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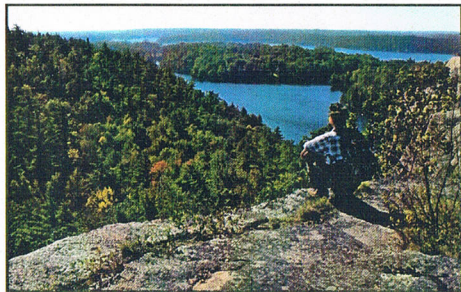
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## *Welcome to* **Rock Dunder**



### **Rock Dunder and the Rideau Waterway Land Trust**

Rock Dunder was purchased from  
Scouts Canada in 2006 by the  
Rideau Waterway Land Trust (RWLT).  
The RWLT is a non-profit, non-government,  
member-based organization committed to  
*“preserving important natural lands and habitat  
in the Rideau corridor and fostering a healthy  
future for our communities.”*

Rock Dunder has a long history of providing  
recreational opportunities for nature and  
hiking enthusiasts, and as a land trust  
property will continue to do so in the future.

#### **Activities Encouraged at Rock Dunder:**

Hiking, canoeing along the waterfront,  
nature appreciation

#### **Absolutely No:**

Overnight camping, use of motorized vehicles,  
hunting, or harassing or removing wildlife

**\* Please keep your dog(s) on a leash and  
remember to carry out what you bring in \***

# Hiking Trails

## Cabin 1 Trail (easy)

This trail, which passes by a beaver pond and small marsh, is a walk through mixed forest and a white pine plantation. Stop at Cabin 1, enjoy your first view of Morton Bay through the pine trees and explore the century old Scouts Canada Canada Cabin. Return by the same route in reverse.

**Distance:** 1.3 kilometres

**Hiking Time:** ½ to ¾ hours

## Morton Bay Loop (some difficult sections)

This trail passes through beautiful mixed woodlands on its way to a small peninsula point overlooking Morton Bay. This new loop section ends at Cabin 1 where you can take a break before returning to the parking lot (by travelling the "Trail to Cabin 1" in reverse). During this hike, both before and after the peninsula overlook, there are two moderately steep trail sections to traverse.

**Distance:** 2.05 kilometres

**Hiking Time:** ¾ to 1 ¼ hours

## Summit Loop (moderate to difficult)

The hike that most come to make allows one to see everything. The first section to Cabin 1 is easy, followed by moderate hiking conditions along a narrower trail to Cabin 2. Please watch your step at times along this section. Here you pass through a variety of woodlands and by tantalizing views over Morton Bay. The trail parallels a shoreline featuring dramatic rocky bluffs covered with lichens and rock polypody ferns. Take a break at Cabin 2 before you strike out for the steep trail section up to the Rock Dunder plateau. At the top you can enjoy a panoramic view of the Rideau Waterway and its surrounding forests. While this is a great place to relax and take photos, we encourage people to be very careful near the steep cliff edges and avoid trampling the vegetation on this rocky barren plateau. Enjoy a more gradual descent down the inland side entrance along the newly cut trail courtesy of Rideau Trail Association.

