



Hike the Ministik!

Mandy Lake Parking to Old Shelter



Hike route: Mandy Lake Parking to Old Shelter

Hike Details

Trailhead: Mandy Lake Road Gate

Hike Length: 4 km

Route Type: Out & Back

Difficulty: Rated 40: Easy

Route Colour key

Brown: Road - easy going and the route is always clear.

Green: Usually a well-defined trail, occasionally overgrown.

Blue: Trail often degraded or overgrown, therefore not well-defined at times.

Black: No trail, so navigation is more difficult, yet sometimes a game trail to follow.

Description

This hike takes you along a former road, a rare thing in the Ministik. The going is easy, the navigation simple, which makes this a perfect choice for a starter hike. The final destination is a shelter that has seen better days, but still provides a roof and a place to rest for a while.

Leg 1

Mandy Lake Road Trailhead → Round Shelter

Distance: 2 km

Description

- One aspect of this hike makes it rare among Ministik hikes: the entire hike is along a road. That makes it a great choice for a Ministik starter hike.
- Starting out from the parking spot at "Mandy Lake Road Trailhead" make sure you veer to the right once you pass through the gate.
- You'll wind your way along the old road and first pass an intersection at "Road / Oliver Lake Trail Intersection".
- Continue until you reach "Road meets Big Rock Meadow (W)" where the road degrades somewhat but is still quite easy to follow. The name of the meadow isn't commercial for a beer. You'll pass by a couple of big rocks, one of which just begs to be sat on.
- The path becomes clearer at "Road meets Big Rock Meadow (E)".
- The trail gradually loses elevation just before you pass "Old Cabin", a structure that has definitely seen better days.
- Continue to the final "Round Shelter" waypoint. As you can see, this shelter has also seen better days. But it's a place where you can rest and perhaps even sign a makeshift "log book" to commemorate your visit.
- All that's left to do now is retrace your steps toward the parking spot to the east.
- Congratulations for completing the hike!