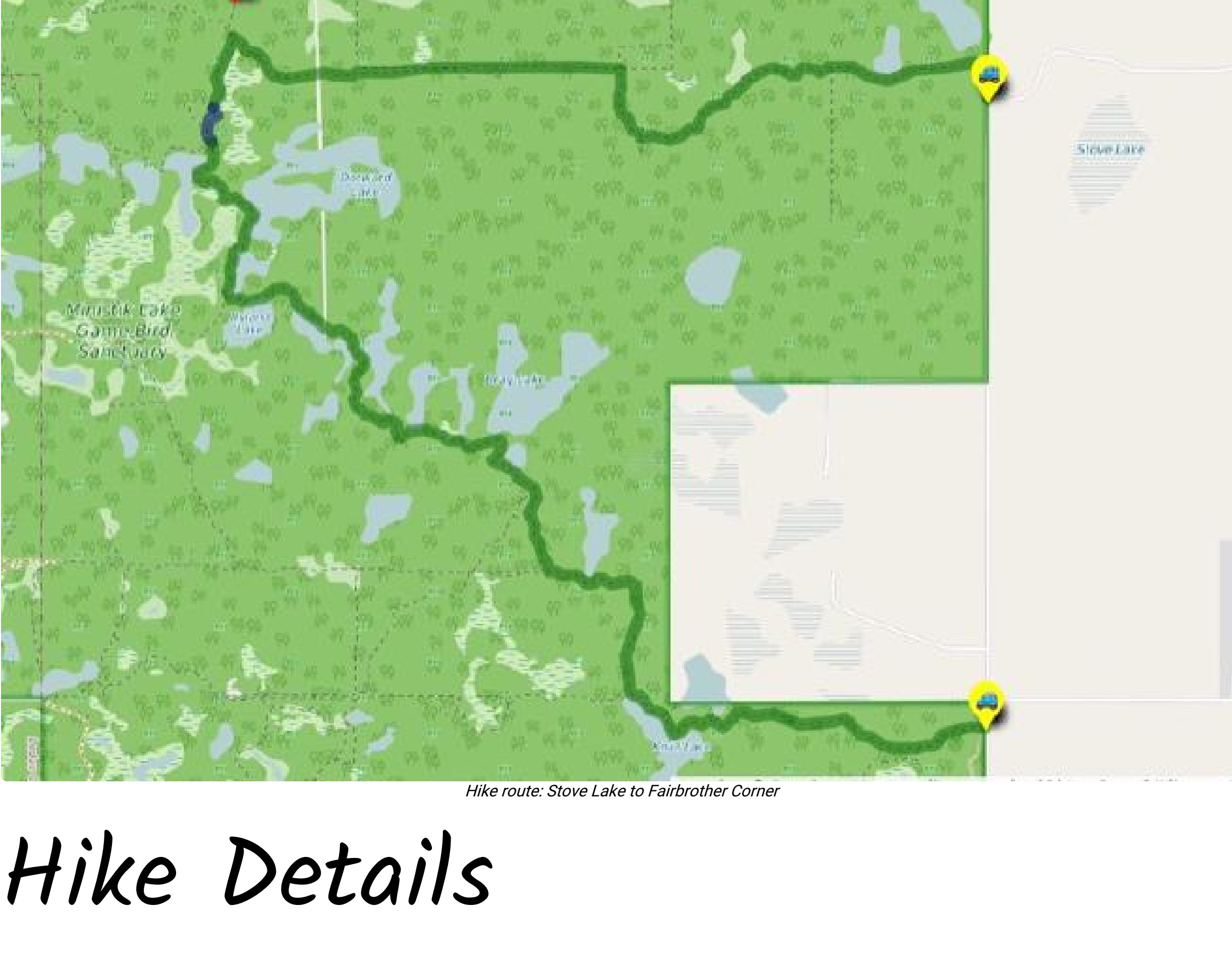




Hike the Ministik!

Stove Lake to Fairbrother Corner



Hike route: Stove Lake to Fairbrother Corner

Hike Details

Trailheads: Stove Lake Trailhead
Fairbrother Corner
Trailhead
Hike 12.6 km
Length:
Route 2 Car
Type:
Difficulty: Rated 191: Expedition

Route Colour key

- Brown: Road - easy going and the route is always clear.
- Green: Usually a well-defined trail, occasionally overgrown.
- Blue: Trail often degraded or overgrown, therefore not well-defined at times.
- Black: No trail, so navigation is more difficult, yet sometimes a game trail to follow.

Description

This hike rates as "Expedition" for a reason: it's just about 13 km and covers a good portion of the Ministik. It's a convenient "2-Car" option though: the departure and destination trailhead are along the same country road.

Leg 1

Stove Lake Trailhead → Trail meets old beaver dam

Distance: 5.1 km

Accumulated Distance: 5.1 km

Description

- Make your way past the gate and follow the short first leg due north.
- The trail turns sharply to the left (east) and continues to the "Open Gate" waypoint where you cross to the other side of the fence line you've been following.
- Make sure to bear right at "Trail Fork".
- At "Old Gate" walk through the fence opening onto the single-track trail.
- Following the trail to "Ministik Crossroads" should be quite straightforward.
- If a game trail intersects with the trail you're on, and you're ever in doubt, bear right. That will always be the correct choice.
- You might want to take a break when you reach "'Crossroads' intersection".
- Turn left (east) at the intersection and make your way along this former cutline. The way should be quite clear along the way, but if in doubt use the "Three Trails intersection" waypoint to guide you.
- Turn left (south) at the "Three Trails intersection" and continue to "Trail meets old beaver dam" waypoint.

Leg 2

Trail meets old beaver dam → Waskahegan meets old meadow

Distance: 219 m

Accumulated Distance: 5.319 km

Description

- This short section usually requires some wayfinding to navigate through.
- Cross the beaver dam and, keeping to the left, skirt the open, grassy area using the "Waskahegan meets old meadow" as a waypoint to direct you.

Leg 3

Waskahegan meets old meadow → Fairbrother Corner Trailhead

Distance: 7.3 km

Accumulated Distance: 12.619 km

Description

- We're now on the Waskahegan Trail, the only trail in Ministik that is officially maintained.
- The trail may be overgrown in sections, especially near Dorward Lake, but there are always markers along the trail to help you find your way.
- Make your way to the "Waskahegan Trail / North Cutline intersection" waypoint where you'll veer to the left.
- Continue to the "Waskahegan Trail / South Trail intersection" where a trail leading west is faint and you might not even notice it.
- The final section along Knull Lake may be overgrown, but the trail is usually still discernible.
- Use the "Fairbrother Corner Trailhead" waypoint to guide you.
- Congratulations! This hike took you through a good portion of the Ministik and you should be proud of yourself for completing it!