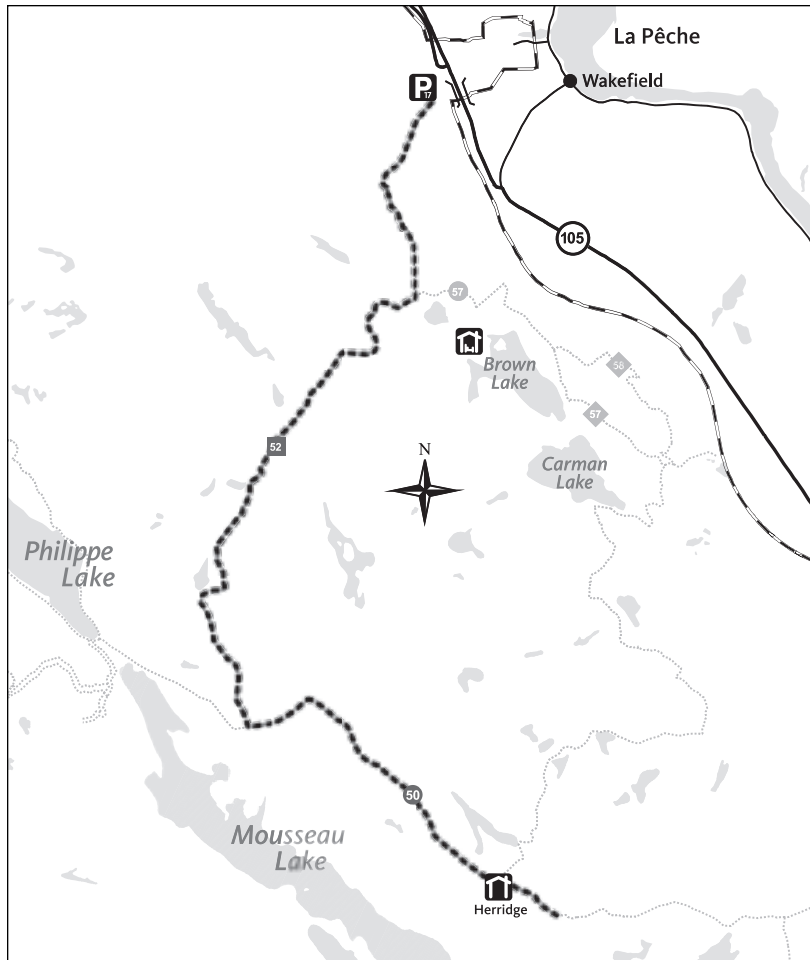


Gatineau Park Cross-Country Ski Route, in Canada's Capital Region

Paths of the Early Settlers

Wakefield to Herridge



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Start: Parking lot 17, Highway 105, La Pêche

Total distance: 20.4 km

Level of difficulty: Intermediate

Technique: Classic

Route: Trails 52 and 50 to Herridge Shelter for a rest stop; return via the same trails

Note: This route involves several long and sustained climbs on trail 52. On the way back, these become fairly long and fast downhill sections.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Trail 52 is an exceptionally beautiful, classic style-only trail, which passes through a **magnificent forest** of majestic pines, enormous hemlock trees and a few beech groves.
- One might consider making an overnight stay along this route, by reserving **Brown Lake Cabin**, located less than 3 km from parking lot 17.
- The rest stop, **Herridge Shelter**, is an original settler's house which was built in the late 19th century. It has been completely restored so that it can be used every day in the winter by skiers and snowshoers. There's always lots of activity at the **bird feeders** just a few steps from the shelter, which are very popular with birds that overwinter in the Park.
- This route is part of the **Trans Canada Trail**, which runs through the Park for a distance of 35 km from Gatineau to La Pêche (Wakefield).