

Trail 11: Nearys Pond and Western Round Pond Loop

Trail Classification	Type 1
Trail Rating	Easy
Approximate Distance	2.3km
Targeted User Groups	Walkers, Bikers, Snowshoers, Cross-country Skiers
Priority Level	High
Opportunities	Residents expressed the desire for more recreational trails within the community. Nearys Pond and Western Round Pond provide the opportunity for a waterside recreational trail in a natural setting. There is space near the Round Pond Road trailhead to develop additional parking.
Challenges	The pond is surrounded by private property, much of which is currently undeveloped. The trail must be constructed within the pond protection buffer so care would have to be taken to create a trail route that considers potential flood conditions.



Existing trail






















Existing trail at Round Pond Road



View of Nearys Pond

Legend

	Proposed Trail		Wetland
	Existing Developed Trail		Pond and 30m Protection Buffer
	Existing Trail (Outside Town Boundaries)		Property Lines
	Proposed Improved Pedestrian Experience (see page 34 for more info)		Trail Number
	Existing Sidewalk		Proposed Parking Area
	Existing Road		Existing Parking Area
	Town Boundary Line		Boardwalk Likely Required
	Watercourse and 15m Protection Buffer		Stairs Likely Required
	Steep Slopes		Bridge Likely Required
			Crosswalk Required

Trail 12: Nearys Pond Road to Mercers Road

Trail Classification	Type 2
Trail Rating	Easy
Approximate Distance	1.3km
Targeted User Groups	Walkers, Bikers, Snowshoers, Cross-country Skiers
Priority Level	Medium
Opportunities	This trail would provide another north-south connection in the community, which is currently lacking. It would also help connect the future trail around Nearys Pond and Western Round Pond to Portugal Cove Road.
Challenges	Some bridges or boardwalks may be required near the marsh-like area at Mercers Road. The trail would have to be partially constructed within the river protection buffer so care would have to be taken to create a trail route that considers potential flood conditions.



Existing Recreation Area at Start of Trail

Trail 13: Princes Mountain Lookout

Trail Classification	Type 1
Trail Rating	Easy or Moderate
Approximate Distance	0.6km
Targeted User Groups	Walkers, Snowshoers
Priority Level	High
Opportunities	This trail is existing and provides access to Princes Lookout, which provides great views of the community and Conception Bay. Upgrading the trail to make it more accessible would allow more residents and visitors to appreciate the views without having to hike the East Coast Trail to access them. Since this trail is not a part of the East Coast Trail, upgrading it will not negatively impact the Trail.
Challenges	There is a very small parking area on Princes Mountain Drive. Additional parking may be required in the surrounding area if the trail is upgraded and marketed as an accessible trail.



Parking Area on Princes Mountain Drive

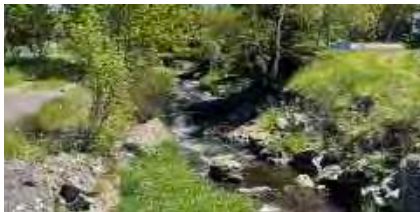


Existing Trail



View from Lookout on East Coast Trail

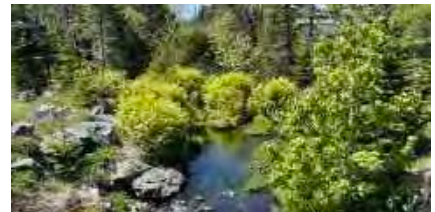
Trail 14: Main River	
Trail Classification	Type 1
Trail Rating	Easy or Moderate
Approximate Distance	3km
Targeted User Groups	Walkers, Snowshoers
Priority Level	High
Opportunities	This trail was highly desired by residents as it creates a route that runs parallel to Portugal Cove Road and connects to Voisey's Brook Park. It would offer pedestrians a safe and pleasant route along the river. Main River is a protected Management Unit under the Municipal Habitat Stewardship Agreement. Trail development is allowed in these areas as long as they promote the protection of these areas and are respectful of the land during development.
Challenges	A high level of effort is required to construct this trail due to dense vegetation and encroachment on the river by private properties. This trail would have to be constructed within the river protection buffer and care would have to be taken to create a trail route that considers potential flood conditions. There is not much available space along the route for parking. Residents along the river might feel an infringement on their privacy with this trail route.



