



## Algonquin Adventures

### Portage 2200 meters - Opeongo Lake to Happy Isle Lake

**Portage Location:** from Opeongo Lake to Happy Isle Lake

**Length of portage:** 2200 meters

**Portage maintenance:** regular

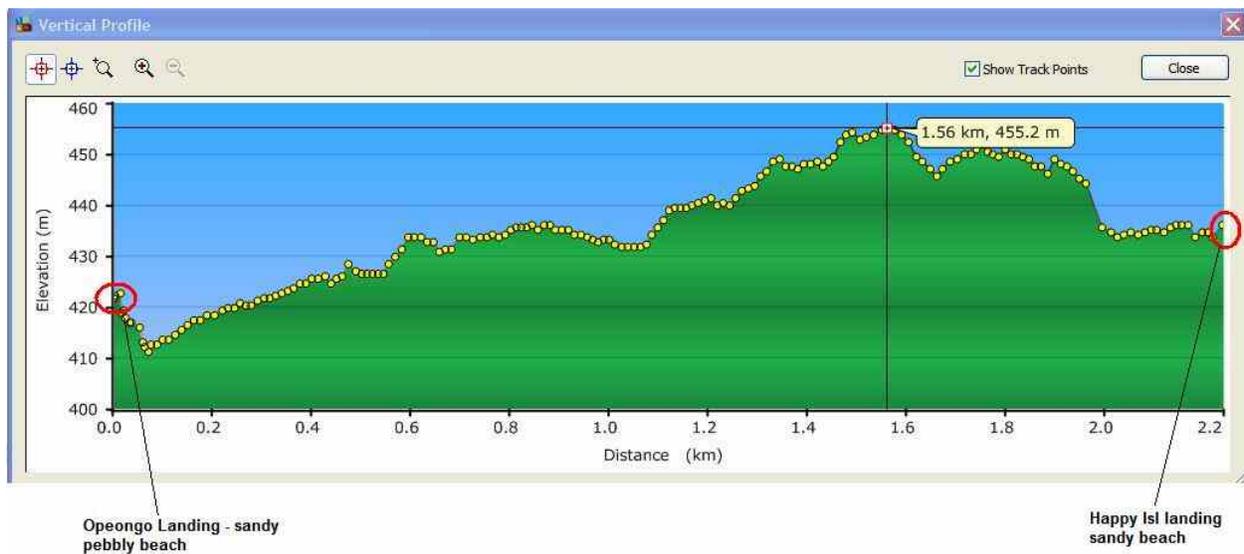
**Elevation above Sea Level @ Opeongo Lake:** 420 meters

**Elevation above Sea Level @ Happy Isle Lake:** 433 meters

**Difference in elevation:** ~13 meter rise between Opeongo Lake and Happy Isle Lake

**Elevation of highest point:** 455 meters.

**Overall Rise/Fall:** ~35 meters



From left to right – Portage Elevation Profile (PEP) - Opeongo Lake to Happy Isle Lake.

### Portage Trail

**General description:** Good trail, well groomed, over generally hard packed earth and dry. A gentle trending upwards slope from Opeongo to Happy Isle with a few up down sections along the way. The portage had good footing throughout and lots of shoulder room / spaciousness when overtaking/passing other groups. Mixed forest roughly of 30% evergreens and 70% hardwoods, with lots of beech and maple. A few boardwalk sections, portage not very wheel-friendly.

**Topographical impediments to travelling:** None.

**Areas susceptible to impact by periods of rain or beaver flooding:** None encountered during summer travel. Spring will see higher waters at landings but this should not affect the topography or difficulty.



Opeongo Lake portage landing, view is south-east.

**Upstream Landing at:** Opeongo Lake.

**Co-ordinates of location (optional):** N45 44 15.5 W78 27 11.9

**Topography of under-water approach:** Rocky and shallow beach landing.

**Impediments to disembarking from and/or unloading a canoe:** None during normal summer water levels. Doubtful there'd be an issue at spring water levels either. Strong south-east winds may make the landing rough. Thinly sloped grassy shoreline with scattered rocks.

**Topography of the ascending grade:** Portage begins along a flat grade, descends into a small valley and rises steadily towards Happy Isle over a series of short up/down sections.

**Impediments to moving gear to portage trail:** None. Lots of room up from landing for over 5+ canoes + gear. Landing adequate to support 6 vessels on the water at a time.



View of portage from Opeongo Lake landing to Happy Isle Lake.



Opeongo Lake– Happy Isle Lake portage.

**Landing at:** Happy Isle Lake

**Co-ordinates of location (optional):** N45 44 42.7 W78 28 35.2

**Topography of under-water approach:** Shallow sandy beach landing.

**Impediments to disembarking from and/or unloading a canoe:** None during normal summer water levels. Strong west winds may make the landing rough. Up from beach it's a sloped sandy/earth rooted shoreline.

**Topography of the ascending grade:** Flat for the first 200 meters from landing than a few short rises before a gentle downward slope all the way back to the landing on Opeongo Lake.

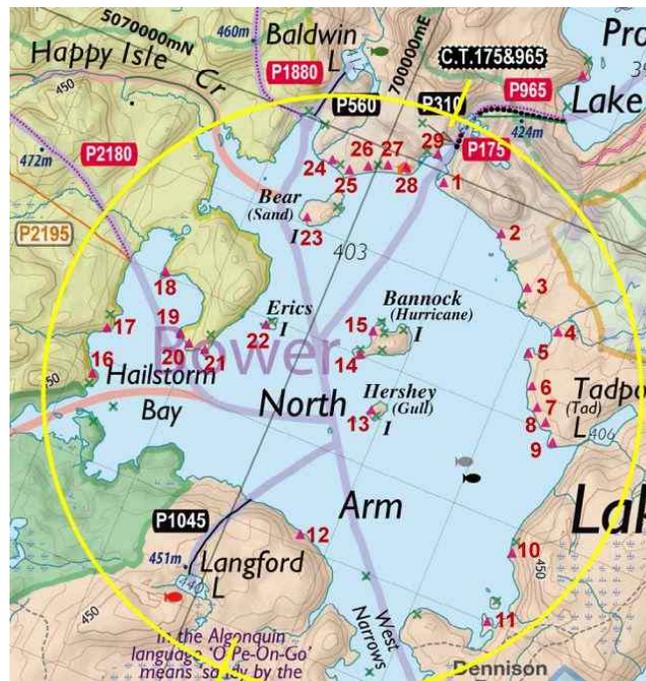
**Impediments to moving gear to portage trail:** None. Space for 6 canoes in the water at time, easily another 6 or more up on shore + gear. There is a flat lunch/snack area up on a white-pine treed knoll and protected from any winds that groups/individuals can use without hindering the passage of other trippers.



Western view from the landing at Happy Isle Lake from Opeongo Lake portage.



Reverse view from the beach landing on Happy Isle Lake of the portage to Opeongo Lake



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