








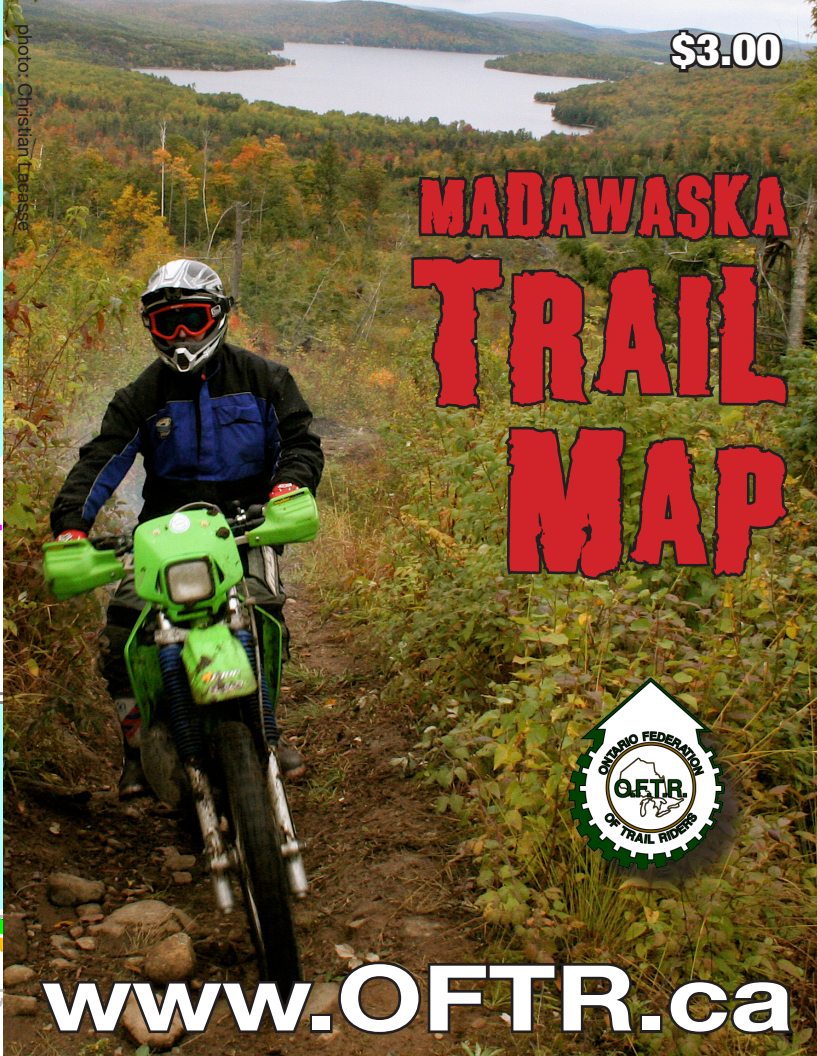
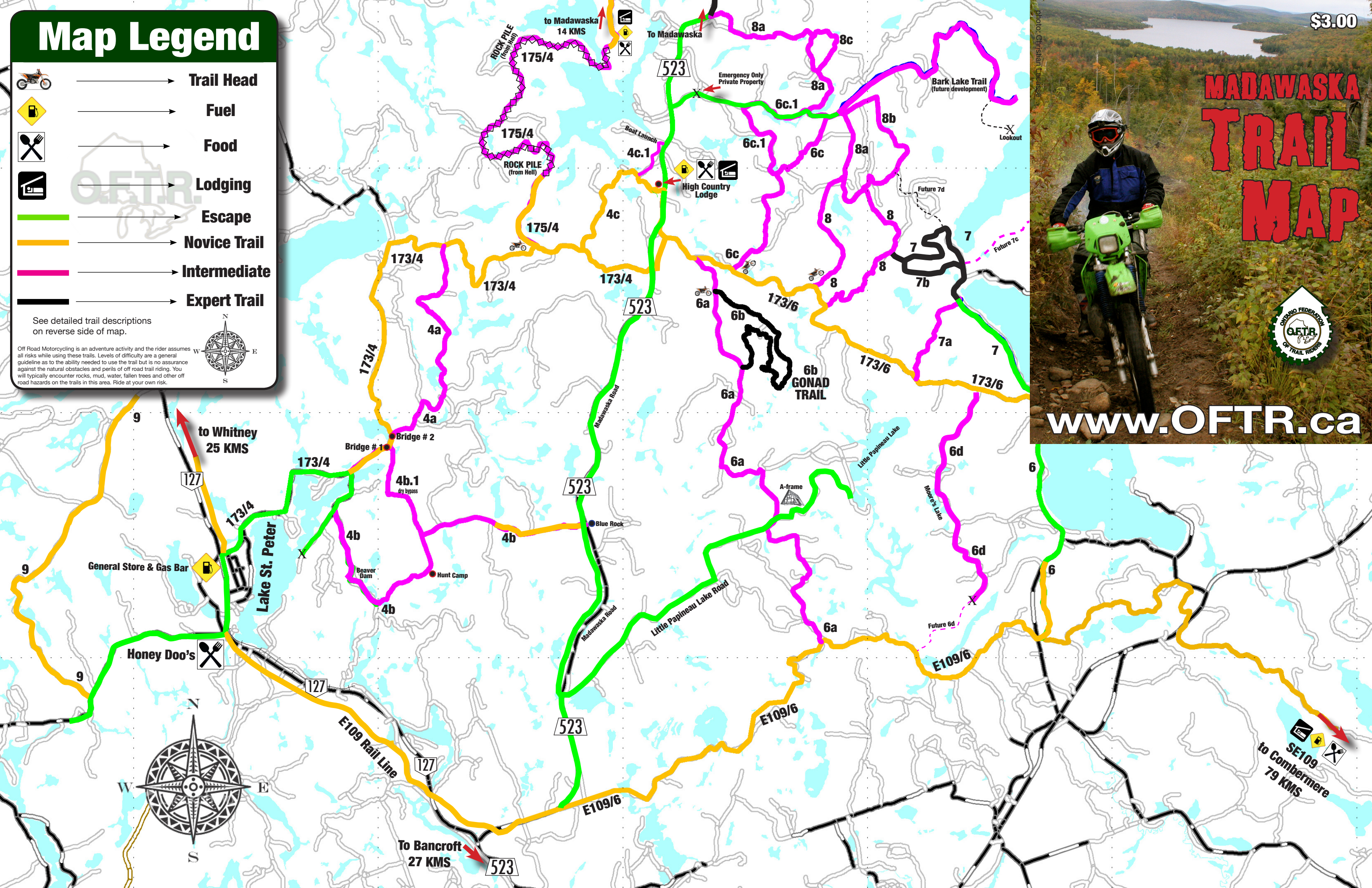


