

BRT Wilderness Trail Conditions Summary Year Ending 2021 April 10, 2022
Includes April, May, July and Sept 2021 Trail Clearing Results and Sept and Oct Scouting.

| 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. Sept 21 scouting: a few new trees down making some step overs more difficult. |
| 2 | Pine Lake | Medium east half Light west half | 16 total | 3.6 miles from McFarland/East Pike Portage west to Pine/Pike portage | May 4 2021 scouting: most trees are step over or have a temporary path established around. Sept 21 Clearing: Trees count reduced 43 to 16. |
| 3 | West Pike/Gogebic | Pine/pike portage west on up slope heavy to V34. V34 west to V32 light with spots of medium | Some Step overs | 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. |
| 4 | West Pike/Gogebic | Cleared May 2021 | None | to V31 1.47 miles west from V32 | |
| 5 | 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 crossing requiring hopping to keep boots dry. |
| 6 | Clearwater Lake East | Cleared Sept 2021 to 1.7 miles west of the east end of Clearwater Lake. | ? | 2.22 miles from east end of Clearwater to Mountain/Clearwater portage. | The 0.52 miles on the west end of the segment was on the east side of the Tornado but expect it is more like straight line wind damage. |
| 7 | Clearwater Lake West | Last cleared in May 2019 | | 3.89 miles west from Mountain portage to West Clearwater Camp trail | 1.31 miles west from the Mountain Lake portage was damaged by a tornado and is closed to hiking. Forest Service is in charge of clearing the damage due to the expected technical level of difficulty. Access to the area will require ice out on Clearwater. Clearing and tread restoration will begin on May 15. |
| 8 | Clearwater Lake West | East end of segment last cleared in May 2019 | Many | 1.31 miles west from Mountain portage | tornado damage |
| 9 | Clearwater Lake West | Last cleared in May 2019 Expect medium and heavy spots last cleared Sept 2020 | ? None | 2.27 miles from tornado damage west to V20 0.31 miles from V20 to West Camp trail | |
| 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 | Cleared July 2021 | None | 1.11 miles from west end Long portage to West camp on East Rose | |
| 13 | 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. |
| 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 | Scout Sept 2021 tree down at V9 |
| 17 | Mucker/Sock Lakes | Medium with some pockets of heavy | 6 | 1.5 miles west from South Lake jct to Mucker Lake flow | Scout Sept 2021 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 | 1 | 0.68 miles west from Mucker lake flow to Sock Lake camp trail | Scout Sept 2021 Large tree on up slope on west side of flow. |

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| 19 | 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. |
| 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. | Last cleared 2017 |

Access Trails (May 9, 2021)

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| 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 | Expect medium 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 |
| 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 | Scout August 2021 heavy brush in spots | | 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 |
| 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 | 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 | |
| 29 | 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. |

Wilderness Camp Trails (May 9, 2021)

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| 30 | Pine Ridge Camp | | | 100 feet 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 | Expect medium level | | 0.4 miles to camp | |
| 37 | Sock Lake Camp | Cleared May 2021 | 1 | 0.3 miles to camp | Scout August 2021 |
| 38 | Topper Lake Camp | Clear | | 150 feet to camp | |

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