

This route connects Route 4, the Milford Lakes system and Route 13, the Lake Alma system. It is the access route to the West Branch Medway River, and is one of two access routes to the East Branch Medway River. The route consists of five lakes, two streams, and several portages; three of which are of considerable length. It lies entirely within lands owned by the province of Nova Scotia, formerly the Medway District lands of Bowater Mersey Paper Company.

Past and present forestry activity is evident along the portages, which in most cases follow forest roads and trails. The lakes are undeveloped, offering many sandy beaches and secluded paddling. There are many intersecting access roads in the area; attention to directions and pacing of distances while on the portages is advised.

The route crosses the Medway Lakes Wilderness Area, where vehicle access is restricted. Vehicle access in Crown land areas where commercial forestry operations are being carried out may also be restricted.

Length: 18 km
Time: 2 days

Approach:

Milford Lakes: South from Annapolis Royal approximately 28 km along Highway No. 8 to Lake Munroe and the entry/exit point to Route 4, Milford Lakes. Follow Route 4 to First Branch Lake, turning easterly into Thomas Cove.

Lake Alma: South from Middleton approximately 30 km along Highway No. 10 to Albany Cross, and intersection of West Dalhousie Road. Turn right (WEST) and follow West Dalhousie Road approximately 3 km to Big Kelly bridge entry/exit point. Follow Route 14 to Lake Alma.

Entry, Exit Points:

Thomas Cove: On north side of cove at beginning of Portage No. 1.

Lake Alma: On west side of Lake Alma, at the Randolph Stream.

Landmarks:

1. Old mill site and sawdust pile.
2. Remains of wooden dam at bridge.

Route Classification: Intermediate

Portage Information:

- 1: 2.6 km On north side of Thomas Cove. Carry along trail and continue through old cutover 300 m to intersection of access road. Turn right (NORTHWEST) and follow road 70 m to intersection of second access road. Continue across second road, following older road 1000m to end. Follow trail 500 m to Frog Lake and launch at old mill site.
- 2: 334 m On right (EAST) side of Bear Lake Runs.
- 3: 68 m On left (WEST) side of Bear Lake Runs.
- 4: 870 m At sand beach in cove on northeast side of Bear Lake. Carry along road 350 m to intersection with logging road at top of hill. Turn right (SOUTHWEST) and carry along road 200 m to pile of stones on left (NORTHEAST) side of road. Carry along trail through old cutover and woods 250 m to George Lake. **Caution:** Trail from road to lake not well marked or maintained.

- 5: 55 m On right (WEST) side of stream
- 6: 120 m On right (SOUTH) side of stream. Carry across logging road and launch in pool.
- 7: 165 m On left (NORTH) side of stream. Not marked.
- 8: 2070 m Turn left (EAST) on logging road and follow to a branch in the road. Keep left and continue NORTH and NORTHEAST to end of road. Carry through to Third Croker Lake (section from road end to lake is not marked).
- 9: 700 m Carry from stream to logging road (section not marked). Continue 40 m SOUTH along road to a blazed trail on left (EAST) side of road. Follow trail East and SOUTH to stream.
- 10. Entry Point to Route 21, East Branch Medway River
- 11. Entry Point to Route 14, Lake Alma