# Map Legend

-  → Trail Head
-  → Fuel
-  → Food
-  → Lodging
-  → Escape
-  → Novice Trail
-  → Intermediate
-  → Expert Trail

See detailed trail descriptions on reverse side of map.

Off Road Motorcycling is an adventure activity and the rider assumes all risks while using these trails. Levels of difficulty are a general guideline as to the ability needed to use the trail but is no assurance against the natural obstacles and perils of off road trail riding. You will typically encounter rocks, mud, water, fallen trees and other off road hazards on the trails in this area. Ride at your own risk.

# MADAWASKA TRAIL MAP

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# TRAIL ETIQUETTE

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| <p><b>No Shortcuts</b></p> <p>Switchbacks are designed to maintain the stability of a trail, cutting them destroys their integrity.</p> | <p><b>Rock N Roll</b></p> <p>Rocks are natural obstacles and part of the off-road experience. Go over them, not around.</p>                    |
| <p><b>Stay On Course</b></p> <p>Stream crossings should be made by crossing them directly at 90 degrees and staying on the trail.</p>   | <p><b>Whoop It Up</b></p> <p>Go over the whoops (bumps on trails created by constant use). If you want a smooth ride, stay on the highway.</p> |
| <p><b>Stay In Line</b></p> <p>Riding single file on tight, narrow trails will avoid braiding and trail widening.</p>                    | <p><b>Get Dirty</b></p> <p>Go straight through mud puddles while maintaining a steady speed. Don't get stuck.</p>                              |
| <p><b>Be Sensitive</b></p> <p>Wetlands are important and sensitive areas for wildlife and people. Please avoid them.</p>                | <p><b>Get Over It</b></p> <p>The challenge is going over the tree. If the tree is too big, go back and contact the land manager.</p>           |

