



Hike the Ministik!

Stick to the Field Station Road



Hike route: Stick to the Field Station Road

Hike Details

Trailhead: UofA Access Road Gate

Hike Length: 5.6 km

Route Type: Out & Back

Difficulty: Rated 55: Easy

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 is all about easy navigation: you follow a road for the entire hike—a rare thing in the Ministik. If this is your first time hiking in the area, this is a perfect introductory hike.

Leg 1

UofA Access Road Gate → UofA Research Station Gate

Distance: 2.8 km

Description

- Park off the road at the "UofA Access Road Gate".
- Start down the hill and wind your way towards Williams Lake. Once you arrive there, you'll want to take in the nice view at "Red Chair Lookout", named after a red folding chair that was carted out to the viewpoint and remained there for years.
- This road is part of the Waskahagan Trail, a small section of which meanders through a large part of the Ministik. You might notice blue trail markers both before and after you reach Williams Lake. These mark off-road sections of the Waskahagan Trail. These sections are seldom travelled these days, so sticking to the road is your best bet, especially if you're new to area.
- The road turns sharply to the east and continues along the end of "Big Fish Meadow". From the ground the name makes no sense; but look at the area on the map and you'll soon understand.
- After turning sharply to the south the road ends at the gate of the Ministik Wildlife Research Station. Please heed the signs and go no further: it's private property beyond this fence.
- Now all there is to do is turn around and return on the road to the parking spot.
- Here's hoping you had a nice leisurely amble in the Ministik!