

Hike to DRXC ski cabin along snowmobile trail

Distance: ~7.5 km (one-way)

Hiking time: 2 hrs fast, 3 hrs leisurely (one-way)

Terrain: gently rolling hills, some wet spots

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Directions to Cabin

(see corresponding points on map)

1. Park car on Bass Lake Road (10 min west of Deep River) at 90 degree bend in road. Continue STRAIGHT on foot along dirt road. (Road to right goes to K/O Lodge.)
2. Veer RIGHT to follow dirt road along pipeline. Make a mental note of this junction to recognize it on the way back.
3. Walk ~2 km, arrive at intersection with logging road. There is a blue & white OFSC sign (for snowmobiles) at this junction. Turn LEFT at junction onto logging road.
4. Walk ~200 m, turn RIGHT at the first opportunity onto a snowmobile trail. Check for "NRSA 131" signs (not so obvious); follow direction for Rolphton.
5. Go over a few small creeks; go past cabin on left.
6. Not far past cabin, turn LEFT at junction onto a smaller trail. Main snowmobile trail continues by winding up a steep hill with "Keep Right" and "SLOW" signs at the base – do not follow this trail up the hill.
7. Just past junction, there is a large puddle of water. Either wade through (ankle deep) or walk through bush on the shoulder of the trail. Cross railway bed soon after.
8. Walk ~1.5 km, ignoring 2 spurs on the right. (The 2nd one goes to a trapper's cabin close to the shore of Big Bass Lake.) At the Bass Lakes, take off shoes, roll up pants, and enjoy wading across the narrowing.
9. As you're leaving the lake area, be on the alert for a 4-way junction. Turn LEFT at junction. Do not go right (back to lake); do not go straight (old trail to a faraway lake).
10. Walk straight for ~300 m, ignoring spur on left. After that spur, there should be a pond on your left (barely visible through the trees). Follow the trail as it veers to the right.
11. At fork in trail, turn LEFT. Both options are marked with red diamonds as part of the Canyon Top Loop, but left will get you to the cabin much quicker.
12. Go down ridge and turn RIGHT at junction. You'll see a long rock face on the right.
13. Ten more minutes – you've made it to the ski cabin!

(based on hikes by Rummens/Donders; contact info updated 2018 Nov 10)

