



POWDER POINT

Highlights:

This is a multi-day trip for paddlers interested in big lake travel and few portages. River Lake is a highlight, providing a respite from the larger lakes. The deep clear water of these lakes provides excellent opportunities for swimming and fishing.

Itinerary:

The route begins at the Powder Point Day Use Area, 45 km east of Yellowknife on the Ingraham Trail. The trip terminates at Cassidy Point at the south end of Prosperous Lake. Powder Point is a 30 km drive from Cassidy Point and parking is available at both locations.

Load canoes at the boat launch at Powder Point, then proceed northwest for 3.5 km through the narrow east arm of Prelude Lake. Prelude Lake then opens up for the next 15 km. The most direct route is along the south shoreline. However the north shoreline has numerous scenic islands, bays and swimming locations. Waves can be sudden and treacherous on Prelude Lake. Always stay close to the shoreline and if the wind comes up, be prepared to take shelter immediately. At the end of Prelude is a narrow peaceful river that leads to River Lake. Shallow water, sandbars and reeds may make for slower paddling when leaving the river.

Head north on River Lake, staying near the western shoreline and rounding the point in 2 km. Now paddle 2.5 km towards the south-west end of River Lake and a small waterfall. Follow the portage trail on the right bank, cross a small pond, then take the portage trail on the left bank, which skirts another set of falls. Both of these portages are short and easy to follow. (cont)

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Duration & degree of difficulty:

Distance:	44 km
Average Trip Time:	2-3 days
Portages:	2

The paddling is basic, but canoeists should be cautious, as wind and waves can make the lakes hazardous in minutes.

Nearest camping:

Prelude Lake Territorial Park lies 16 km west of Powder Point, towards Yellowknife on the Ingraham Trail. It offers full camping facilities.



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INGRAHAM TRAIL ♦ CANOE ROUTES

Powder Point

to Cassidy Point



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of lake travel
with few portages





Itinerary (cont):

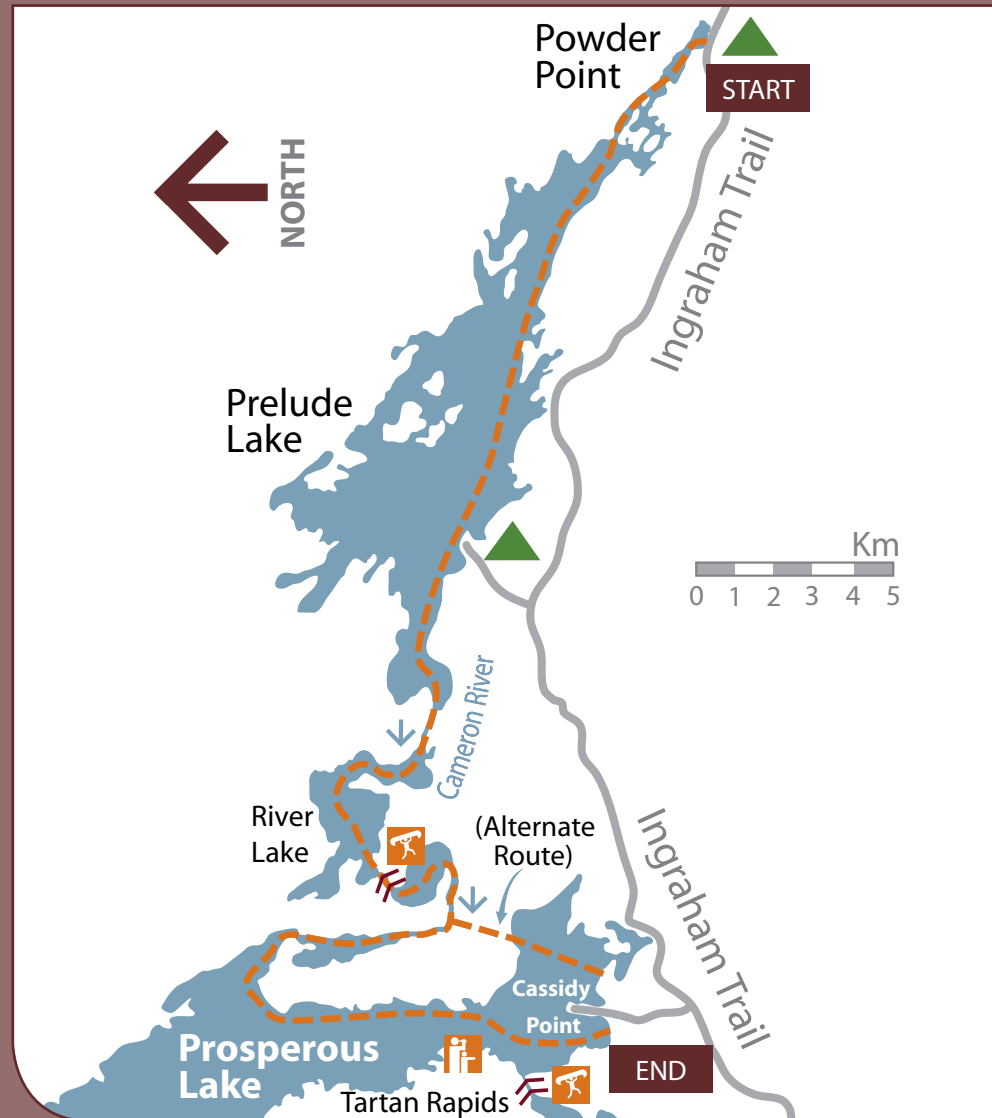
From the falls, paddle a shallow, unnamed lake south for about 2 km. The river then flows west and north for 3 km to enter a lengthy inlet of Prosperous Lake. Head north for 3 km along the eastern shoreline before turning west around the peninsula. You're now entering the full expanse of Prosperous Lake. Sudden wind and waves are a major hazard so exercise extreme caution. Follow the eastern shoreline south for 6 km before crossing to the west at the narrowest point above the large island.

Plan on stopping at Tartan Rapids, not much further down the western shore. Tartan Rapids is a lovely place to have lunch, enjoy the scenery and explore. There is a trail on the left-hand side or you can hike to the top of the high cliffs on the right for a beautiful view overlooking Prosperous Lake. From Tartan Rapids, it's a 2.5 km paddle south to complete your trip at Cassidy Point.

Alternate Route:

Near the end of Prelude Lake is Prelude Territorial Park and boat launch. If you wish to avoid some lake paddling and reduce this trip by 15 km, you can start your journey at the boat launch.

There is also a shortcut to reduce the travel on Prosperous Lake. About 1 km along the river that leaves the unnamed lake, there is a small navigable rapid on the left shore. 200 m below the rapid is a 25 m trail on the left side of the river, a large swampy pond to cross and a 200 m trail that leads to the east side of Prosperous Lake. From there it is only a 3 km paddle to the Cassidy Point boat launch.



Powder Point to Cassidy Point Canoe Route

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