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Calabogie Mapper Notes

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Calabogie Mapper Notes

The Calabogie map was made through 2023 and into 2024. The most recent updates were done within 3 weeks of the races. Read on for our mapper's notes on the terrain and mapping.

From the Mapper

The full Calabogie map is 6.5 sq km and consists of three distinct sections. To the south and east is the Manitou Mountain which has a mix of oak forest up high and on the north slopes and mixed deciduous forest elsewhere. In the northeast is the Calabogie Peaks Ski Resort. West of Calabogie Peaks is a somewhat flatter area with varied forest types and a network of ATV and hiking trails.

While there is some beautiful open forest the woods are generally nice but a little scrappy due to a combination of younger trees, fallen branches, stone, and juniper all contributing to slowing your running speed at varying times. Depending on the terrain and mapping style you're used to you may feel like the forest is a little greener than is shown on the map. Know however that the vegetation mapping is intentional and consistent. White forest ranges from fast to medium fast (80% runnability) and light green is only introduced when the running speed truly drops below 80%. The nature of the forest is such that there aren't many abrupt changes between slower and faster forest so where there is light green the white in the area will be closer to 80% runnability. The more open forest is distinguishable because there is no green to be seen. Keep this in mind when choosing your routes.

Green slash represents either low juniper bushes or downed trees and branches.

There are a huge number of cliffs on the map and it is important to know how the different symbols are used. Impassable cliffs are very significant and in most cases are dangerous to attempt to cross. Passable cliffs range from 1 to 2.5 meters high. There are also lots of smaller rock ledges that are not on the map but the ones that are, are prominent and reliable.

On the ski hill portion of the map there are a variety of man-made features including ski lifts, snow machines, small buildings, and more. A few specific notes:








There are water pipes running up and down the ski hill. Where these are obvious and will slow runners down if crossing them they are mapped using the prominent linear feature symbol. If they are on the ground or otherwise minor they are not mapped.

There are two types of snow machines as seen in the photos. The ones on the left are mapped with the man-made black circle. The ones on the right are not mapped.

There is lots of beaver activity in the area. Beaver huts and beaver dams are marked with special symbols (see below). Beaver dams are generally crossable. There are also sections of forest around these huts and dams with cut beaver stumps that are very sharp. These are not marked on the map in any special way but do be careful not to trip over these stumps. You can see an example of one these areas in the following image.



Special symbols list:

Symbol, Description of Feature	Map sample		Symbol, Description of Feature	Map sample
Black X Ruined car, other item			Brown triangle Beaver hut	
Black O Snow machine (see photo above)			Earth wall in water Beaver dam	
Prominent linear feature Water pipe on ski hill			Broken ground with rough open clearing Piled logs (see photo)	
Green X Root stock, 1.8m high or larger				



Ruined car



Piled Logs