

BRT East End Bridges Report as posted on BRTA Facebook May 30, 2022

Sundays BRTA Reconnaissance mission was successful . The 40 year old BRT bridges survived another 100 year flood event. **Both east end bridges are flood damaged but still accessible for one or two hikers at a time.** The Portage Brook bridge floated at least 18 inches higher than its support beams and its west end shifted more than two feet down stream. It will need to be jacked up 20 inches and shifted back or a new support post & beam packed in and installed under that end. The Stump River Bridge has a large spruce tree and other debris stacked up against the piers that needs to be cut up and dragged down stream then realign posts and beams. Both are pictured below. I anticipate a repair mission once we consult with BRTA engineering and formulate a plan for repair. We also completed a Blazing and deadfall sweep from the Otter Lake access down to the BRT and west to the Stump River. Most of the east end still should have its spring deadfall sweep now that the rivers are receding. Who could join a trip in late June?



Stump River Bridge



Portage Brook Bridge