



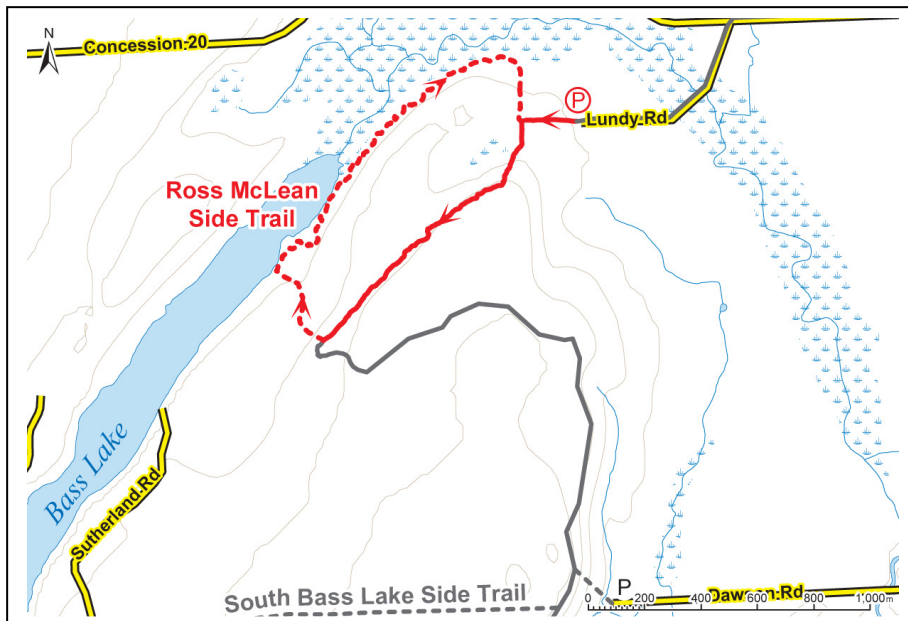
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Ross McLean Loop

Hike Length: 3 km

Section: Sydenham Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where to Park: From the hamlet of Kemble, turn left (west) on Grey Road 1 for 3 km to Lundy's Lane (on the south). Continue to the end of this dead-end road. Park, but please do not block access to the farm house or sheds. The white blazes lead west a short distance to the start of the loop.

Description of the Hike: This new loop trail was opened in the early spring of 2007 and honours a Bruce Trail volunteer who has given over a quarter-century of service. It is located on lands purchased through the Bruce Trail acquisition program and is currently managed by the Grey-Sauble Conservation Authority.

Sydenham Trail Director Ron Savage refers to it as "the Jewel" of the loop trails in the area. Follow it in a clockwise direction, initially climbing up to the top of the scarp on main Trail (white) blazes. For the first kilometer, the Trail passes beside a spectacular crevice system, before turning away from the edge. At this point, take the Ross McLean Side Trail which drops below the scarp.

Here, listen for the sound of rumbling, and put your ear against the rock. What you are hearing is an underground waterfall; the water is tumbling inside the rock, to emerge as a small stream at its base.

The Trail follows this stream to the shoreline of Bass Lake, before heading north (to the right.) Bass Lake is a finger lake, carved out by glaciers more than 10,000 year ago. The Trail follows the shoreline northeast through a coniferous woods and then above the marshland that is part of the headwaters of the Indian River. Both birdlife and wildflower sightings can be spectacular. The Trail then loops back on the edge of a farm field to the Trail entrance.