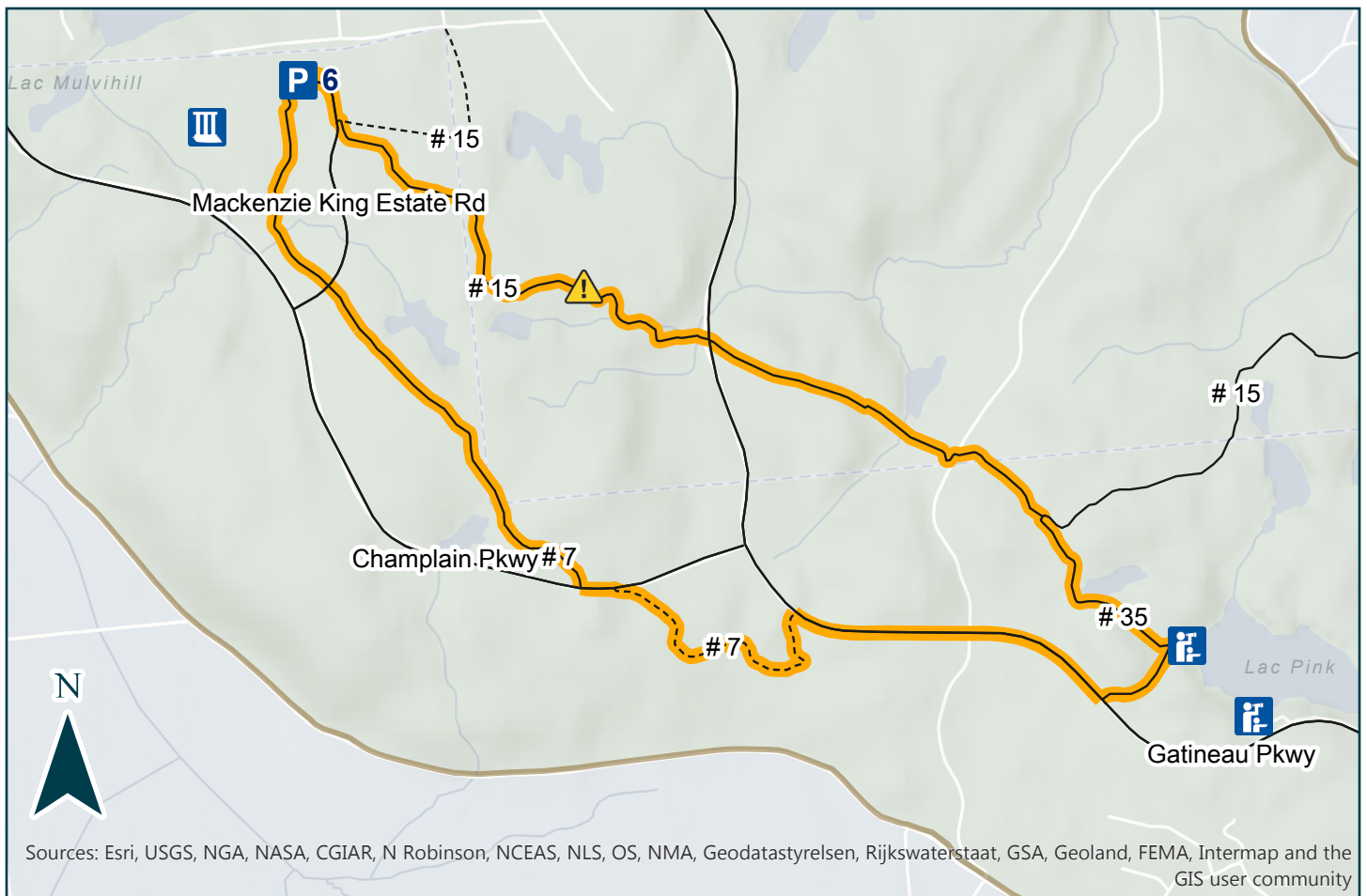


# A Prime Minister's Backyard

## Mackenzie King Estate to Pink Lake



Sources: Esri, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community

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### Technical Information

**Start:** P6 parking lot, Mackenzie King Estate, Barnes Road, accessible from Chelsea

**Total Distance:** 8.1 km

**Level of Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Technique:** Classic

**Route:** Trail 7, then along the Gatineau Parkway to trail 35 at Pink Lake; return via trails 35 and 15

**Note:** This route runs primarily downhill from the beginning to Pink Lake, and is mostly uphill on the return. There is one big climb near the end of the loop.

- P6 parking lot is at the heart of the Mackenzie King Estate. This was the summer home of William Lyon Mackenzie King, Canada's longest-serving prime minister, who was in office for close to 22 years between 1921 and 1948.
- As you leave on Trail 7, you will pass the Abbey Ruins arguably the most famous set of architectural ruins that Mackenzie King assembled to landscape his garden.
- The beginning of Trail 35 provides a view of beautiful Pink Lake. This exceptional lake is classified as meromictic, which means that because of its sheltered position and bowl-like shape, the water layers of the lake do not mix. The result is that the deepest 7 metres of the lake contain no oxygen.
- Trail 15, which you will follow for most of the way back, is a particularly scenic trail that winds its way through mature forests and rolling hills for about 3 km.