Main River at Legion Road






















Main River at Loop Drive



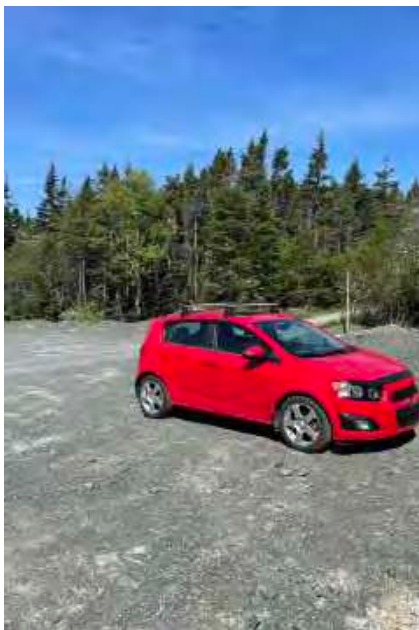
Main River at Indian Meal Line

Legend

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	Existing Developed Trail		Pond and 30m Protection Buffer
	Existing Trail (Outside Town Boundaries)		Property Lines
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	Existing Sidewalk		Proposed Parking Area
	Existing Road		Existing Parking Area
	Town Boundary Line		Boardwalk Likely Required
	Watercourse and 15m Protection Buffer		Stairs Likely Required
	Steep Slopes		Bridge Likely Required
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Trail 15: Blast Hole Ponds Conservation Area

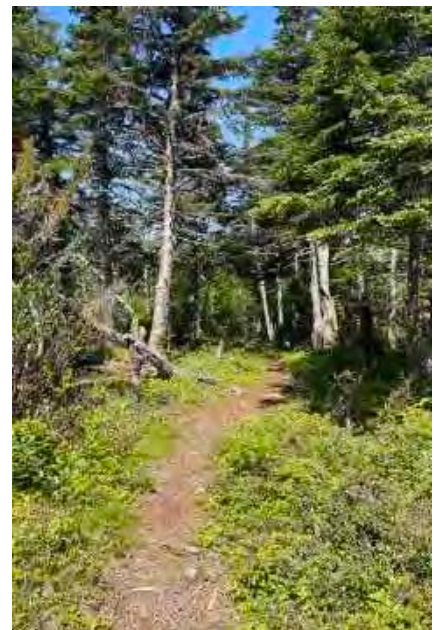
Trail Classification	Type 2
Trail Rating	Moderate
Approximate Distance	3km
Targeted User Groups	Hikers, Snowshoers, Cross-country Skiers
Priority Level	Medium
Opportunities	Blast Hole Ponds is a protected Management Unit under the Municipal Habitat Stewardship Agreement. Trail development is allowed and encouraged in these areas as long as they promote the protection of these areas and are respectful of the land during development. This area is currently used for passive recreation activities such as hiking, and upgrading the trail system in this area would provide another recreation opportunity within the community. This trail system also provides another connection point to the East Coast Trail. There is an existing parking area that can be re-developed to accommodate trail users.
Challenges	There are some wet and steep areas that will require infrastructure such as boardwalks, stairs, and bridges. There are private properties near Blast Hole Pond River that should be avoided. It is clear that ATVs are active in this area. Building purpose-built ATV trails in this area may not be feasible, and therefore it is recommended that ATV use be discouraged in this area to help protect the natural environment of the conservation area.



