



Saganaga Lake



To Blueberry Hill
and Big Sag Trail

 **MUSEUM**

OUTHOUSE



 **CABIN**

 **OFFICE**



 **NATURE CENTER**

 **OUTHOUSE**

 **DOCK**



Amikwiish Way
.3 mile

Cut Across

Moccasin Lane
.2 mile

Boardwalk
1 mile

Tamarack Alley
.3 mile

 **WATERCRAFT
EXHIBIT
BUILDING**

OUTHOUSE



Rubaboo Road



Moose Pond
Overlook



Algoman
Overlook



Rubaboo Road
.2 mile



MAIN GATE



Amikwiish Way
Distance: .3 mile **Difficulty: Easy**

Amikwiish Way is an easy, wide trail that everyone can enjoy. Years ago, a resort dock was dismantled and stacked along the bay shore. Industrious beavers added their own renovations, and remnants of their lodge can be discovered along this trail. Off from this trail are two observation areas where one can rest, take in the view or have a picnic.

Amikwiish is the Ojibwe word for beaver lodge.

Big Sag Trail
Distance: .3 mile **Difficulty: Difficult**

Big Sag is a good descriptor of the hike and the view! The trail begins at the far end of Amikwiish Way and is a rigorous hike. There are steep climbs with tricky footings along its route. The eagle-eye view of the Saganaga Channel and the surrounding area is well worth the effort. Look for lichens that add color to the rocks along this trail, and keep an eye out for berry bushes along the way.

Tamarack Alley
Distance: .3 mile **Difficulty: Moderate**

Tamarack Alley is a grassy trail that branches from Amikwiish Way. This trail winds through the boreal forest, climbs over rocky outcrops and exits by the entry into Chik-Wauk. One can backtrack or cross the entrance road and complete a return trip via Rubaboo Road. Come October, the tamaracks' blaze gold coloring along this route is breathtaking.

Boardwalk
Distance: .1 mile **Difficulty: Easiest**

This ADA-accessible boardwalk connects Amikwiish Way with Rubaboo Road. A platform at the walk's midpoint offers a place to pause and enjoy the scenery of this small Saganaga Lake inlet.

Rubaboo Road
Distance: .2 mile **Difficulty: Moderate**

Rubaboo Road is accessed by the Watercraft Exhibit Building or at the end of the Boardwalk. This trail gently curves around a back bay. Don't miss the two areas of interest: **Moose Pond Point** and **Algoman Overlook**. You can choose to backtrack or cross the entrance road and complete a return trip via Tamarack Alley.

Rubaboo is a porridge eaten by Voyageurs.

Moose Pond Point
Moose Pond Point has a view of a popular Gunflint destination, Moose Pond. Moose, along with other wildlife, are frequently spotted near the water's edge. The best viewing times are early morning or dusk.

Algoman Overlook
This overlook provides another astounding vista of the area. The pink rock that is found around Chik-Wauk is named Saganaga tonalite, a type of granitic rock.

Moccasin Lane
Distance: .2 mile **Difficulty: Moderate**

This trail is named for the stunning clumps of Moccasin Flowers that bloom every summer. The trail starts by the Museum, takes you by the Interpretive Cabin and winds its way back to the parking area by the Nature Center.

Blueberry Hill Trail
Distance: 0.9 mile one-way
Difficulty: Difficult

Round trip travel time is anywhere from 45 minutes – 3 hours. If you wish to stay after 5 p.m., please park your vehicle at the end of the driveway, outside the gate.

The trail begins just beyond the picnic table at the end of Amikwiish Way Trail. Pass the table and start on the Big Sag Trail for approximately 50 feet. Keep right onto Blueberry Hill Trail at sign. The Trail follows the old Gneiss Lake Trail for about .5 miles. Small signs mark blaze trees – which have shallow axe cuts about six feet up the trunk on both sides – once indicating the path of the Gneiss Lake Trail. About ¾ of the way in, the trail divides. You can choose the High Road, which travels over the granite knob or the Low Road, which skirts around the edge of the knob. Both routes bring you to the foot of Blueberry Hill, where you will begin to climb to the hike's final panoramic overlook.

Bring binoculars, water, camera, a berry pail and be sure to wear sturdy footwear. Path is mucky after wet weather.



Please keep in mind that historically Chik-Wauk Lodge and Resort covered a much larger area than it does today. On your hike you may encounter historic artifacts. While these heritage resources are poignant reminders of the struggles and accomplishments of bygone eras, they are also fragile and susceptible to looting and vandalism. Remember, artifacts and historic sites are protected by federal laws making unpermitted collection of artifacts and/or willful damage to sites possible felonies. Help preserve this area for generations to come by leaving no trace: take only pictures, leave only footprints.



Site Map and Hiking Trails

Museum: Admissions, gift shop and historical interpretive displays along with videos and resources. This is the best place to get your questions answered and learn about the Gunflint Trail.

Nature Center: Resources and hands on projects to help you discover the wonders and intricacies of the boreal forest.

Watercraft Exhibit Building: Displays of historical boats and canoes and vintage motors with their fascinating stories. Gift Shop.

Cabin: A full log cabin, constructed and furnished as it would have been during Chik-Wauk Lodge's heyday in the 1950's.

Be sure to allow enough time to return to the Museum parking lot before the driveway gate is locked at 5 p.m. If you wish to stay after 5 p.m., please park your vehicle at the end of the driveway, outside the gate.

- All distances listed are one-way.