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# MADAWASKA TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

**Trail 173/6** starts 0.2 km south of the High Country Lodge (HCL) on Highway 523. It then extends east to Papineau lake area. This snowmobile trail has recently undergone major improvements turning a fun trail into a dirt road capable of handling fire and logging trucks. Great for novices (or anyone wishing to enjoy an easy ride), this main trail provides access to many other trails and trail loops.

**Trail 6** along Papineau Lake Road is just what it says: a paved road. Please ride slowly by the many cottages along the lake. Less sound = more ground.

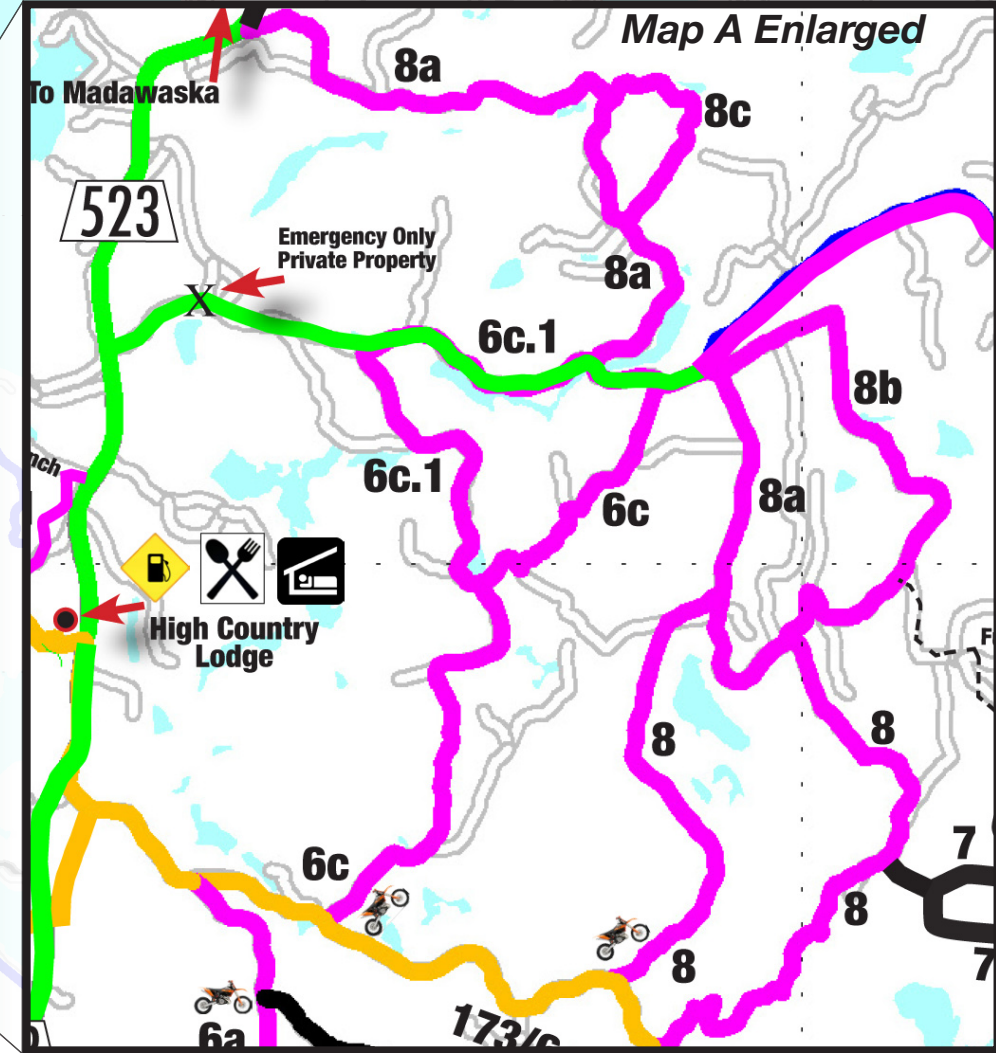
**Trail 6A** is a deep woods trail that now bypass private land that was closed many years ago. It's an intermediate level trail with only a couple of short tough sections that experts will ride over, but novices may have to push, or paddle through. Please follow marked trail as access to Crown land is close to private property just north of the gravel road portion of trail. **Trail 6B** ("gonad") is a new 6.9km loop of on-the-peg riding (standing). This trail has earned the name "the Gonad trail" because of the never-ending twists, uphill and downhill turns. The finishing touch is an adequate supply of roots and slippery rocks. Also affectionately referred to as "the 40-minute workout". Experienced riders will love the challenge. Novices riders will need help with some sections. Sound tough? Yes, but it is getting easier with the ATV traffic that has exposed all the hidden treasures (rocks). Riders may want a rest stop at the Big Rock. You'll either love it, or hate it! A must ride! **Trail 6C** is a great new trail that is dry, except for the challenging water/mud crossing below a massive beaver dam at the base of the mountain climb. 6C is a fun option to bypass the very challenging hill on Loop 8. It's a deep woods trail, and many riders will prefer to ride this trail to the top of the mountain (especially in the spring) when Trail 8 can be very wet, and nasty. It is 20km of pure fun that connects nicely to 8A, and will connect to future Bark Lake trails. **Trail 6C.1** is a deep woods trail, with a few kilometers of gravel road at the north end. Makes a great 35km loop when combined with 6-C and 8A. Level = intermediate.