Parking area at end of Anglican Cemetery Road



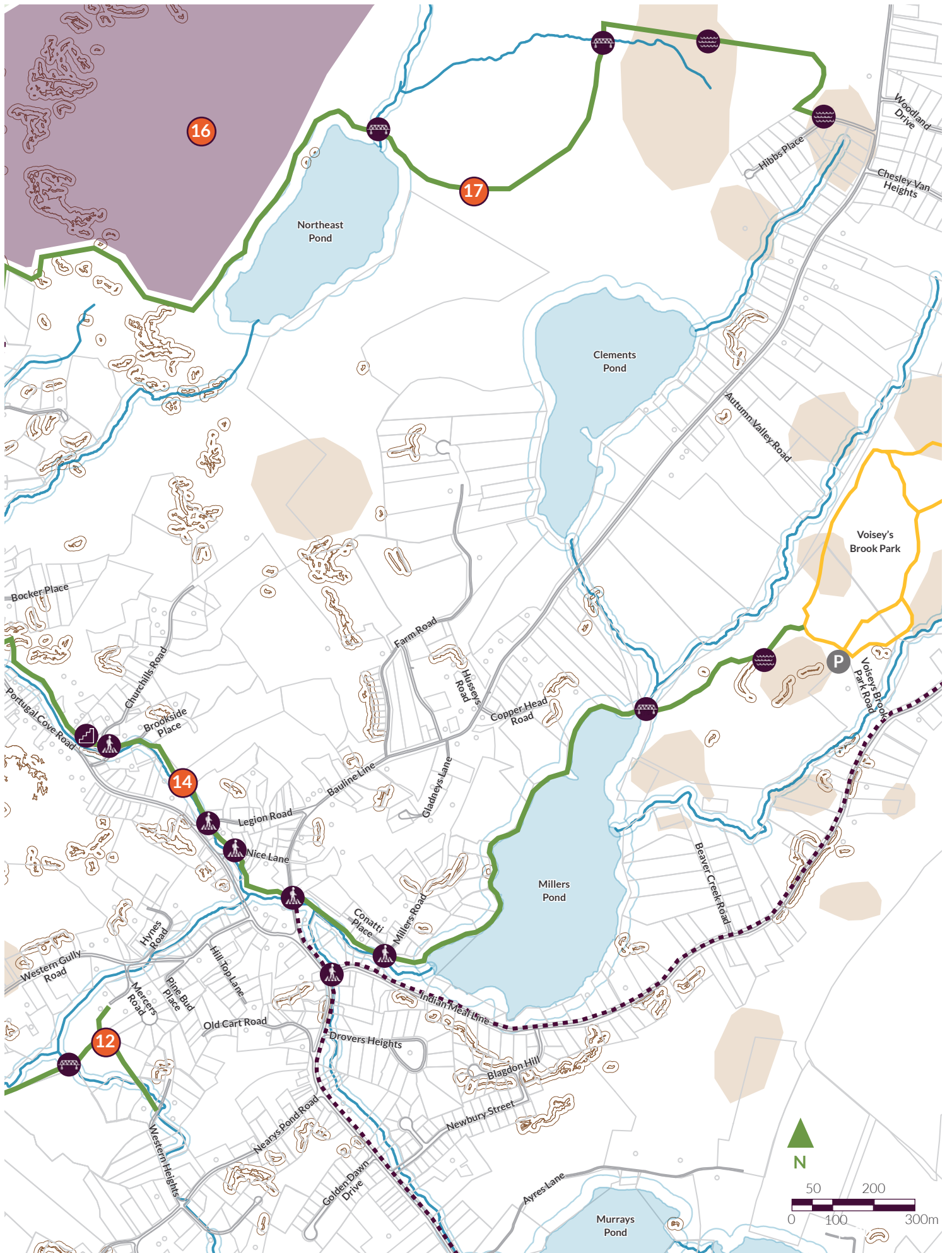
View of Blast Holes Pond

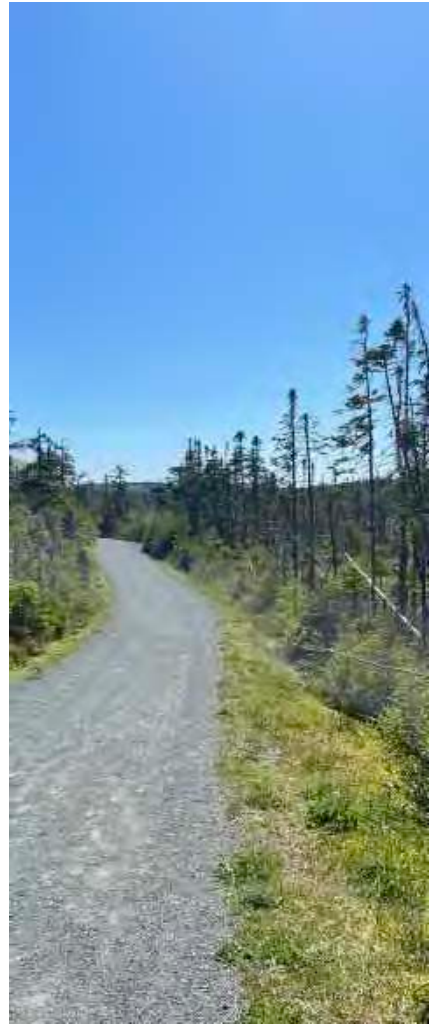


Existing trail

Trail 16: Blast Hole Ponds Mountain Biking Area	
Trail Classification	Mountain Biking
Trail Rating	N/A
Approximate Distance	To Be Determined
Targeted User Groups	Bikers
Priority Level	High
Opportunities	During community engagement, many people expressed the desire for purpose-built mountain biking trails. There are many mountain bikers in the surrounding area that would like to see a trail system in this area and mountain biking is becoming a tourism draw in Atlantic Canada as well. The Town should approach the Avalon Mountain Biking Association to discuss trail options for this area. The shaded area on the map visually represents an area similar in size to the East White Hills mountain biking trail system in St. John's. This mountain biking trail system, paired with Trail 15 offers a valuable recreation opportunity within the town.
Challenges	There has been feedback that mountain biking trails in this area would negatively effect the conservation area. As a part of this project, a high-level review of the environmental impacts of mountain biking was conducted. The findings suggest that as long as the trails are developed in a purposeful, informed, and thoughtful way, the negative impact on the environment should be minimal. The proposed location is also outside of the conservation area, to ensure protection of that area.




















Trail 17: Blast Hole Ponds to Bauline Line	
Trail Classification	Type 2
Trail Rating	Moderate
Approximate Distance	2.7km
Targeted User Groups	Hikers, Bikers, Snowshoers, Cross-country Skiers
Priority Level	Low
Opportunities	This trail would provide a connection from the Bauline Line neighbourhoods to Blast Hole Ponds and would provide an additional nature trail in the northern part of the community.
Challenges	Bridge and boardwalk infrastructure will likely be required to develop this trail.

