



Outing Report:

Little White River Provincial Park

Bicycle Tour

Saturday, August 10, 2019 by Chuck Miller

This is one of Algoma's most scenic cycling route in my opinion and on the day of our visit conditions were near perfect – a mix of sun and cloud – breezy and just a touch on the summer cool side.



The Little White River Provincial Park is located north of Iron Bridge east of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. It is a waterway park with no facilities. Highway #546 follows adjacent to the river park for more than 20 km just north of Endikai Lake to Highway #639. We travelled by vehicle to the start of the route 46 km north of Iron Bridge.

The Little White River Provincial Park includes a 100 km stretch of the Little White River, reaching from the Blue Lake headwaters to the Mississagi River. The river's meanders, rapids and gravel flats pass through forests and shoreline habitats such as wetlands, 'oxbow' sloughs and floodplain swamps of silver maple, black ash and white elm. The park offers a variety of angling and canoeing opportunities.

Barn Swallows nest under a bridge over the river at our destination toward Mount Lake. The route is a gentle climb upriver and a gentle downhill on our return (40 km in total). The road surfaces are hard and suitable for all bicycles.



Eight people cycled the route that offered regular views of the river.





At a fording location to we came across a research poster for Trent University and park boundary signs.



Our planned lunch stop at the “swallow” bridge was taken by campers – the view from the bridge is below – we saw only one swallow.



We crossed to the opposite side of the river for lunch where we were entertained by some folks rafting down the upper stretch of the river beyond the park’s northern boundary. Near Hwy #639 there was considerable use of the river by campers and other recreational use – likely originating from the community of Elliot Lake.

Traffic is usually light on this section of road but during our return downriver we were passed by a large group on motorcycles. We finished the day with a very cool swim in the waters of Lake Huron at a municipal park at the end of the Dean Lake Road after returning to Iron Bridge.

See the map of the park below.

