

2 Old Dudes v2.0

Wednesday, May 4 → Sunday, May 8 2011
Grand Lake to Barron Canyon, Achray, Algonquin Provincial Park
of Portages – 9 or 10 – 2880 mts or 3255 mts – approx 2 miles
Distance to Paddle – 17 kms - 11 miles
Total Trip = 20 KM – 13 miles



Day 1

Wednesday, May 4 – excursion to get away from it all

- Depart from the Village of Ilderton by 07:00 – to Access Point #22 Achray camp on Grand Lake
 - 638 km – 9 hours 8 minutes via 401 to Oshawa, then up through Peterborough, arriving between 17:00 and 18:00
 - Stopping along the way for coffee\tea\bagel and bio breaks
 - Register and unload gear at the Achray Yurt
 - Shuttle Vehicles to Barron Canyon parking lot (all if we can get someone to drive us back?)

Day 2

Thursday, May 5 – Longest paddle but easy day

- Up at 07:00 – breakfast and break camp – on the water by 09:00 – 09:30
- Destination Barron River – 4 miles (7 kms) with 3 Portages = 75 mts
 - From campsite – paddle 1 mile to Portage # 1 – 30 mts – enter Stratton L
 - Paddle 3 miles to Portage # 2 – 45 mts – enter St Andrews L - Lunch
- 12:00 -13:00 PM – Campsite #1 on St Andrews L – 8 campsites to choose from
 - Setup camp – relax before diner
 - Review first day

Day 3

Friday, May 6 – No travel day – stay put and explore

- Hike on the backpacking trail – 10 – 12 KMs
- Find High Falls

Day 4

Saturday, May 7 – Most # of Portages Day

- Up at 06:30– breakfast and break camp – on the water by 08:30 – 09 :00
- Destination Barron River – 6 miles with 6 or 7 Portages – 2385 or 2760 mts

Option #1

- From Campsite Short Paddle to Portage # 3 – 550 mts – enter High Falls L
- Paddle 1.5 miles to Portage # 4 - Choose left fork - 530 mts – enter Ooze L
- Short Paddle to Portage # 5 - 265 mts
- Short Paddle to Portage # 6 - 345 mts - The Cascades
- Short Paddle to Portage # 7 - 155 mts - re-enter Barron River and Brigham L
- Paddle 1 mile to Portage # 8 - 100 mts
- Short Paddle to Portage # 9 - 440 mts
- Paddle 2 - 3 miles - 8 campsites to choose from

Option #2

- From Campsite Short Paddle to Portage # 3 – 550 mts – enter High Falls L
- Paddle 1.5 miles to Portage # 4 - Choose Right fork - 300 mts
- Short Paddle to Portage # 5 - 640 mts - enter Opalescent L
- Short Paddle to Portage # 6 - 730 mts - re-enter Barron River at Brigham L
- Short Paddle to Portage # 7 - 100 mts
- Paddle 1 mile to Portage # 8 - 440 mts
- Paddle 2 - 3 miles - 8 campsites to choose from

- Option #1 has 1 extra Portage but shorter by 375 mts – there is a 15 mt Portage listed but not included here
- 15:00-16:00 – Campsite #2 on Lower Barron River – 8 campsites to choose from
 - Setup camp – relax before diner

- Review day

Day 5

Sunday, May 8 – Heading home

- Up at 06:30– breakfast and break camp – on the water by 08:30 – 09:00
- Destination Squirrel Rapids (Barron Canyon Parking Lot) – 2.5 miles (4 kms) with 2 Portages = 430 mts
 - Paddle 1-2 Miles to Portage #9 or #10 – 420 mts
 - Paddle 1 mile to car park
- Exit – 11:00 – get Vehicle from Achray (if needed) pack up and drive home
 - 679 km – 9 hours 27 minutes via HWY 60 corridor to Huntsville, HWY 11 and HWY 400 – arriving home between 20:00 and 21:00
 - Weber Burgers Stop on HWY 11\Orillia for dinner – 17:00'ish <http://www.webers.com/>