

= Ontario Highway 63 =

King 's Highway 63 , commonly referred to as Highway 63 , is a provincially maintained highway in the Canadian province of Ontario . The 63 @. @ 5 @-@ kilometre (39 @. @ 5 mi) route travels from Highway 11 and Highway 17 (the Trans @-@ Canada Highway) in North Bay northeast to the Ontario @-@ Quebec provincial boundary , where it continues as Route 101 into Témiscaming .

The route was assumed in 1937 , following the merger of the Department of Northern Development (DND) into the Department of Highways (DHO) , predecessor to the modern Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) . It travelled from what was then Highway 11 (Main Street) in downtown North Bay northeast to its present terminus . The highway follows the same route today , with the exception of the westernmost 1 @. @ 9 kilometres (1 @. @ 2 mi) , which were transferred to the City of North Bay in 1998 .

= = Route description = =

Highway 63 begins at Highway 11 and Highway 17 (the Trans @-@ Canada Highway) in North Bay and travels 63 @. @ 5 kilometres (39 @. @ 5 mi) northeast to the Ontario ? Quebec provincial boundary , where Route 101 continues into Témiscaming . It travels through the communities of Feronia , Redbridge , Balsam Creek , Eldee and Thorne . Prior to 1998 , the route included a 1 @. @ 9 @-@ kilometre (1 @. @ 2 mi) section of Cassells Street extending into downtown North Bay . Highway 63 is 63 @. @ 5 kilometres (39 @. @ 5 mi) long , situated entirely within Nipissing District .

Beginning in North Bay near Lake Nipissing , the source of the French River which flows down to Georgian Bay , Highway 63 travels east through suburbs . It exits the city and travels along the northern shores of Trout Lake , which serves as the headwaters of the Mattawa River , which flows into the Ottawa River and eventually the St. Lawrence River . The portion of Highway 63 west of Trout Lake travels between these water systems .

The highway curves northeast to pass through the communities of Feronia and later Redbridge and Balsam Creek , after which it enters thick wilderness dominated by the Canadian Shield and Boreal Forest , with few residences or services outside of communities . It meanders northward , meeting the northern end of Highway 533 , which travels south to Mattawa , approximately two @-@ thirds of the distance between North Bay and the Quebec border . For the remainder of the highway , the route passes through isolated forests , travelling north , then curving east towards the Ottawa River . It passes through the community of Eldee before turning north alongside the river , following it up through Thorne . North of Thorne , the highway turns east and crosses the river into Quebec , becoming Route 101 and entering Témiscaming .

= = History = =

On August 25 , 1937 , the North Bay ? Témiscaming Road was assumed by the DHO as Highway 63 , connecting Highway 11 (Main Street) in downtown North Bay with the Ontario ? Quebec border at Témiscaming . The road existed prior to this point as a northern development road . However , on April 1 , 1937 , the DND merged into the DHO . As a result , numerous highways were assumed in the northern regions of Ontario in mid @-@ 1937 . The highway remained unchanged for over 60 years , until January 1 , 1998 , when the Connecting Link agreement through North Bay from Main Street to Highway 11 / Highway 17 - the North Bay Bypass - was rescinded . As a result , Highway 63 was shortened by 1 @. @ 9 kilometres (1 @. @ 2 mi) .

= = Major intersections = =

The following table lists the major junctions along Highway 63 , as noted by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario . The entire route is located in Nipissing District .