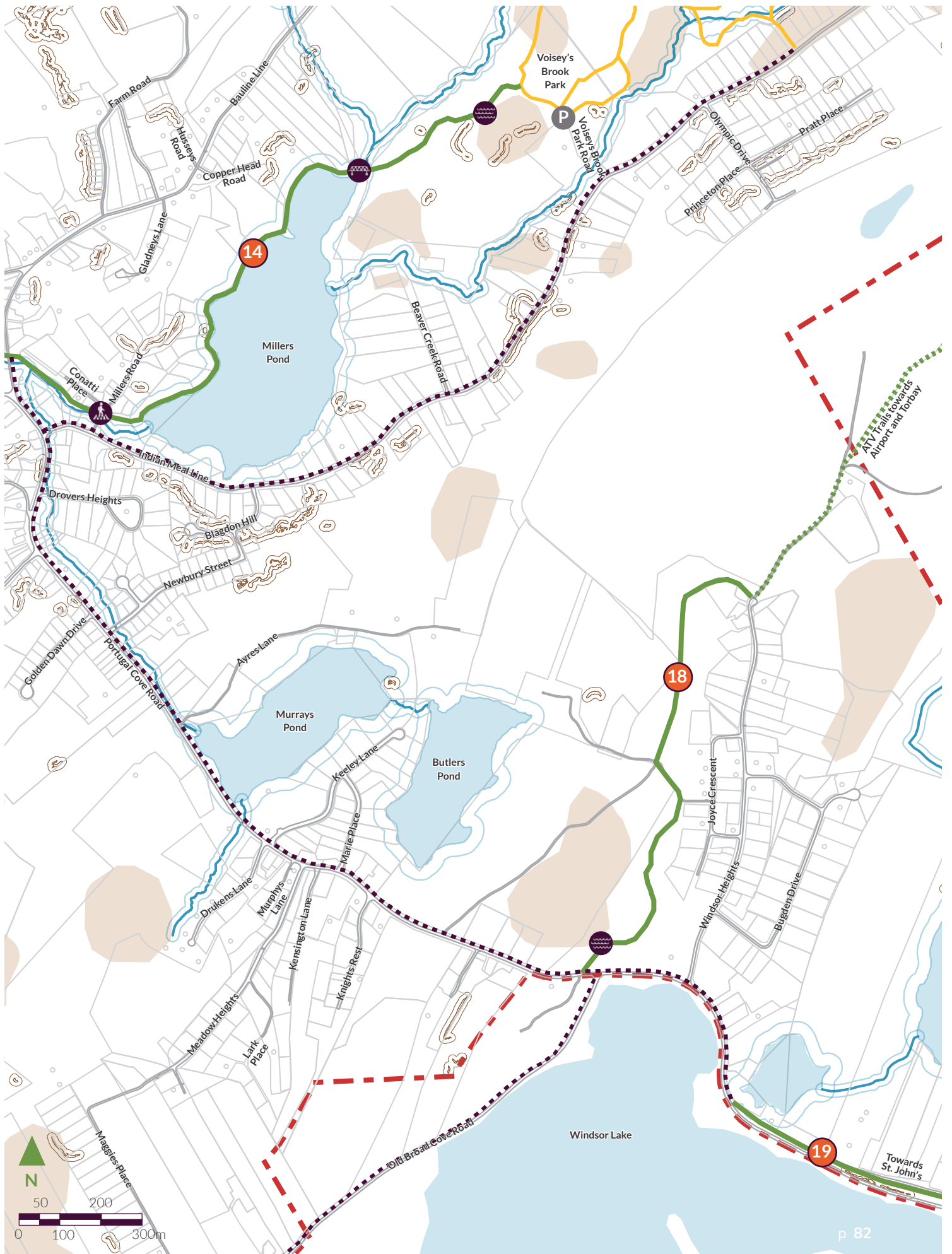




Voisey's Brook Park

Legend

-  Proposed Trail
-  Existing Developed Trail
-  Existing Trail (Outside Town Boundaries)
-  Proposed Improved Pedestrian Experience
(see page 34 for more info)
-  Existing Sidewalk
-  Existing Road
-  Town Boundary Line
-  Watercourse and 15m Protection Buffer
-  Steep Slopes
-  Wetland
-  Pond and 30m Protection Buffer
-  Property Lines
-  Trail Number
-  Proposed Parking Area
-  Existing Parking Area
-  Boardwalk Likely Required
-  Stairs Likely Required
-  Bridge Likely Required
-  Crosswalk Required



Trail 18: Portugal Cove Road to Windsor Heights

Trail Classification	ATV
Trail Rating	N/A
Approximate Distance	1.2km
Targeted User Groups	ATVs
Priority Level	Medium
Opportunities	This trail is mostly existing and can be upgraded to facilitate ATV access to the existing trails that run from Windsor Heights towards the airport and Torbay.
Challenges	Some wet areas will require re-grading or boardwalks to develop this trail.






















Existing trail



Existing trail

Legend

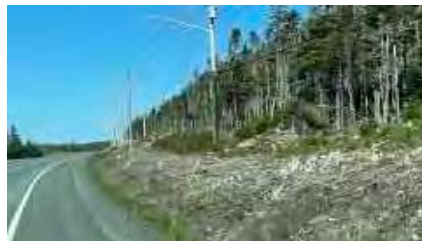
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-  Proposed Parking Area
-  Existing Parking Area
-  Boardwalk Likely Required
-  Stairs Likely Required
-  Bridge Likely Required
-  Crosswalk Required

Trail 19: Portugal Cove Road Pole Line

Trail Classification	Type 1
Trail Rating	Easy
Approximate Distance	1.2km
Targeted User Groups	Walkers, Bikers, Snowshoers, Cross-country Skiers
Priority Level	Low
Opportunities	Residents expressed the desire to have a shared use trail that connects to St. John's via the existing pole line. A new pole line was recently installed and residents believe the opportunity exists to install a trail within the easement.
Challenges	This would have to be a joint venture with the City of St. John's, as a majority of the pole line crosses into their city limits. The Town should not develop their portion of the trail until there is confirmation that it can be completed to connect to the Grand Concourse Trail system in Airport Heights. Discussions would also have to take place with NL Power to determine if a shared use trail is an acceptable use in this type of easement. The trail would take a high level of effort to develop. Although the area has been cleared of vegetation, there are large grade changes and rock outcrops that would have to be addressed.



Existing pole line



Existing pole line

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