Mayhew Road Trail	Clear	2	0.45 miles from Mayhew Rd Trail Head to BWCAW Boundary 0.52 miles Boundary to BRT	May 2022 scouting found two tree falls blocking the trail on the upslope from the puncheon crossing the beaver dam flow.
18	Crab Lake Spur Trail	Heavy in first 0.25 miles going south from Crab Lake Spur trail jct. Expect rest of trail going south to the boundary to be medium to heavy		1.66 miles from trailhead to BWCAW Boundary 1.0 miles Boundary to BRT	75% cleared in 2017
19	Crab Lake Cutoff Trail	Cleared May 2021	None	0.6 miles from split from Crab Lake Spur trail to BRT	Bypass around water filled pot hole established May 2021. Scouting May 2022 could not find bypass?

Wilderness Camp Trails (May 2022)

20	Pine Ridge Camp			100 feet to camp	Reflective marker on south side of BRT. Camp on north side of BRT
21	Pine Pike Portage Camp	Clear		0.5 miles to camp	
22	Clearwater East Camp			355 feet to camp	
23	Clearwater West Camp	Cleared September 2020	None	0.3 miles to camp	
24	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				
25	Partridge Northwest Camp	Clear	2	0.3 miles to camp	Scouting May 2022 = 2 trees blocking camp trail.
26	South Lake Camp	Cleared May 2022		0.4 miles to camp	
27	Sock Lake Camp	Cleared May 2021	1	0.3 miles to camp	Scout August 2021 = 1 tree fall
28	Topper Lake Camp	Clear		150 feet to camp	

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