

Hiking Trails Mashkinonge Provincial Park

Atakas Trail	
Location	Mashkinonge Provincial Park in Lavigne
Ownership	MNR - Ontario Parks
Management	Friends of Mashkinonge and Municipality of French River
Length	5.4 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	2
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout, historic cabin, old lumber camp
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

The Atakas Trail transects the rock ridges and valley wetlands. This provides the opportunity to view various forest communities and wetlands. The trail passes meadows (dry pond beds), historic logging operations, a draft-dodger cabin and a wetland, rich with cranberries. Links to 27.7 km of trails networks.

Beckett Lang Trail	
Length	0.3 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	1.5
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

This trail provides an alternate route between the Coastal and Atakas trails. The trail links to 27.7 km of trails networks.

Bobcat Trail	
Length	0.5 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	1.5
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

This trail provides an alternate route between the Heron and Atakas trails. It links to 27.7 km of trails networks.

Coastal Trail	
Length	4.4 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	2.5
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout, scenic bridge
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

This trail follows bedrock ridges along the coast of Lake Nipissing, offering beautiful views of the West Arm. The bridge midway along the trail is a perfect spot for a picnic. The trail links to 27.7 km of trails networks.

Heron Trail

Length	4.9 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	2
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

Meander along rock ridges and take advantage of the many elevated lookouts. View bog species that have been adapted to the special acidic conditions. Great bird watching opportunities exist along the entire route. This trail links to 27.7 km of trails networks.

Lapin Beach Trail

Length	1.4 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	1.5
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

The trail is accessed by boat and begins at a sandy beach. The trail has a healthy black ash swamp and a beaver pond, evidence of changing water levels. Sweet gale, winter holly and speckled alder can be seen along the trail. This trail links to 27.7 km of trails networks.

Loudon Peatland Trail

Length	2.9 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	1.5
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, washrooms, lookout
Surface	moderate, rolling, boardwalk

Description:

The beginnings of this trail and the boardwalk will soon be accessible by wheelchair - perfect for viewing wildlife around the marsh. The trail proceeds to explore a variety of wetland types including the provincially significant Loudon Peatland with its fen border and central bog.

Martin Pond Trail

Length	4 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	2
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

Hike along granite ridges, part of a complex marsh and swamp wetland. This marsh is an indication of what beavers can accomplish. There is always plenty of activity, so be prepared to just sit and watch. This trail links to 27.7 km of trails networks.

Pebble Beach Trail

Length	3.4 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	2.5
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

This trail is accessed by boat or land. The trail traverses bedrock, ridges, winds through forests of jack pine, trembling aspen, red maple, and red oak, giving you views of the West Arm of Lake Nipissing and Mashkinonje Island. The return portion is easier, allowing a gentle stroll along an old logging road. This trail links to 27.7 km of trails networks.

Samoset Trail

Length	3.4 km
Difficulty: 1-easy; 2-moderate; 3-difficult	1.5
Supported Activities	hiking, snowshoeing
Amenities	parking, lookout
Surface	moderate, rolling

Description:

The trail takes you through jack pine forests, along granite ridges, and across lowland red maple and black ash swamps. Be sure to take your binoculars and watch for waterfowl where the trail meets Samoset Creek. You may even see owls roosting in the dead tree stumps in the swamp.