**Trail E 109/6** (east) is an easy novice trail composed of mostly sand, and it's relaxing and fun. It is a fast ride for better riders, and easy enough to take your family along for the ride. From the south end of Papineau Lake follow E-109. To Combermere and back it's a 90km ride. One low wetland can be under water in the spring. Let your friends ride first! Another option is to continue west on E109 past intersection with 6A (north), then cross over Hwy 523, and follow E109 to the west side of Lake St Peter. There are two restaurants and gas available here.

**Trail 7A** is an outstanding 10km of fast intermediate trail from 173/6 to north end of Papineau Lake.



Map A



# HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Riders will want to ride back rather than take paved road south at Papineau.

**Loop 8** is a challenging trail from either direction. Lots of rock, steep, steep, trail, some mud, and water thrown in for good measure. Once you make it up the monster hill, the trail is actually quite easy. Novice, and intermediate rides will have problems here. Advanced riders will love the challenge. It can be very nasty in the spring, and tough even for good riders. Take 6-C as an alternate route when conditions are poor. A special treat for those that ride this loop: a most spectacular view from the top of Hemlock Ridge of Bark, and Papineau Lake (elevation 1500 ft.). The spectacular view is credited to the tornado that devastated the mature trees in this area, resulting in a clear view of the landscape. The eastern route has a nice little deep woods section. Don't miss this trail. **Trail 8A** is a great woods trail. It starts or ends 0.4km north on Hwy 523 from HCL. It is an intermediate level trail, with one challenging "rooty" section, and a creek crossing. Nice variety of terrain approximately 20km in length. A rider favorite. **Trail 8B** is nice woods loop off trail 8A and 8. It is an intermediate trail, a good choice as alternative to popular main trail 8. **Trail 8C** is a short loop off 8A. It is a deep woods intermediate trail, but experts will love its rolling terrain. This trail is as good as it gets in Ontario, and many riders will want to ride it both ways.

**Trail 175/4** (also locally known as the "rock pile to hell"). This is a well used snowmobile trail with enough rocks to build the second Great Wall of China. Some like it and some don't! Very good practice for "trials riders". The rock "sections" go on for miles. If you slow down, and pick some lines, the ride will be enjoyable. If you go fast, and crash on the rocks, remember you are 4 or 5 hours away from medical care. Some gravel/sandy forest access road near the village of Madawaska. Dusty in the dry. Love it or leave it, it has gas, food, and LLBO just 15km north at the village.

