

CASTLE ROCK

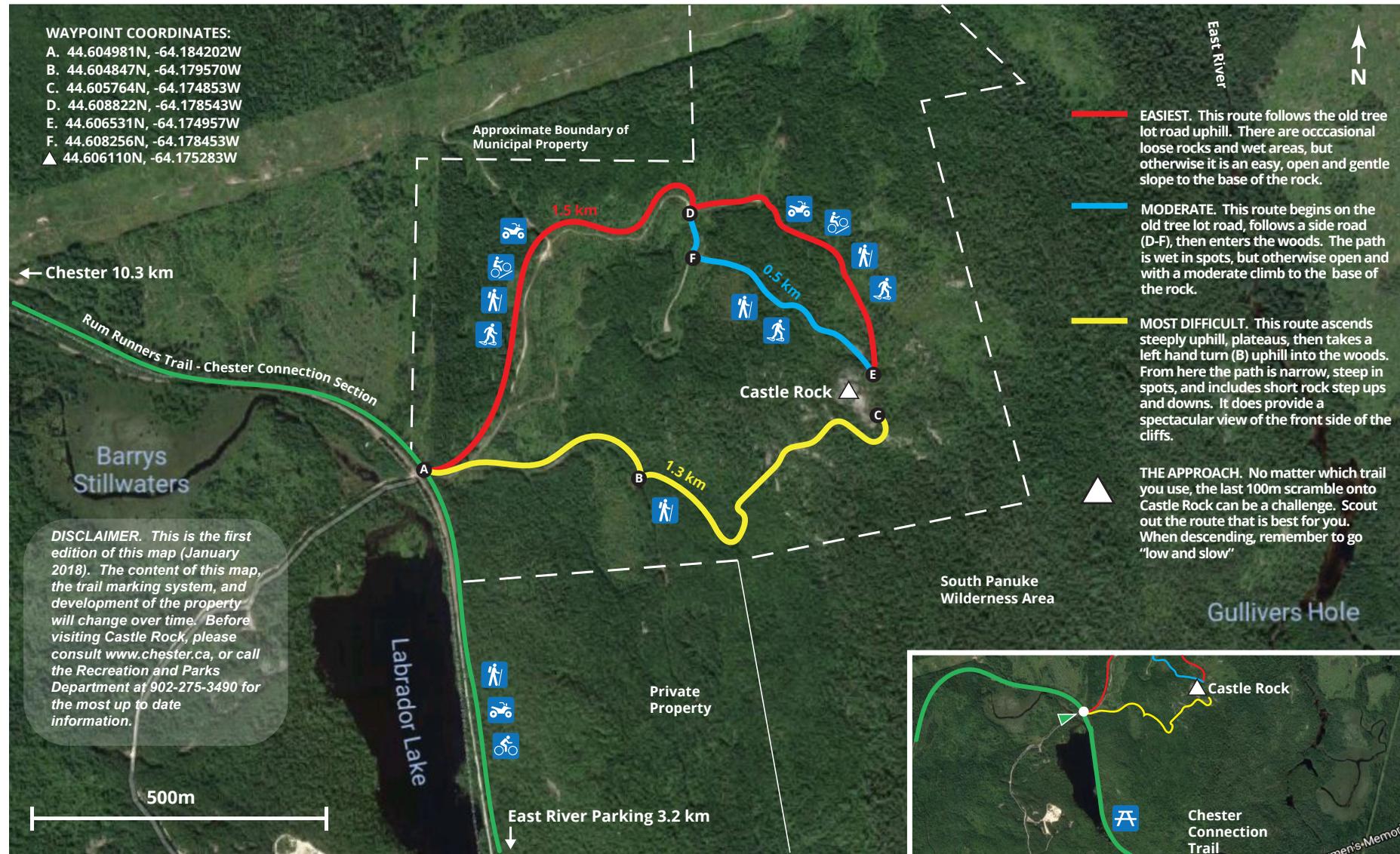
The Municipality of Chester's Newest Gem



Photo: Linda Attaway

Hike, bike, and ATV to the heights of East River with panoramic views across all of Mahone Bay

WAYPOINT COORDINATES:
 A. 44.604981N, -64.184202W
 B. 44.604847N, -64.179570W
 C. 44.605764N, -64.174853W
 D. 44.608822N, -64.178543W
 E. 44.606531N, -64.174957W
 F. 44.608256N, -64.178453W
 ▲ 44.606110N, -64.175283W



DISCLAIMER. This is the first edition of this map (January 2018). The content of this map, the trail marking system, and development of the property will change over time. Before visiting Castle Rock, please consult www.chester.ca, or call the Recreation and Parks Department at 902-275-3490 for the most up to date information.

- **EASIEST.** This route follows the old tree lot road uphill. There are occasional loose rocks and wet areas, but otherwise it is an easy, open and gentle slope to the base of the rock.
 - **MODERATE.** This route begins on the old tree lot road, follows a side road (D-F), then enters the woods. The path is wet in spots, but otherwise open and with a moderate climb to the base of the rock.
 - **MOST DIFFICULT.** This route ascends steeply uphill, plateaus, then takes a left hand turn (B) uphill into the woods. From here the path is narrow, steep in spots, and includes short rock step ups and downs. It does provide a spectacular view of the front side of the cliffs.
- ▲ **THE APPROACH.** No matter which trail you use, the last 100m scramble onto Castle Rock can be a challenge. Scout out the route that is best for you. When descending, remember to go "low and slow"

- Trail Kiosk
- Bicycle trail
- Parking
- Mountain Bike appropriate
- Picnic area
- Snowshoeing
- Hiking
- All-terrain vehicle

Follow these blaze marks to help you find your way to Castle Rock

!Caution: These trails pass through areas of exposed landscape including steep rock faces, and slippery surfaces. Always tell someone where you are going and your expected return time. Dress for the conditions of the day and expect wind exposure and colder temperatures on the peak.

Approximate round trip distance from the parking lot = 9 km.
 Allow 3 - 4 hours.

It is wise to carry a whistle and compass with you. An 'escape bearing' of 252 degrees will direct you from the Rock back toward the Chester Connection trail.

Ticks are prevalent in the spring/summer and can be found throughout most of the year.

These trails experience high use. Please stay on marked trails and follow 'Leave No Trace' principles when dealing with waste. "Pack it in, and pack it out."

Please report any issues to the Recreation & Parks Department at 902-275-3490

