

The route consists of two lakes and adjoining sections of river and meadow, offering a wide variety of paddling opportunities. Access to the route can be found at four Entry, Exit Points, allowing for flexibility in trip planning. The lakes form part of the Nova Scotia Power Nictaux Development, and water levels are subject to fluctuation with the demands of power generation. McGill Lake can be enjoyed on its own, or the paddler may wish to also include Big Molly Upsim Lake, which is listed in this guide as part of Route 14, Lake Alma. Both McGill Lake and Big Molly Upsim Lake are susceptible to unfavourable wind conditions, so caution and attention to weather conditions is advised.

**Length:** 17 km  
**Time:** 1-2 days

**Approach:** South from Middleton 28 km along Highway No. 10 to Albany Cross and intersection of West Dalhousie Road and Old Liverpool Road.

## Entry, Exit Points:

Shannon River: East from Albany Cross 1 km along Highway No. 10 to Shannon River. Launch on right (SOUTH) side of highway at Shannon River Canoe Access Park.

McGill Lake: South from Albany Cross 3.7 km along Old Liverpool Road to McGill Lake. Launch at lake shore.

The Curl Hole: South from Albany Cross 6 km along Old Liverpool Road to McGill Lake and intersection of road to the Curl Hole. Right (WEST) along road 1.2 km to Big Molly Upsim Lake. Launch at lake shore.

Kelly Bridge: West from Albany Cross 3 km along West Dalhousie Road to Kelly Bridge. Launch on left (SOUTH) side of bridge at Kelly Brook.

## Parking:

Shannon River: On right (SOUTH) side of Highway No. 10, at Shannon River Canoe Access Park.

McGill Lake: On either side of causeway, at side of Halfway Road.

The Curl Hole: At launch area.

Kelly Bridge: On north side of road in clearing.

**Landmarks:** 1. Shannon River Canoe Access Park

**Route Classification:** Intermediate

## Portage Information:

1. 100 m On right (WEST) side of river. Launch above dam.
2. Navigable in moderate to high water conditions. May require lining and short lifts in low water.
3. Very short carry at dam.

