



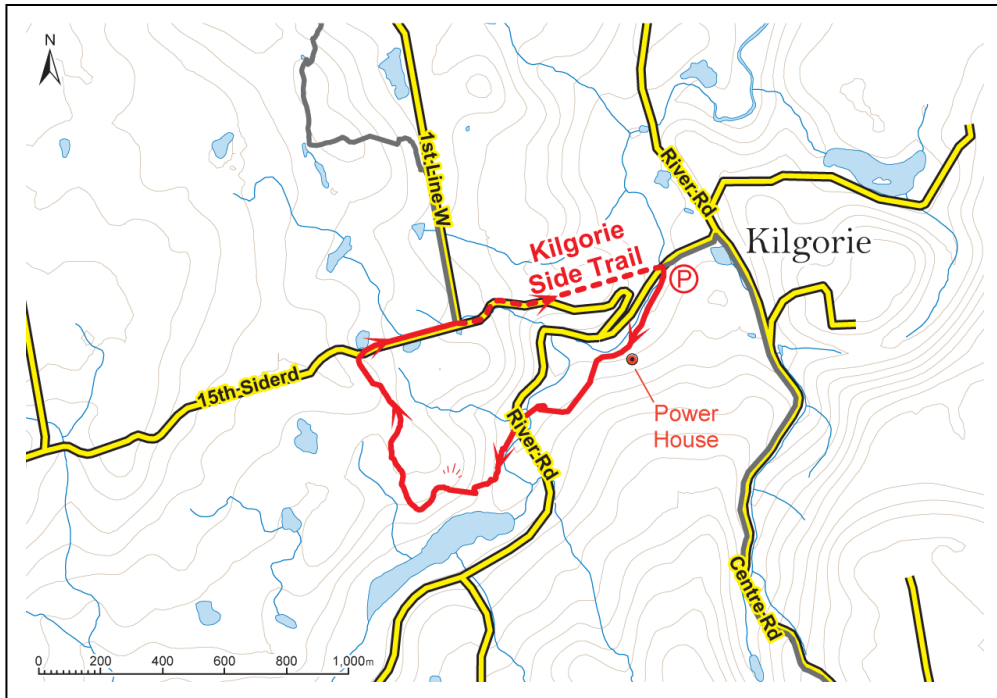
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Kilgorie Side Trail Loop

Hike Length: 2.7 km

Section: Dufferin Hi-Lands Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where to Park: From Dufferin Road 124 head into the community of Horning's Mills and turn right (east) onto River Road. Follow this winding, scenic road past the Pine River Fishing Area and over the Pine River several times until you see the white blazes of the Bruce Trail on the right (south) side of the road. You should be approaching the small community of Kilgorie. Park on the shoulder of the road and walk back (westward) until you see the white blazes heading into the bush beside the river on the south side of the road.

Description of Hike:

This section of the Bruce Trail is called the Bell section, named after the founding members of the Dufferin Hi-Land Club, Grant and Grace Bell.

The Trail soon passes the ruins of the old powerhouse of the Dufferin Light and Power Company. Nearby is an old flume which brought water from a dam, which, when constructed in 1909, was the longest of its kind in Ontario. The plant supplied power to Shelburne, Horning's Mills and part of Orangeville. The creation of Ontario Hydro, however, put many of Ontario's private power plants out of business, and by 1927 hydro power was no longer being generated here.

After climbing to a height of land, the Trail drops back to River Road, crosses to the north side, and enters a bush road. You are now following an old path established many years ago on the former Horning's Mills Fishing and Golf Preserve. After a steep climb you reach a lookout over most of the Pine River Provincial Fishing Area. Here a plaque has been erected in memory of Grant and Grace Bell. Soon the main Trail heads north (right) through a mixture of woods, young growth and abandoned fields to reach the 15th Sideroad. Hike east on the 15th Sideroad. Where the white blazes turn north on the 1st Line WHS, continue straight ahead, following the blue blazes of the Kilgorie Side Trail, and follow the route down a hydro right-of-way to the River Road.