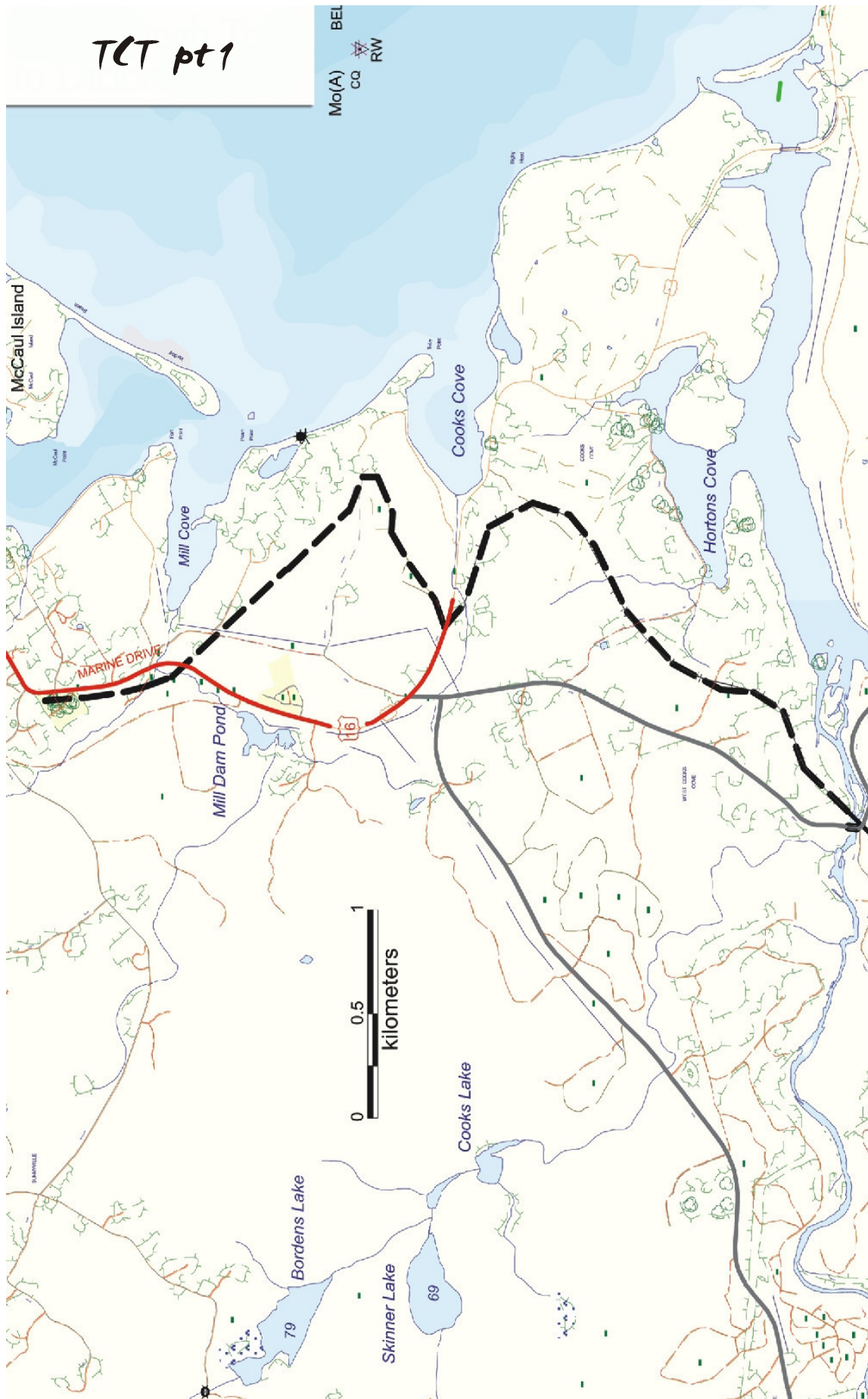


TCT pt1



TCT pt 1 (Guysborough to Salmon River Bridge)

Length: 8 km one-way

Time: 3 hrs

Type: groomed path, old rail bed

Facilities: benches, garbage cans

Closest Amenities: town of Guysborough

Rating: 2



Access Information: From the Trans Canada Hwy, take exit 37 to Monastery and Guysborough onto Route 16. Follow this road into the town of Guysborough onto Main Street which wraps around to Pleasant Street. Turn right at the top of the hill onto Church Street, picking up Route 16 again on your left, where you will soon see an old rail caboos that marks the start of the Trans Canada Trail in Guysborough. On the right side of the road you will see the trail head.

Special Features: With restaurants, accommodations, and a beautiful restored historical waterfront, the town of Guysborough offers much to be enjoyed. The Old Court House Museum is full of interesting historical facts about the town of Guysborough and the county. In 1897 a railway was proposed that would have held great economic promise for the county, but never materialized. However much of the initial construction was completed and old concrete abutments still exist today as a reminder of what might have been. In 1994 the Guysborough County Trails Association came together to build the county's section of the TCT using the old rail bed, with 1996 marking the official opening of the trail.

Description: Just beyond the trail head you will find an historic graveyard. The path here is lined with apple trees of several varieties, a sign of agricultural activity in the past. This portion of the trail crosses several major roads but there are always signs indicating where the 104 TCT picks up again. Passing behind the small community of Sunnyville, along the river's edge, you will pass Mill Dam Pond, a component of a former sawmill. Approximately 3.5 km along, the trail opens upon a clearing which provides a spectacular view of Cooks Cove and Chedabucto Bay. Continuing along the trail, the woods opens again upon a former pasture which offers a view of the old Jarvis homestead, which was once a thriving rural Nova Scotian farm. Next you will walk along the edge of the famous Salmon River, where you will see, in the distance, Dickies Brook Power Station. At the trails end you will come upon large concrete abutments, looming over the Salmon River, which is also spanned by an iron bridge for vehicular traffic. You may end your hike here or you may continue onto the next portion of this trail.

