



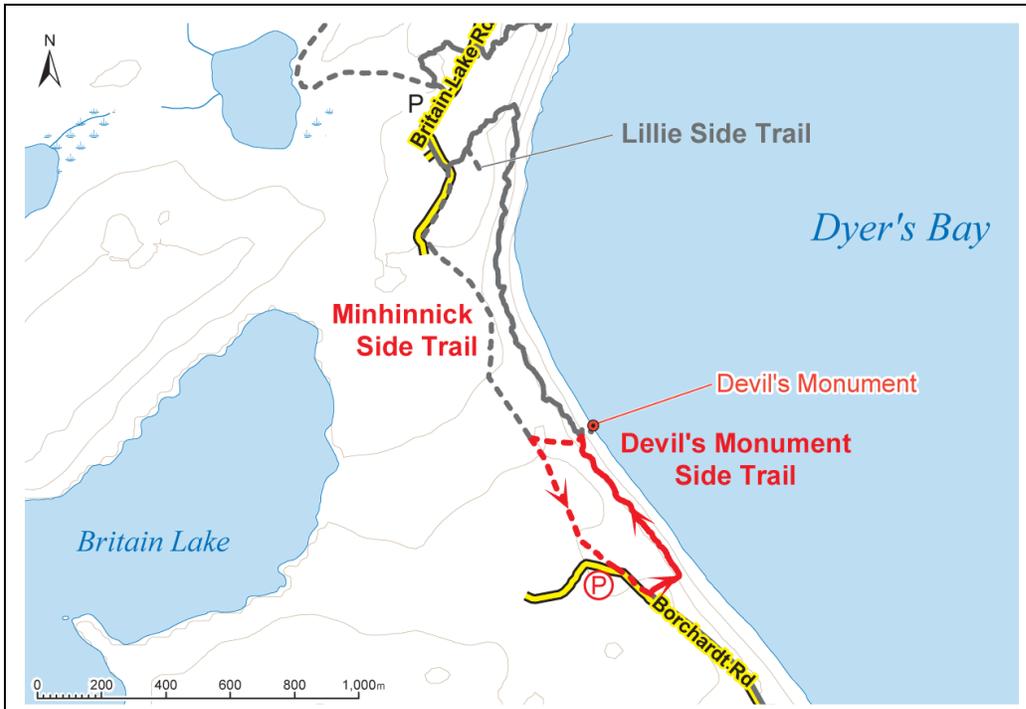
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THE BRUCE TRAIL
CONSERVANCY

Devil's Monument Loop

Hike Length: 2 km

Section: Peninsula Bruce Trail Club



How to get there and Where to Park: Take the Cape Chin North Road off the East Rd., and just before it turns down the Escarpment, follow Borchardt Rd. to the north. Shortly after the white blazes of the Bruce Trail turn towards the water, there is a small parking lot on the left.

Description of the Hike: This loop hike includes a maple forest, countless Escarpment vistas, a sea-stack, and a boulder beach. Veteran Bruce Trail volunteers, Clayton and Anne Roberts, call it “the most spectacular, the most varied, and the most beautiful section of the entire Bruce Trail.”

From the parking area, backtrack a very short distance and follow the white blazes of the main Bruce Trail to the scarp edge which it then follows closely as it heads north. The Roberts describe the scene: “from every viewpoint one can see the distant horizon, the blue waters of the bay, the white boulder beaches, the birch and aspen above them, and then the Escarpment itself which rises some hundred feet above the bay. Is there a comparable view anywhere on the Trail?”

After a kilometer, you reach the Devil's Monument, a sea stack formed 5500 years ago by glacial Lake Nipissing, an ancestor of Lake Huron when meltwater covered most of the Bruce Peninsula. The largest land-based flowerpot on the Bruce, the stack today stands 14 metres tall.

Just beyond the lookout is an iron staircase leading to the base of the Monument. Then a footpath descends steeply to a boulder beach, an excellent place for a summer's picnic or an invigorating swim. You must return via the iron staircase. Then take the Devil's Monument Side Trail for a short distance directly west to join the Minhinnick Side Trail. Here turn left (south) and follow the old cart track back to your car.