## = Ontario Highway 525 =

Secondary Highway 525, commonly referred to as Highway 525, is a provincially maintained secondary highway in the Canadian province of Ontario. It is a short, remote secondary highway that links Highway 596 to the Wabaseemoong First Nations reserve. It is the second @-@ westernmost secondary highway in the province, Highway 673 being the first. The route was commissioned by 1982 along what was formerly Highway 596; a former use of the route number existed between 1956 and 1973 in Gravenhurst.

## = = Route description = =

Highway 525 is a very remote highway in northwestern Ontario . There are no settlements along its 35 @.@ 5 @-@ kilometre ( 22 @.@ 1 mi ) length , and the closest human habitation is Minaki near its southern terminus and Whitedog near its northern terminus . The route begins west of Minaki , branching off from Highway 596 , which travels south to Kenora . It travels north along a wide strip of land bounded by Sand Lake to the east , and by Swan Lake and Tetu Lake to the west , all part of the Winnipeg River watershed . Zig @-@ zagging in a generally northward direction , the highway passes through thick boreal forest . At approximately its midpoint , the route meets the Cygnet Lake road , which provides access to a remote camp . The highway continues north , curving west immediately before ending at the entrance to the Wabaseemoong ( Islington ) reserve . The road continues into the reserve to provide access to Caribou Falls and Whitedog .

## = = History = =

The current Highway 525 is not the original usage of the number . In 1956, the number was one of several dozen Secondary Highways designated by the Department of Highways to improve connections between King 's Highways . The highway followed the route of present @-@ day Muskoka District Road 18 north from Highway 11 to the Muskoka Centre . It was decommissioned between early 1972 and late 1973, shortly after the establishment of the District Municipality of Muskoka .

The current Highway 525 was designated by 1982. Prior to that, the road it followed was an extension of Highway 596 that was designated in the mid @-@ 1970s. The route was gravel surfaced when it was assumed, but has since been paved.

## = = Major intersections = =

The following table lists the major junctions along Highway 525. The entirety of the route is located within Kenora District.