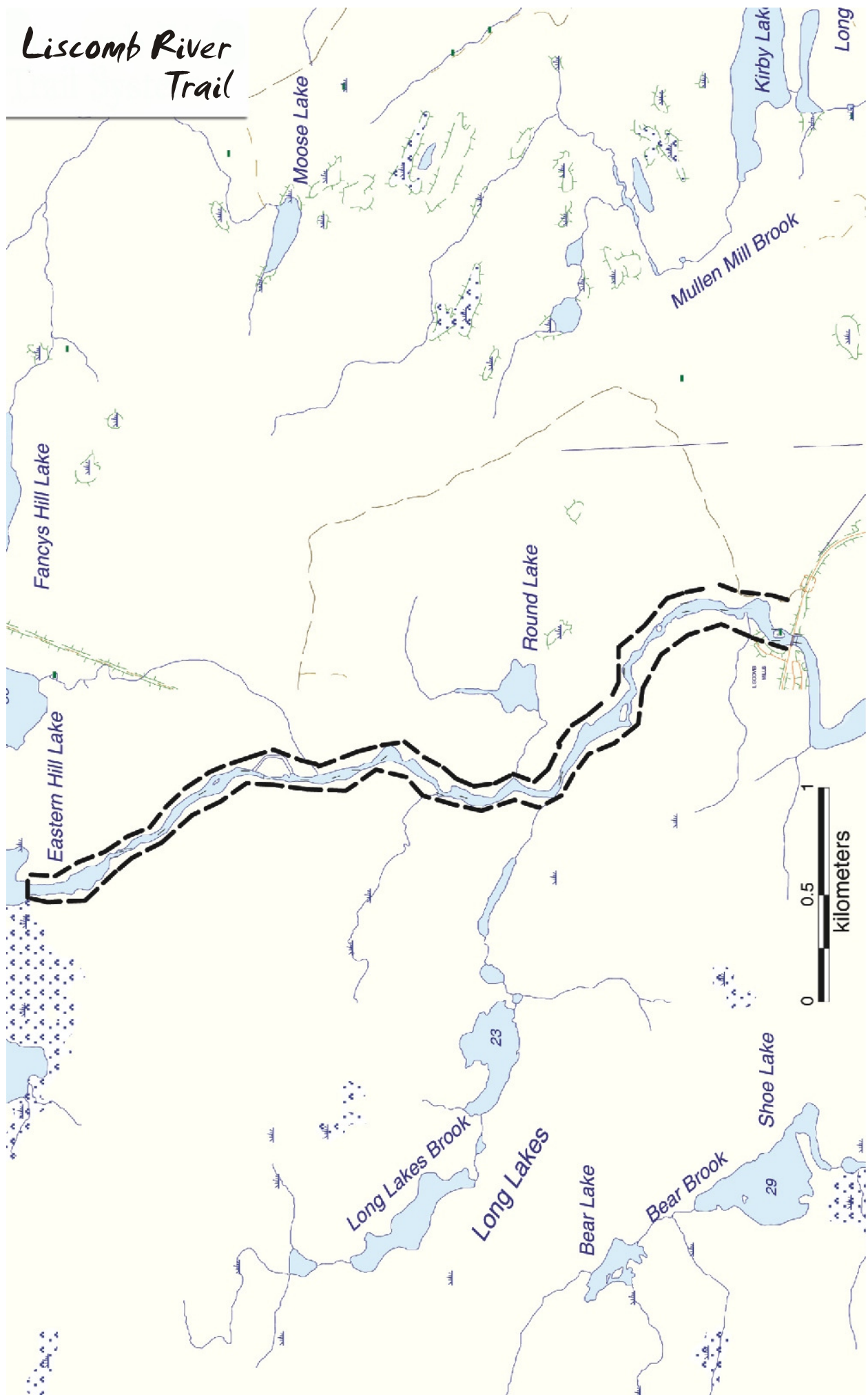


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Length: 9.7 km loop

Time: 6 hrs

Type: gravel and natural path, wet areas

Facilities: all available at Liscomb Lodge

Closest Amenities: Liscomb, Sherbrooke

Rating: 4 (tree roots and rugged terrain)



Access Information: Traveling west on Hwy 7, Liscomb Lodge is 27 km west of Sherbrooke. Parking your vehicle in the lodge parking lot, you will find the trail head behind chalet 10. A map may be obtained at the front desk of the resort.

Special Features: The narrow, winding Liscomb River, opens into slow moving pools where the fish take respite from the current, and has long been favoured as a great spot to catch salmon.

Description: Leaving the main grounds, you will access a tunnel crossing beneath the highway to additional lodge grounds. Just beyond the last chalet, a sign indicates the entrance to the hiking trail, along with a panel detailing the trail features. The trail which follows along each side of the Liscomb river, was originally created by generations of avid salmon fishers. Popular fishing pools along the route include Watagate, Grassy Island, Long Lake, Hemlock, and Powerhouse are five of these. This trail system, which is gravel covered and groomed for the initial 2 km bringing you to a look-off area with laid back armchairs overlooking a canyon through which the river flows. Continuing on, the trail becomes a trodden natural path always discernable by sight, or by markers such as arrows or yellow and orange reflective tags. Approximately 3 km in, you will reach the summit of the western side of the river, which is a steep but quick climb to the top of a narrow, and deep gorge. A ladder drops you to the suspension bridge crossing the gorge, where you will have a spectacular view of the river curving back through the forest, while basking in the spray of the thundering falls behind you. Across the bridge, a set of stairs lifts you back onto the trail which offers a path onto the rocks beside the falls. A fish ladder of 15 levels has been created to allow the salmon to continue their upstream journey beyond the hydrodam. A powerhouse is stationed on the other side of the river with interpretive panels detailing the fish ladder and dam. The eastern side of the river leading back to the road, is the most rugged and longest part of route, measuring 6 km. Tree roots tangle and jut, creating obstacles to your footing, while worn, mossy rocks tell the tale of the river once following this same path. Expect some areas to be wet. Completing the trail, a lone house stands sentinel. Rounding the final bend, an interpretive panel highlights the trail as an optional entrance point. Exiting the route, a short walk along the highway across the bridge brings you back to the lodge.

