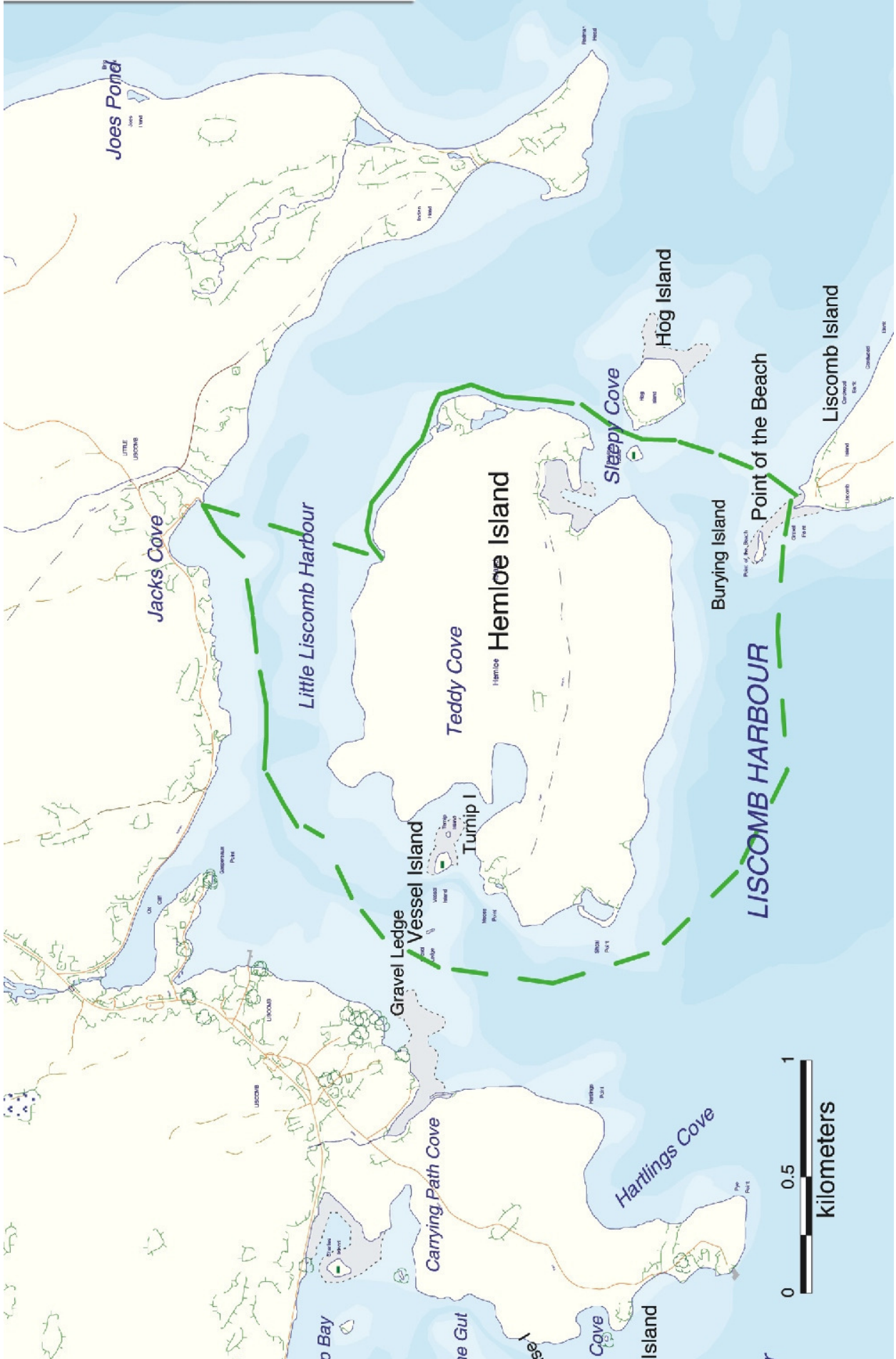


Little Liscomb Run



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Length: 20 km, return

Time: 7 hrs

Type: tidal, saltwater, ocean

Facilities: none

Closest Amenities: village of Sherbrooke

Rating: intermediate



Access Information: From Sherbrooke, travel west along Highway 7 approximately 14 km to Little Liscomb Road. Turn left onto the road and continue along the shoreline approximately 2.5 km to the wharf road on the right. Launch from the small sand beach next to the government wharf.

Special Features: This tour of Little Liscomb Harbour gives you the opportunity to explore the coves and islands situated at the mouth of Liscomb Harbour. Hemloe Island, approximately 1 km from the wharf, is currently under development. The area is now occupied only by seasonal residents, and is a far cry from the large number of buildings including homes, a school and grocery store, which were located here in the early 1900's. Liscomb Island once housed two light keepers and their families. Today, only the remains of the former light station, and a pioneer cemetery, mark where former island inhabitants kept watch. Beyond Pye Point in Spanish Ship Bay, there is a large mussel farm. Aquaculture is now a large part of the marine industry. It is rumoured that Captain Kidd explored these waters, leaving behind a carving of his name on a rock in Gaspereau Brook. Fish in this area include sea trout, salmon and mackerel. Cranes, loons and other waterfowl can be seen and heard along the shoreline. Along the outer coasts of Liscomb Island, you may be fortunate to see whales or dolphins.

Description: Leaving Little Liscomb wharf, cross the harbour and paddle south towards Hemloe Island. Once you reach the island, it is best to follow the shoreline on the eastern side of the island, exploring the coves and terrain along the way. On your left is a very small rock island, called Hog Island. Keeping the island to your left, travel between Hemloe Island and Hog Island, bringing into view of the northwest tip of Liscomb Island. This tip is aptly named Gravel Point, and is a long, low strip of land occupied only by sea birds, and used primarily as nesting grounds. Continue paddling along the northern shore of Liscomb Island, where you soon arrive at a cove that housed the boathouse and ramp used by the light keepers to travel to and from the island. Remnants of the breakwater protecting this cove are still apparent. On the return trip head back to the wharf where you began your paddle. Please note that in times of inclement weather the water in this harbour can be rough and caution should be exercised.

