

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SPRING

MAY 1 — JUNE 6



Daily bird banding demonstrations
All morning, every morning

MAY



Great Canadian Birdathon
All month



World Migratory Bird Day

SUMMER

JUNE, JULY & AUG.



Canadian Lakes Loon Survey



Youth Training Month
birdscanada.org/discover-birds/training-and-workshops/

More information about 'Walks and Talks' in the Thunder Bay area: tbfn.net
Birds Canada Citizen Science programs: birdscanada.org/you-can-help

FALL

AUG. 1 — OCT. 31



Daily bird banding demonstrations
All morning, every morning

EARLY SEP. — MID-OCT.



Owl Nights
Fair-weather nights, starting one hour after sunset

WINTER

NOV. — APR.



Project FeederWatch

DEC. — JAN.



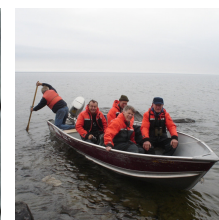
Christmas Bird Count season
Various locations

VISITING TCBO

Visitors are welcome!

TCBO operates during spring and autumn migration seasons from late April to about June 6 and from late July to October 31. Observations are made each day. Using a variety of methods birds are safely caught, banded, and released. The band is much like a bracelet. There are great opportunities to observe and learn about a wide variety of species. Our efforts lead to better understanding and conservation.

Please note that most of our work occurs in the morning, so if you're planning a visit, it's best to try and arrive within 6 hours of sunrise. From early September until mid-October we also monitor Northern Saw-whet Owls when weather conditions allow at night. Visitors for this effort usually camp over to experience both morning and evening efforts.



THUNDER CAPE BIRD OBSERVATORY

What we do

Thunder Cape Bird Observatory (TCBO) conducts research and population monitoring of migratory birds along the north shore of Lake Superior. The observatory also provides education opportunities and is an important training centre for aspiring biologists. The observatory is nestled at the Tip of Sibley Peninsula just outside Sleeping Giant Provincial Park. TCBO is a program of Birds Canada and the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists with support from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.



Research



Monitoring



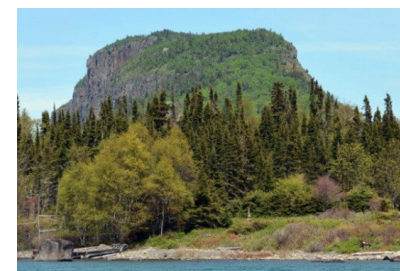
Training



Education



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BIRD OBSERVATORY
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO



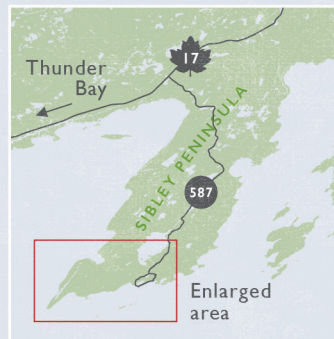
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MAP &
PROGRAM



Thunder Cape
Bird Observatory

THUNDER

BAY

SAWYER

BAY

SLEEPING

GIANT

Thunder
Mountain

Kabeyun

LEHTINEN'S

BAY

TEE

HARBOUR

Paddler's Route

SUPERIOR

LOUISE

LAKE

MARIE

587

Silver Islet

SIBLEY
COVE

PERRY

BAY

LAKE

SCALE 1 : 50 000

0.5 0 0.5 1.0 km

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 M

GETTING HERE



Hiker's Route

Total distance: 11.6 km | Duration: 3.5 h

TCBO is accessed from the South Kabeyun Trailhead in Sleeping Giant Provincial Park. Day-use vehicle permits can be purchased year-round at the Joeboy Lake or Marie Louise Lake Fee Stations. The one-way hike takes about 3.5 hours. Kabeyun trail is marked by small blue diamond shaped signs. This is a long and potentially arduous hike. Please plan accordingly.

The first part of the old logging road can be hiked or biked past Tee Harbour (at 5.8 km) as far as Lehtinen's Bay (at 7.2 km) **1** as it is wide and provides mostly even terrain. Shortly thereafter the talus slope **2** provides some clambering over rock fall from the towering cliffs above. Sometimes Peregrine Falcons nest here; look up and look for whitewash for evidence of breeding. After a steep climb through woods you will encounter the junction to TCBO (at 10.4 km) **3**. Turn left and after a further 1.2 km and passing through a small campsite, you will arrive at the Observatory. You will see a platform in the opening and a few small cabins. The Trail and peninsula end here.

Steps away is an observation tower which can be climbed to view islands, lake, sky, and the feet of the Sleeping Giant from above the tree line. Oftentimes raptors can be seen at eye level.



Paddler's Route

Approx. distance: 9.5 km | Approx. duration: 3.5 h

On a calm day, water access along the shore to the station is possible from Silver Islet Harbour at the south end of the Park. Be very conscious of wind conditions if you are considering this approach.

Warning: this map is not suitable for lake navigation.