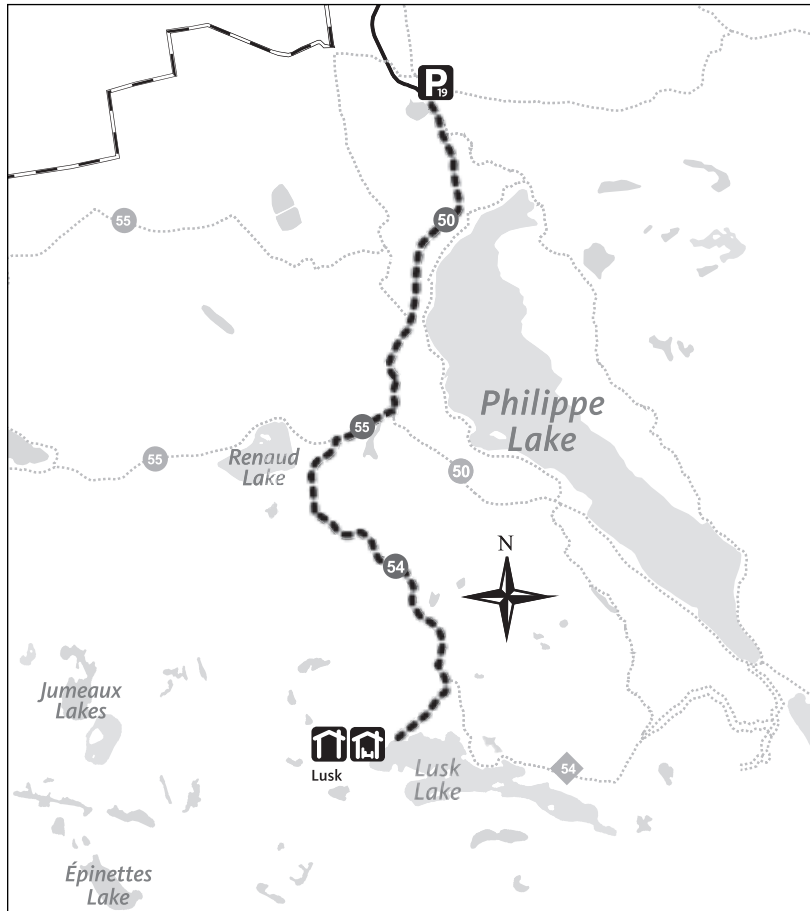


Gatineau Park Cross-Country Ski Route, in Canada's Capital Region

Nature and Tranquility

Philippe Lake to Lusk Lake



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Start: Parking lot 19, Lac-Philippe Road from Highway 366, La Pêche

Total distance: 11.4 km

Level of difficulty: Intermediate

Technique: Classic and skate skiing

Route: Trail 50 to the camping kiosk, then 55 to the right and 54 to the left toward Lusk Lake Cabin; return via the same trails

POINTS OF INTEREST

- There are several spots along trail 50 that provide a great view of beautiful frozen Philippe Lake.
- Philippe Lake flows into Mousseau Lake, which in turn flows into Meech Lake. This chain of three lakes represents an important habitat for a variety of fish and water birds. The lakes are also home to a very rare species of snail found nowhere else in Canada: the Gatineau tadpole snail.
- This northern sector of the Park is less used than the southern portion, which allows for wonderful moments of solitude in a winter paradise.
- It is possible to reserve the Lusk Lake Cabin for an overnight stay, as this day shelter is used for overnight accommodation after 4 pm.
- This route provides a great view of Lusk Lake and the surrounding scenery, which is both rugged and beautiful. The cabin deck faces south, which allows you to soak up the sun when you stop here for a break.
- The route has very pleasant, rolling terrain, with more climbing involved on the way in and fairly lengthy downhills on the way back.