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Length: 3.5 km loop

Time: 3 hrs

Type: gravel and natural path,
boardwalk

Facilities: canteen, picnic tables,
garbage cans, toilets, benches

Closest Amenities: town of Canso

Rating: 1-2 (limited wheelchair access)



Access Information: Traveling east along Route 16 to Canso, take the exit to Little Dover. Drive 7 km to the end of the pavement, then continue a short distance ahead to the park entrance on your left.

Special Features: Black Duck Cove offers white sandy beaches and some of the warmest waters of the East Coast. Many picnic areas are cleverly placed throughout, taking advantage of both coastal expanses and cozy nooks of evergreen. Interpretive panels assist you along your self-guided tour describing the various plants and wildlife throughout this unique park of many ecosystems.

Description: Leaving the main parking area, boardwalks lead you toward a sheltered beach often enjoyed by swimmers. With benches and picnic shelters, this is a great spot for families to enjoy the day. Continuing along the boardwalk you traverse a bog leading toward deeper woodlands. White spruce, a species able to subsist in salt air, dominate the area. Bird feeders attract chickadees, squirrels and other small birds.

The forest soon opens once again, upon a coastal area known as "flat rocks". Here you will notice a layer of granite broken into slabs as it erodes upon the bedrock. Continuing along, a coastal route offers you the choice of following the perimeter to Keef Point through barrier ponds, with views of surrounding islands including Burnt Island and Sheep Island.

An inland trail guides you along natural and gravel pathways through softwood forests into berry fields complete with panel descriptions of local plants and wildflowers.

Returning to the parking area, please take the opportunity to view and sign the guest book.

