

The Tobeatic Wilderness Area is the jewel in the crown of Nova Scotia's 31 wilderness areas. The Tobeatic, at over 100,000 hectares (250,000 acres) in size, is by far the largest, most remote and essentially roadless true wilderness left in Nova Scotia, and includes the Shelburne Heritage River within its boundaries. The Tobeatic remains wild, with no facilities, but is crisscrossed by a series of navigable waterways and carries, used by the Mi'kmaq for millennia and informally maintained by paddlers.

It is possible to paddle in the Tobeatic on short trips of a day or two, or take much longer trips of up to two weeks. There is a cabin available for use in foul weather at Sand Beach Lake on the Shelburne River, but be prepared to tent otherwise. Paddlers are encouraged to follow No Trace Camping principles, and to file a trip plan with your local Department of Natural Resources or Department of Environment and Labour Protected Areas Division, and with family or friends. It should be emphasized that the Tobeatic is a very large area with large lakes and challenging rivers, without amenities and facilities, so therefore careful planning and close attention to weather and water conditions is required.

The Tobeatic offers a wealth of back country paddling opportunities - so many as to be beyond the scope of this guide. At the time of this printing, no formal and detailed mapping of Tobeatic canoe routes exists. Information on particular routes may be obtained through the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour, Protected Areas Division, local paddling clubs and individuals.

The accompanying map shows the network of forestry and public roads (in yellow) surrounding the Tobeatic Wilderness Area and Kejimikujik National Park. The roadless nature of these protected areas is evident, and illustrates their importance in providing a natural and undisturbed ecosystem.

The map shows the traditional and popular access points for the Tobeatic. Refer to the appropriate 1:50 000 series mapping for details.

- Entry, Exit Point 1: Lake Jolly**
From Bear River, take the road to Morganville and continue south to launch at Lake Jolly. The route follows through Lake Jolly, Ninth, Eighth, Seventh and Sixth Lake to Fifth Lake Flowage. From here, the Whitesand Stream leads to the Shelburne River.
- Entry, Exit Point 2: Sixth Lake:**
Before Lake Jolly, turn right (EAST) at the Fire Tower and follow J. D. Irving roads to the east side of Sixth Lake. A short carry from the end of the road leads to the launch at Sixth Lake.
- Entry, Exit Point 3: Sporting Lake Stream:**
From Doucetteville, take the road to Fifth Lake Dam. Continue on logging roads south and east to Sporting Lake Stream. The route takes you through Sporting Lake to Oakland Lake. From here, you can either follow a route through East Cranberry and Clearwater Lakes to Buckshot Lake and the headwaters of the Shelburne River. or follow the Tusket River system southwest to Kemptville.
- Entry, Exit Point 4: Pebbleloggitch Lake:**
From departure points in Kejimikujik, travel a day or more to Pebbleloggitch Lake at the western end of the Park. The Tobeatic and the Shelburne River is only a

short paddle through Pebbleloggitch Stillwater. From here, you can either follow the Shelburne River upstream, downstream to Lake Rossignol, or travel southwesterly through Irving, Sisketch, House and Junction Lakes to the Roseway River and Indian Fields.

Entry, Exit Point 5:

Indian Fields:

From Shelburne, follow Highway 203 north to the Indian Fields airstrip. Continue along the Indian Fields road to launch at Upset Falls Bridge. From here, you can follow the Roseway upstream to connections to Stoney Brook, West Branch Jordan River, or on to Junction Lake and the Shelburne River.

Entry, Exit Point 6:

Pug Lake:

From Kemptville, follow Highway 203 east. Follow a short carry north from the highway to Pug Lake. From here, follow either the East Branch Tusket River upstream toward Oakland Lake, or downstream to Kemptville.

For further information on the Tobeatic Wilderness Area, visit these websites:

Nova Scotia Environment Parks and Protected Areas Branch Website:

<http://novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas/>

Or view an interactive map of the Parks and Protected Areas Systems Plan:

<http://www.novascotia.ca/parksandprotectedareas/plan/interactive-map/>

(These sites feature information on all of Nova Scotia's National Parks and Wildlife Areas, Wilderness Areas, and Nature Reserves).

Additional Information:

Tobeatic Wilderness Committee:

