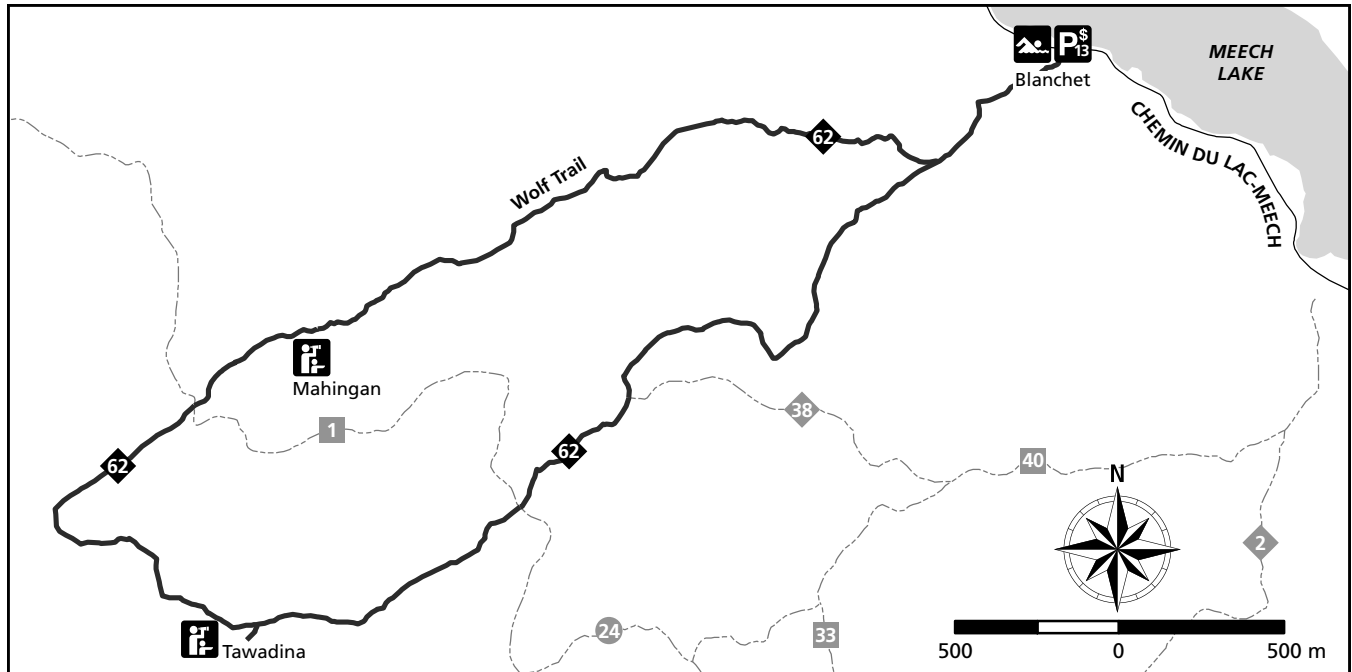


Wolf Trail (No. 62)



GENERAL INFORMATION

Start: Blanchet Beach parking lot, P13 (vehicle access fees required between mid-June and early September), Chemin du Lac-Meech, Chelsea

Distance: 8.3 km • **Level of difficulty:** Difficult • **Elevation gain:** 218 m • **Time:** 3 hours

Route: Follow trail 62, stop at Tawadina Lookout

Comments: The first half of the route on Wolf Trail, going toward Mahingan Lookout, is a steep climb toward the Eardley Escarpment. Care must be taken on the descent, which can be quite steep. In rainy periods, the trail is muddy.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Wolf Trail is a magnificent steep trail through mature forest. It leads to one of the highest points in Gatineau Park.

Beavers

Within the Park, there are several wetlands inhabited by beavers. Beaver lodges can often be seen from Wolf Trail. Look for the familiar dome-shaped pile of gnawed sticks and branches.

Bears

Bears often leave claw marks on the bark of beech trees. Black bears climb the trees to get at the fruit, called beechnuts.

Lookouts

Three lookouts that are together known by the name “Mahingan” provide an excellent eastward view of the Park. *Mahingan* is the

Algonquin word for “wolf.” You will also see beaver ponds, down below. From the Tawadina Lookout, the view of the Ottawa Valley is spectacular. *Tawadina* is an Algonquin word meaning “valley.” From there, you may have a chance to see birds of prey, such as turkey vultures, flying over the escarpment.