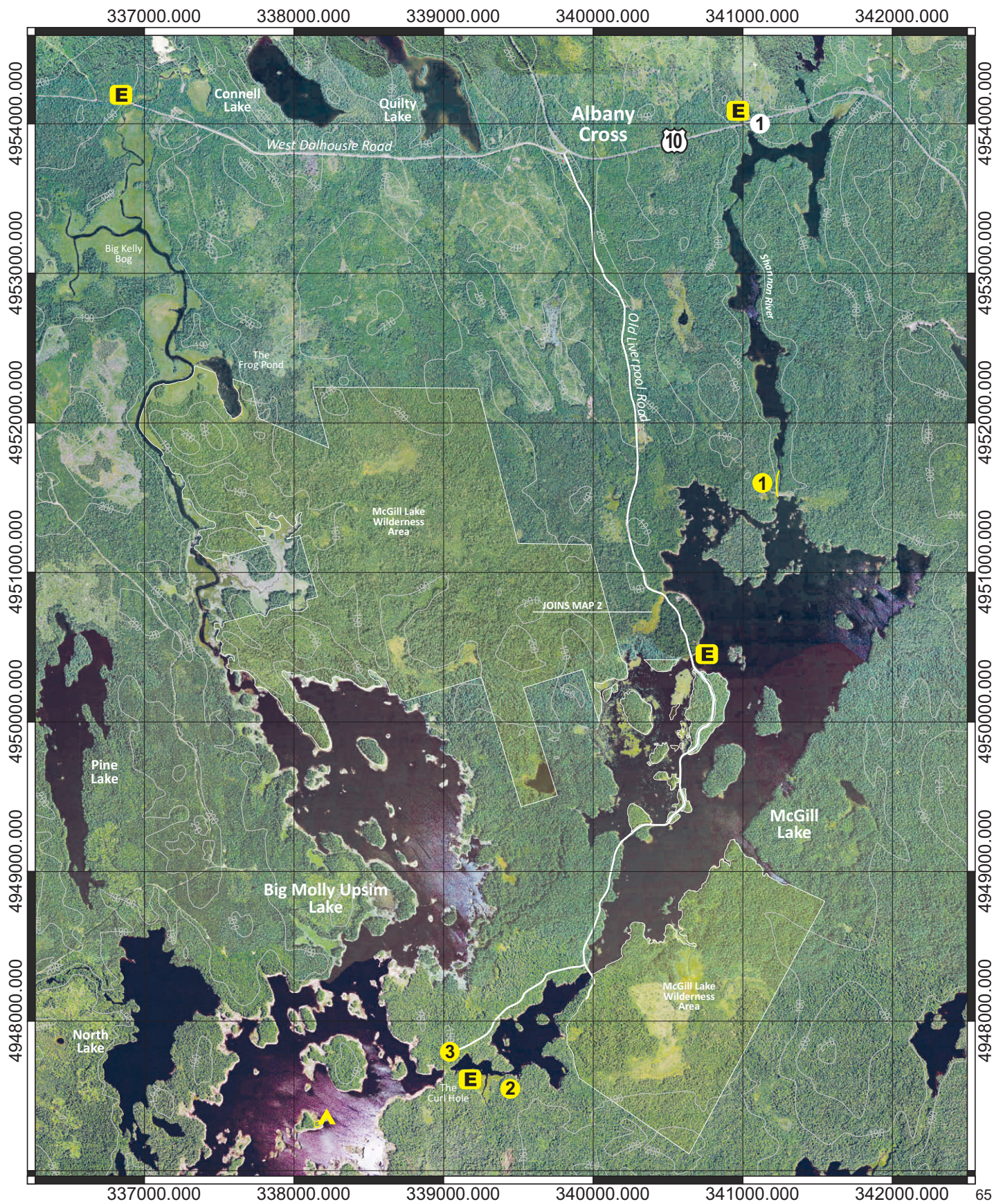


# McGill Lake



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# Route 15, Map 1

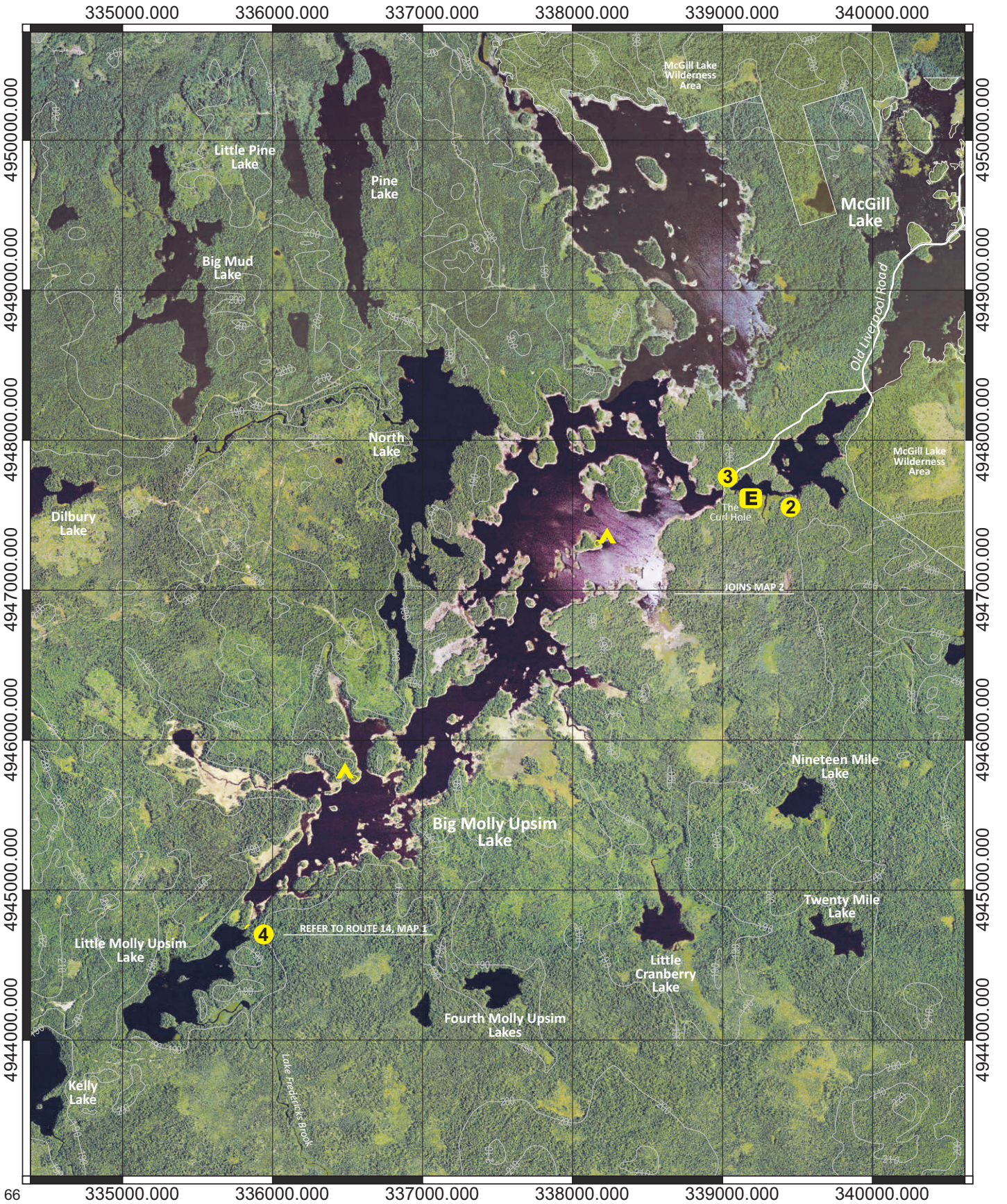




McGill Lake



Route 15, Map 2





# Disclaimer

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We recommend that users approach all canoe routes and wilderness tent areas in a safe and responsible manner, and conduct visual inspections whenever possible and practical.

Conditions can change through fluctuating water levels, addition of natural debris, and commercial logging activity.

As we are not the owners of any of these lands or routes, any special arrangements must be made directly with the owners and you are accountable to them for any damage, loss or other problems that you may cause.

Although the information in this guide is believed to be accurate, we assume no liability for any errors or omissions that may exist, or for changes that may have occurred on the routes after the publication of this guide.

We recommend, as a supplement to the information herein, that you use Natural Resources Canada 1:50,000 topographical series maps of the general canoe routes.

Annapolis County Recreation Services requests that you read the sections on Safety, Equipment, Trip Planning and Wilderness Ethics before you travel on the lakes and waterways of the region.

Always tell someone where you are going and when you are returning. Please be aware that many portages/canoe carries are not marked.

## Map Legend

Entry, Exit Point



Landmark



Portage



River Section



Rapids



Existing Tentsite



Beach



Highway 101, Exit



Public Highway



Highlighted for clarity:



Municipal Boundary



Contour/ Elevation



Grid North



Grid Line



Scale Bar