**Distance:** 3.9 kilometres

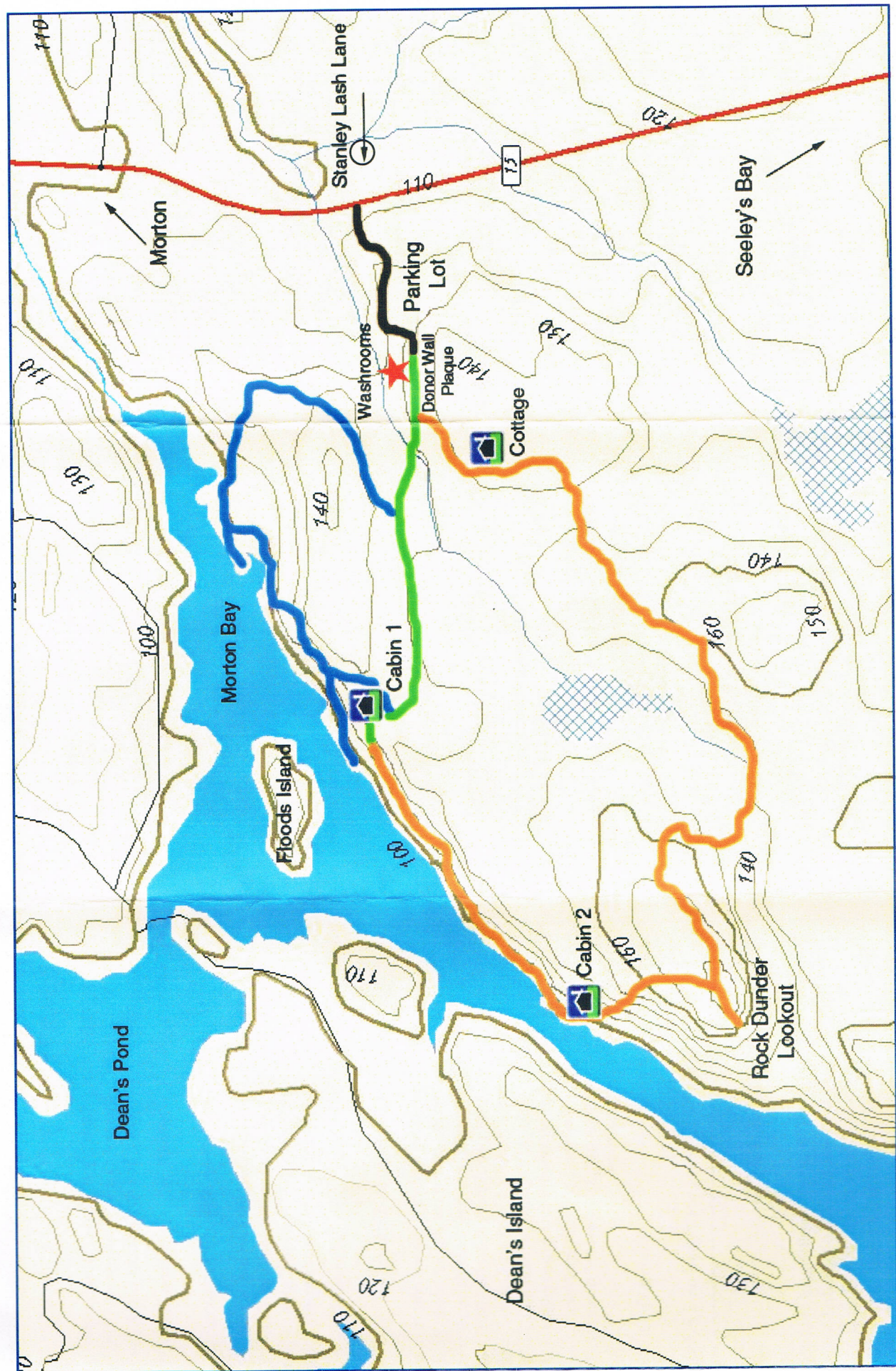
**Hiking Time:** 1 ½ - 2 ½ hours

All distances and hiking times are based on a return hike, leaving from and returning to the parking lot.


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## Rock Dunder Facts

- Rock Dunder is 276 acres, consisting of secondary and mature mixed wood exposed bedrock ridges, rocky barrens, beaver ponds and wetland meadows
- Home to several species at risk, including one pitch pine and the eastern rat snake
- The height of the summit is 275 feet above Morton Bay, which is part of Whitefish Lake
- Declared an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and situated beside the Rideau Canal National Historic Site, declared a World Heritage Site in 2007.



# Trail Legend

**Trail to Cabin 1**   
(easy hiking conditions)

**Morton Bay Loop**   
(some difficult sections)

**Summit Loop**   
(moderate to difficult)

**Washrooms** 

**Cabins 1, 2 and  
Cottage** 

**Entrance to  
Rock Dunder** 

**Highway 15** 