

**B**ackland Trail was developed and started by the Argentia Management Authority Inc. in July 1996. This land was previously under the control of the U.S. Navy, and was returned to the Government of Canada when the Americans closed their facility located at Argentia in October 1994.

Today, the Backland Trail includes 16 kms of prepared walking trails that provide breathtaking views of Placentia Bay, the woodland, wildlife and plants.

On your walk among the woods and marshes, watch for wildlife such as; eagles, osprey, moose, fox, ptarmigan, and grouse. In addition, you will find some excellent examples of plant life such as Bog Myrtle, Leatherleaf, Northern Rose, Northern Will Raisin, and Creeping Snowberry.

### *Climate to Expect*

Our summer climate is very pleasant, averaging in the range of 20°C. Our evenings are cool with an average of 15°C.

### *Where We Are*

The Backland Trail is located in Argentia, on the southeast portion of Newfoundland.



### *Safety on the Trail*

- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Never set out on a hike alone.
- On any hiking trip, travel with at least one companion and let someone know where you are going and approximately when you plan to return.
- Make sure that the walk can be completed within daylight hours.
- Be prepared to turn back if the weather worsens.

### *Protect Your Trail*

- Take only pictures, leave only the lightest of footprints, and bring home only memories.
- Leave the place you're visiting in a natural condition. You can't improve nature.
- Campfires are not permitted on the Backland Trail. Remember campfires are responsible for many wildfires.
- Bring it in... bring it out. Please check your rest or picnic area for trash or spilled foods. Pack and remove all trash, leftover food and litter.

### *Trail Ratings*

Our trails are rated easy to moderate throughout the trail system.

Parking is available at each of the lookout sites.



**Trail Start GPS Location:**  
N 47°16.986"  
W 053°58.931"

# *Welcome to the* **ARGENTIA BACKLANDS TRAIL**