<http://www.tobeaticwilderness.ca/>

Tobeatic Canoe Routes Map:

www.toddgraphic.ns.ca/map/arc_map.html

Canadian Heritage River System:

http://www.chrs.ca/Rivers/Shelburne/Shelburne_e.php

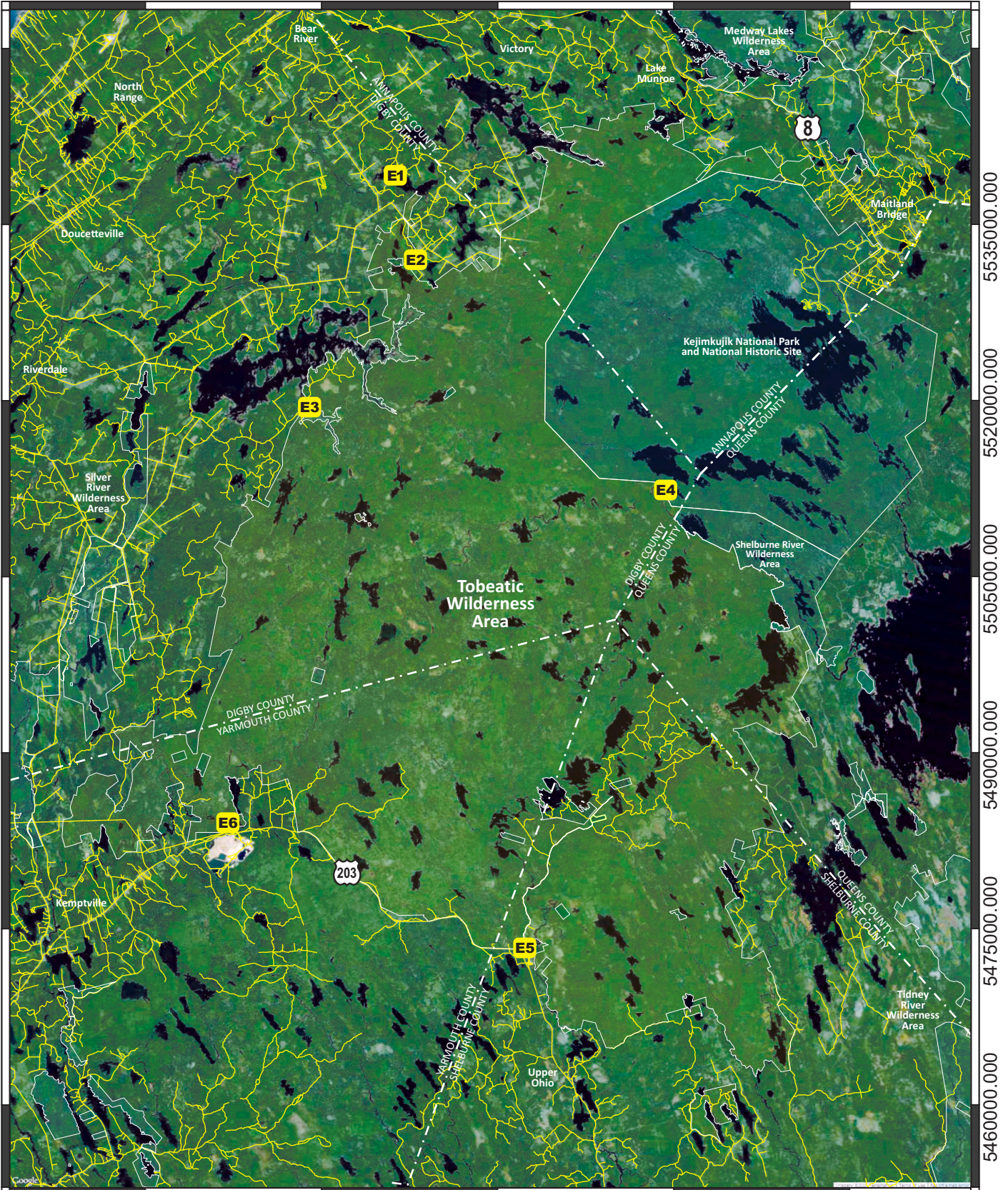
Tobeatic Wilderness Area



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Route 27

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Disclaimer

The Municipality of the County of Annapolis does not have control over the canoe routes, portages or wilderness tent areas listed in this guide, and therefore assumes no responsibility for the safety of the canoeist paddling the route, walking the portage, or using the wilderness tent areas.

We recommend that users approach all canoe routes and wilderness tent areas in a safe and responsible manner, and conduct visual inspections whenever possible and practical.

Conditions can change through fluctuating water levels, addition of natural debris, and commercial logging activity.

As we are not the owners of any of these lands or routes, any special arrangements must be made directly with the owners and you are accountable to them for any damage, loss or other problems that you may cause.

Although the information in this guide is believed to be accurate, we assume no liability for any errors or omissions that may exist, or for changes that may have occurred on the routes after the publication of this guide.

We recommend, as a supplement to the information herein, that you use Natural Resources Canada 1:50,000 topographical series maps of the general canoe routes.

Annapolis County Recreation Services requests that you read the sections on Safety, Equipment, Trip Planning and Wilderness Ethics before you travel on the lakes and waterways of the region.

Always tell someone where you are going and when you are returning. Please be aware that many portages/canoe carries are not marked.

Map Legend

Entry, Exit Point



Landmark



Portage



River Section



Rapids



Existing Tentsite



Beach



Highway 101, Exit



Public Highway



Highlighted for clarity:



Municipal Boundary



Contour/ Elevation



Grid North



Grid Line



Scale Bar

