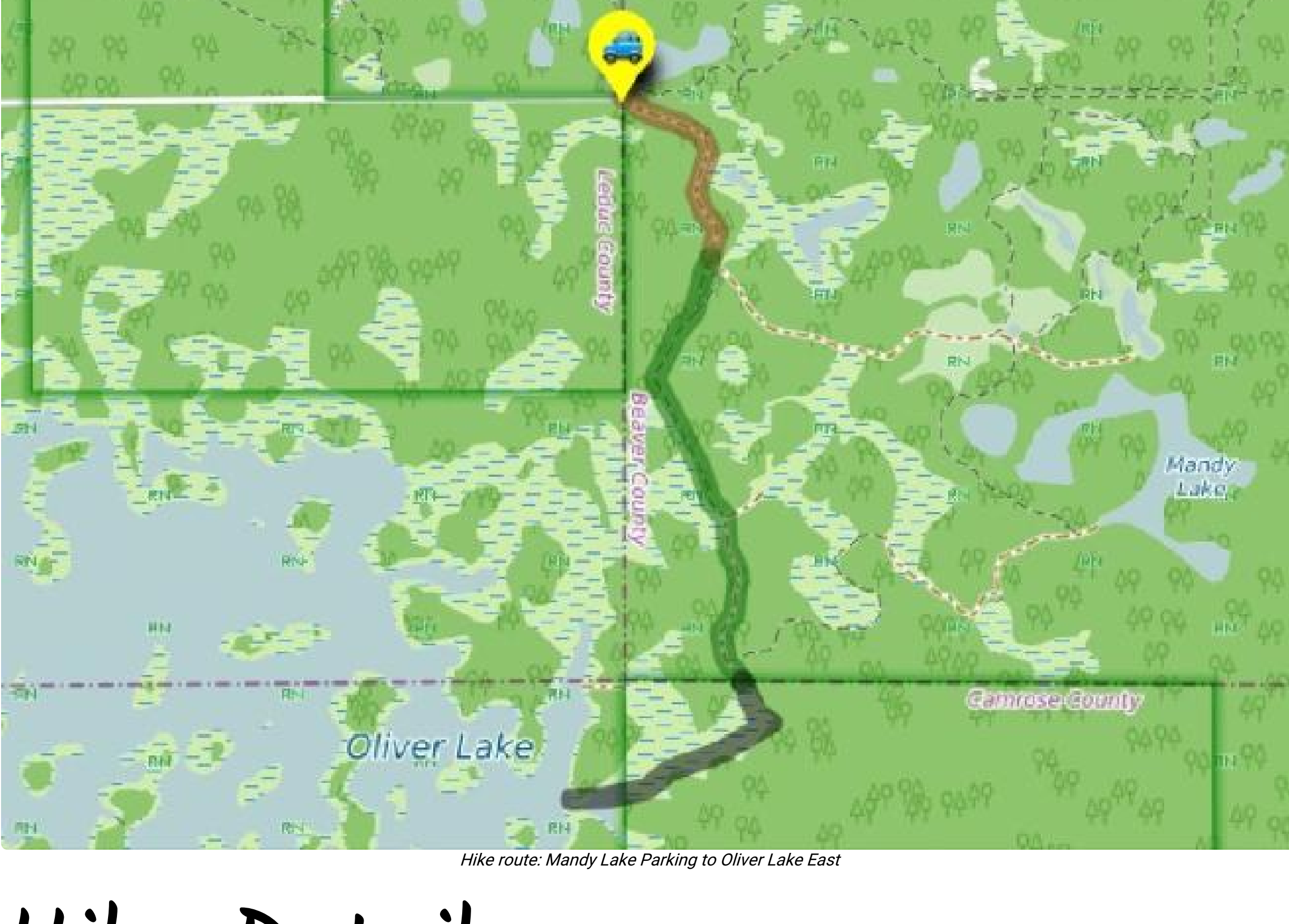




Hike the Ministik!

Mandy Lake Parking to Oliver Lake East



Hike route: Mandy Lake Parking to Oliver Lake East

Hike Details

Trailhead: Mandy Lake Road Gate

Hike Length: 5.4 km

Route Type: Out & Back

Difficulty: Rated 88: Moderate

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 has all sorts of types of terrain to navigate: it starts out on a road, transitions to a fairly good trail, and ends in a meadow that you'll need to navigate without the help of a trail. But the end goal will take you to the shoreline of a quiet lake decidedly away from civilization.

Leg 1

Mandy Lake Road Trailhead → Road / Oliver Lake Trail Intersection

Distance: 608 m

Accumulated Distance: 608 m

Description

- 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 come to an intersection "Road / Oliver Lake Trail Intersection".
- Here we bear right at the intersection, leaving the road.

Leg 2

Road / Oliver Lake Trail Intersection → Trail meets meadow

Distance: 1.3 km

Accumulated Distance: 1.908 km

Description

- The trail along this section is usually easy to follow because it's often used as a sled trail in the winter.
- The trail skirts the edge of what used to be a large body of water. These days it's a grassy area dotted with cattails.
- Make your way south to the "Trail meets meadow" waypoint where you'll come to another open meadow.

Leg 3

Trail meets meadow → Oliver Lake Shoreline

Distance: 743 m

Accumulated Distance: 2.651 km

Description

- Continue straight ahead using the track to guide you. You'll pass through an open fence and after you do, turn right (west).
- Make your way across the open, sometimes hummocky ground until you reach the "Oliver Lake Shoreline" waypoint.
- Enjoy the solitude of the area.
- When you're ready, retrace your steps to the given waypoints in reverse order until you reach the "Mandy Lake Road Trailhead" again.
- Congratulations on exploring off the "beaten path" in the Ministik!