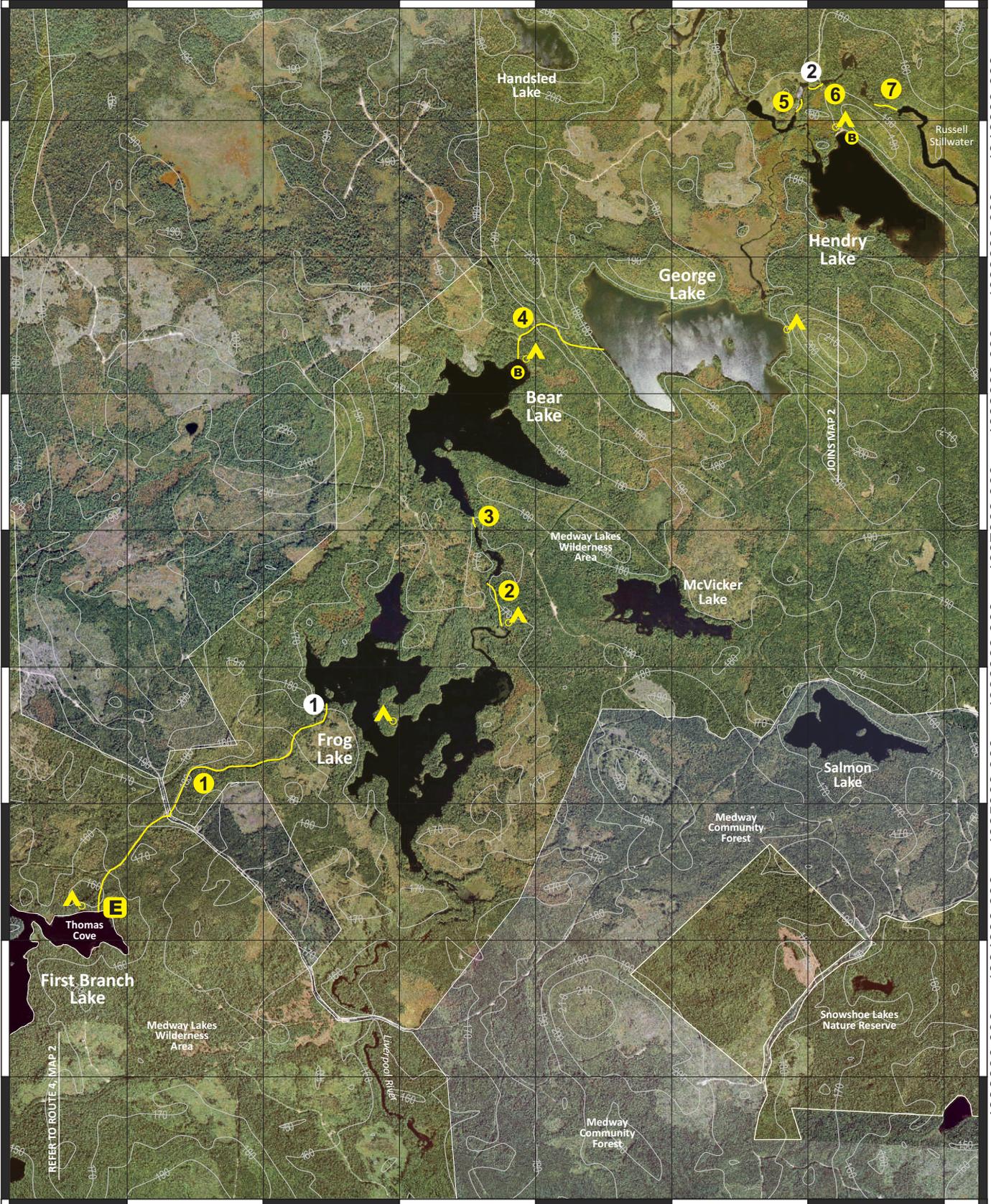
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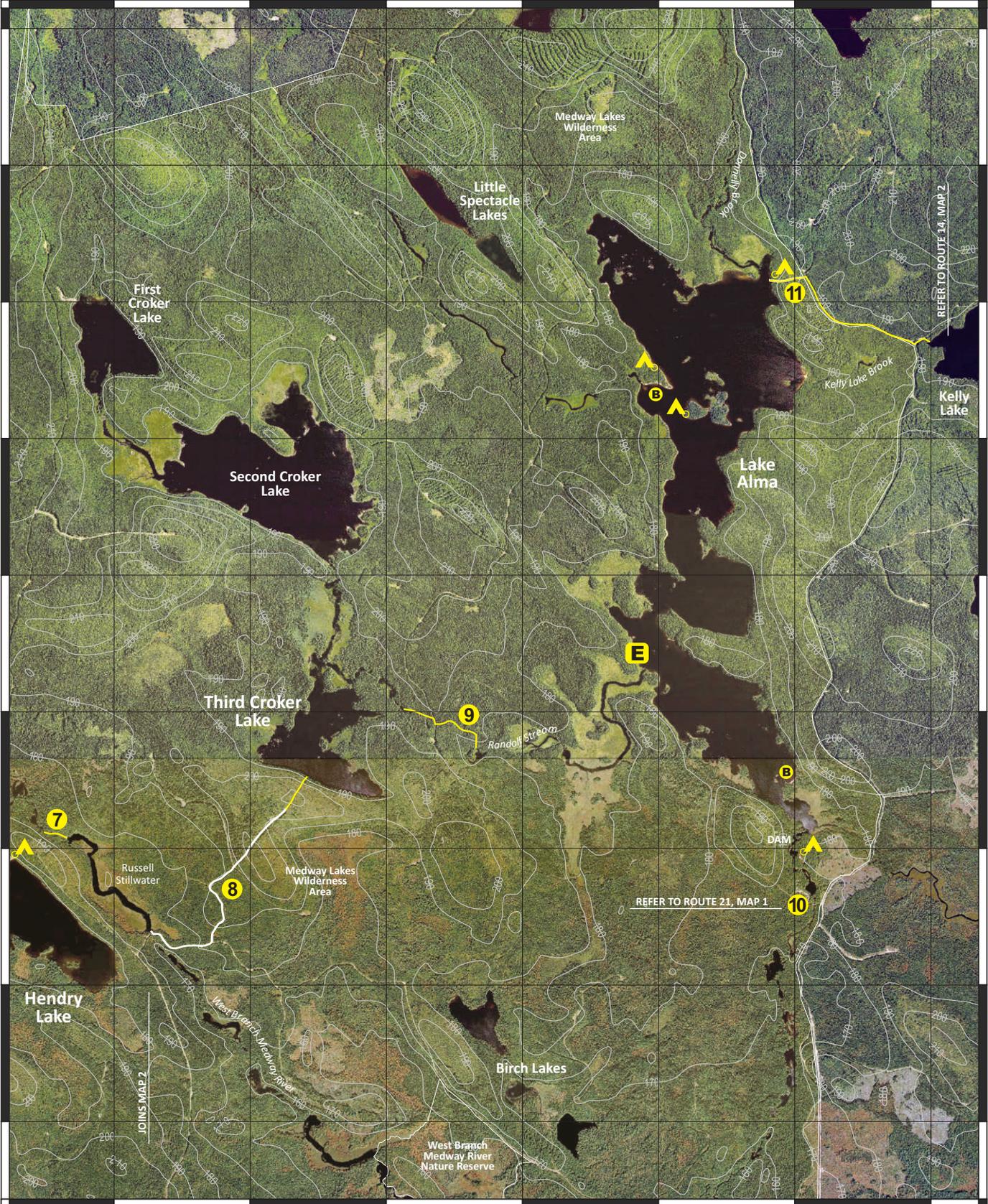
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The Municipality of the County of Annapolis does not have control over the canoe routes, portages or wilderness tent areas listed in this guide, and therefore assumes no responsibility for the safety of the canoeist paddling the route, walking the portage, or using the wilderness tent areas.

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

