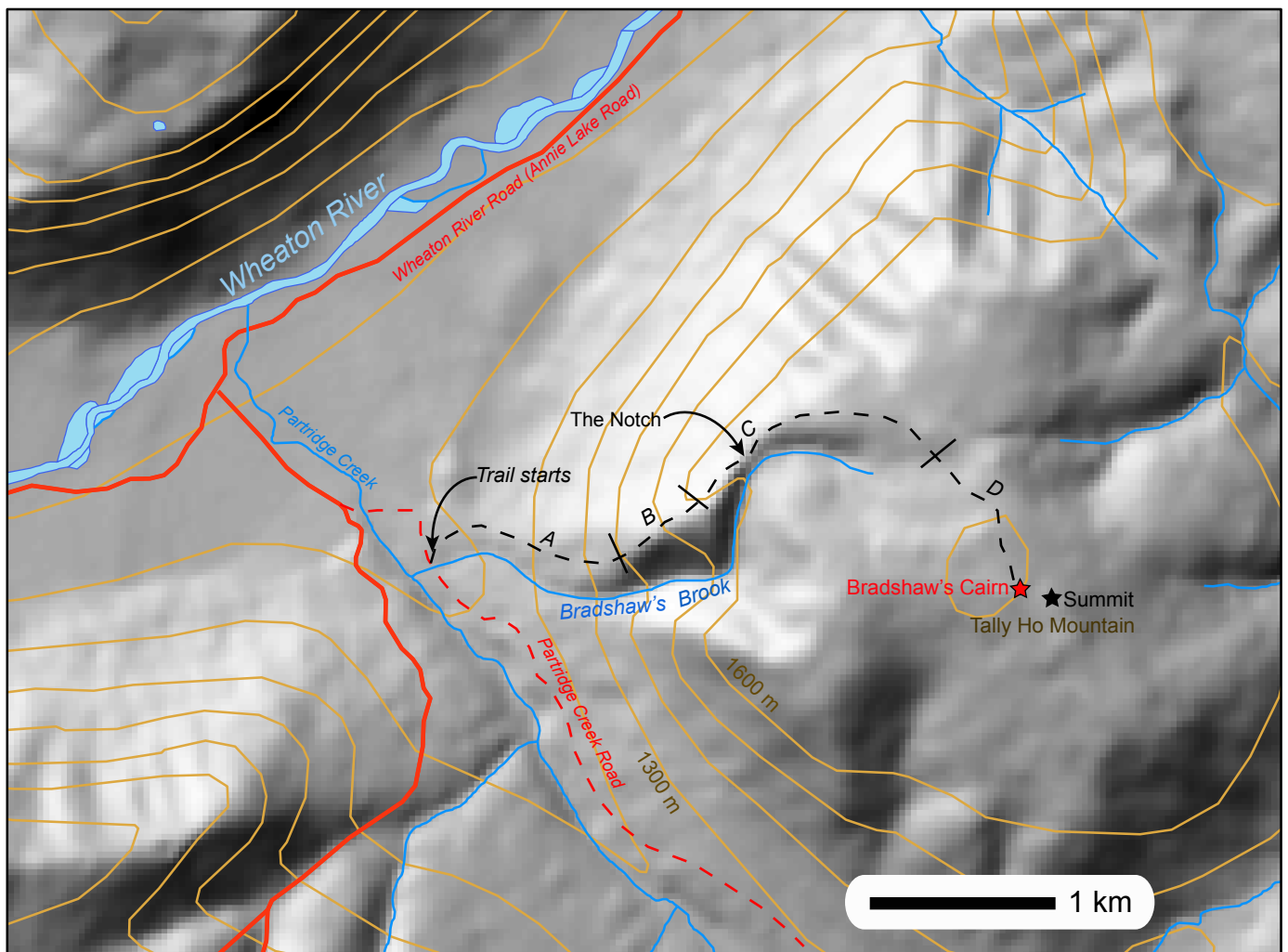


# Geoff Bradshaw Memorial Cairn Trail



## Introduction

On August 18th, 2006 Mike Bradshaw, Zöe Morrison and Jeffrey Bond built a cairn on Tally Ho Mountain in Geoff's honour. The cairn serves both as a resting place for Geoff and some of his treasures, as well as a place of remembrance. The setting is some of the most beautiful country in the vicinity of Whitehorse. The hike is considered moderate.

## Getting to the trail head

From Whitehorse take the Alaska Highway south. Turn right onto the South Klondike Highway (Carcross Road). Turn right onto the Annie Lake Road. Go past Annie Lake until you reach the Wheaton River bridge and the beginning of the Wheaton River road. Follow the Wheaton River road for 8km and turn left onto a small side road at an old gravel quarry. This road is in good condition and is passable by cars. Drive this road for about 1km until you come to a fork in the road. Take the left fork, which is the beginning of the Partridge Creek road. This road is in poor condition and it is recommended to begin your hike here, otherwise a 4X4 is required. Follow this road for 700m until you come to a small stream flowing (from your left) across the road, this is Bradshaw's Brook and the beginning of the trail.



Bradshaw's Cairn  
N60.22517 W135.05688 elev. ~1795 m

## The Trail - 8km round trip

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A) From Bradshaw's Brook, bushwack 20m up onto a low open sandy ridge. From here the trail follows the crest of the ridge on an obvious game trail. Further up, the trail swings to the right and follows the break-in-slope of the valley of Bradshaw's Brook. Stay near this break-in-slope where the pine and aspen are sparse. Further along, this section starts to climb more steeply towards tree-line.

B) This component of the trail begins at tree-line and is the most arduous section. Switchback your way straight up this slope until you crest onto a ridge top. Enjoy the views over the Wheaton River valley as you catch your breath!

C) Section C begins on the ridge top in a beautiful grassy meadow that begs you for a nap. Follow this ridge and where it narrows stay to the right of the ridge top and look for a game trail that heads down to a notch in the ridge. From the notch it is easy to obtain water from Bradshaw's Brook. Head back up onto the ridge top and continue to follow it around the basin to the right. The summit plateau is visible to the southeast. Watch for caribou in this area!

D) The final section begins with a short climb up onto the summit plateau. The summit plateau is marked by a number of rocky outcrops. Bradshaw's Cairn is visible in the distance to the right of the main summit on one of these outcrops.

## The Cairn

Congratulations you made it! From the cairn you will enjoy views of Mount Skukum (big finger to the west), Bennett Lake (south) and Grey Mountain (northeast). Inside the cairn you will find some of Geoff's treasures, photos and a paper and pen. Please add a stone if you wish, record your trip and include any thoughts of our good friend.

As an alternate on the way back, descend straight into the basin of Bradshaw's Brook where the wild flowers flourish. When you reach the notch you can regain the trail. Camping in this part of Bradshaw's Brook would be exceptional.

Have a great trip!!