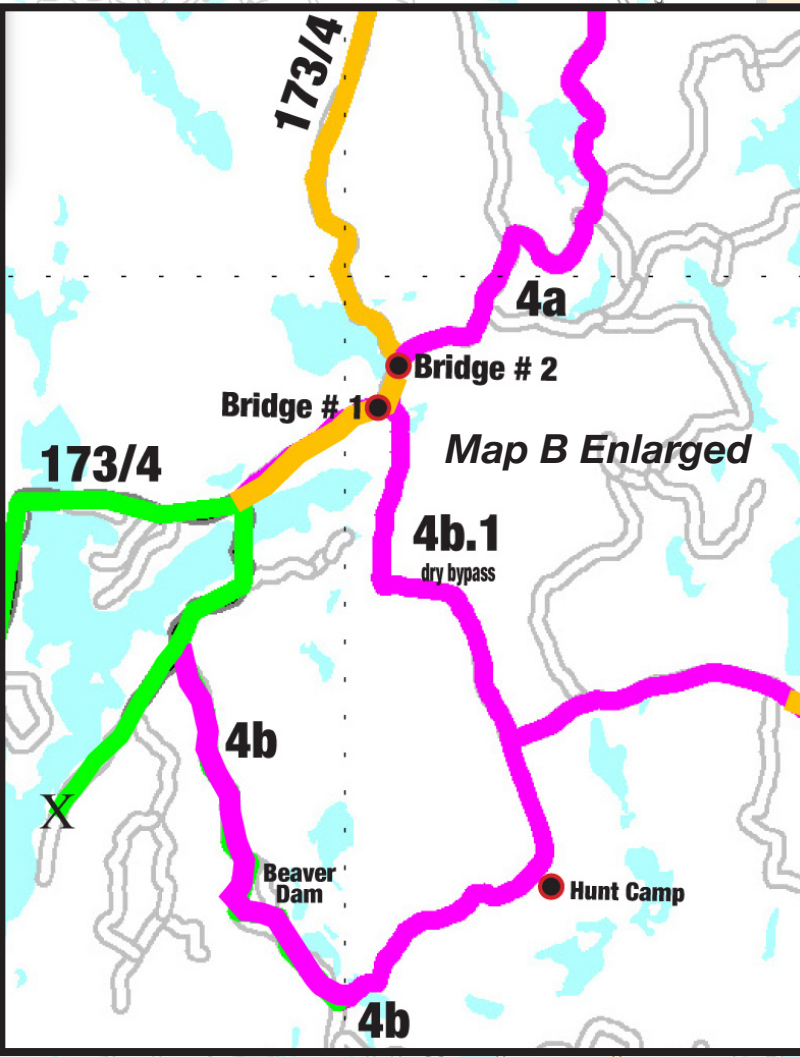
**Trail 173/4** is 28km to Lake St. Peter and starts 1.2 kms south on Hwy 523 from HCL. This 10 ft. wide snowmobile trail is fast and easy, with the exception of steep downhill, often rocky and slippery when wet! Novices should ride at a safe pace. This trail spits you out at the north end of the lake. Follow the paved road 5km west to food, and gas near intersection with E109. Whitney is 45km north from here following old train line E109.

**Loop 4A** is a 14km blast. Intermediate and expert riders will totally enjoy the narrow, curvy ups and downs with a nasty creek crossing or three thrown in. Watch for the left turn 3.8km along trail 173/4 from Hwy 523. The loop returns to 173/4 at the snowmobile bridge approximately 5km from food and gas at Lake St. Peter. This loop is a refreshing alternative too the snowmobile trail.

**Loop 4B (Blue Rock)** starts 6.9km south on Hwy 523 from HCL. Turn right at 911 sign #1628. Private land nearby so PLEASE stay on marked trail. Nice jeep road until you pass hunt camp on left and the then trail becomes a delicious deep woods fun-to-ride trail that may end for bikes lacking a snorkel if the beavers are active. Too avoid beaver swale follow 4B.1 dry by pass. No beaver dam means completing trail 4B at intersection of Lake St. Peter road and trail 173/4 at north end of lake. Follow the road west approximately 4km to food and gas (west side of Lake St. Peter) or return to HCL utilizing trail 173/4 or alternative loop 4A. Intermediate and experts will attack the terrain. OK for cautious novice riders.



Map B



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