

Parry Sound

➤ Stop 2: Twin Points Trail

GPS co-ordinates: N45° 20.969', W80° 13.063'

The trailhead for the Twin Points Trail is at the Day-Use area parking lot. This trail is an excellent introduction to the rocky landscapes and shorelines typical of the Parry Sound region. The trail crosses several rock barrens, extensive upland areas of smooth and rolling exposures of rock that support only scattered patches of grasses, herbs and pine. Between the upland barrens are low valleys with thicker soils that support a mixed forest of deciduous and coniferous trees. Where these upland barrens extend into Kilcourse Bay, they form rocky points. The trail is named for 2 such rocky points, which it crosses on its way back to the Day-Use area.



Stop 2: The Twin Points Trail crosses 2 low ridges of smooth bedrock with sparse vegetation, referred to as rock barrens.



Stop 2: The rock ridges form 2 rocky points along the shores of Kilcourse Bay.



Stop 2: Close up showing the texture of granite-like gneiss. Pink feldspar grains are intergrown with clear quartz grains and scattered finer black grains of amphibole. Penny for scale.

Everywhere along the Twin Points Trail, the rock exposed in the rock barrens and along the shore is a light-coloured rock that lacks layering and looks like a fine-grained granite. However, these are very thick layers of granite-like gneiss.