

Trail Name
Penetanguishene Trail

Location
Penetanguishene

Trail Locator
Overhead Bridge Rd., Town Dock

Nearest Town
Penetanguishene

TRAIL DETAILS

Main Trail

5.5 Km.

Difficulty

Easy

Surface

Paved

Terrain

Level but some hills

Suitability

Walking, Wheel

Chair, Stroller,

Snowshoeing,

Roller Blading,

Biking

Parking

Town Dock, Arena,

Penetanguishene

Rotary Park

Washrooms

Town Dock and

Waterfront Park

Refreshments

Penetanguishene

Map

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Trails in Area

Mid Pen, Midland

Rotary Waterfront,

Tiny, Awenda.

Place of the White Rolling Sands*



Penetanguishene Trail

A vital Trans Canada Trail link between Tiny Trail and the Midland Rotary Waterfront Trail. Two other trails also branch from the main trail including the Copeland Creek Trail and the Discovery Harbour Trail. Penetanguishene's trails lead to points of interest along the waterfront and are never far from amenities. While exploring these trails, you are also experiencing the history of this area including Samuel de Champlain, Etienne Brule and the Huron Nation.

POINTS OF INTEREST

1. **Discovery Harbour:** a re-creation of a British Naval base which was built around 1817.
2. **Discovery Harbour Trail:** 3 km starts from the Historic Port of Penetanguishene.
3. **Historic Port of Penetanguishene:** There is a picnic shelter beside the town dock. The waterfront used to be a focal point for industry and logging while it is now a marine recreational centre. Sit and enjoy views of the harbour before starting out on the trail.
4. The trail follows the historic streets of Penetanguishene meeting up with the **Mid Pen Link** that joins the Midland Trail system.
5. **Regeneration Area:** As part of the revitalization of the waterfront, this storage pond was created which is now a natural habitat area with a viewing platform.
6. **Views of Penetanguishene Bay:** See shoreline areas that were naturalized to prevent Canada Geese polluting the area.
7. **Playground**
8. **Beach volleyball court and basketball courts.**
9. **Skateboard Park:** which is adjacent to the beach, playground, picnic shelter and washrooms.
10. **Robert Street West:** The trail crosses and follows the abandoned rail line through a residential area, passing an open park with playground.
11. **Copeland Creek Side Trail:** Trail starts at west end of rest area - 1.25 Km partly on board walks meandering through marshland.
12. **Overhead Bridge Road Tunnel:** The trail goes through a tunnel and joining a beautiful section of trail going through a mixed forest before meeting with the Tiny Trail. This is marked with an interpretive sign and bridge crossing Copeland Creek.

*The name Penetanguishene is believed to come from the Abernaki (Algonquian) language meaning, "the place of the white rolling sands."

