

Eddie's Stone

It's located below (south of) the Axe Handles, on a snowmobile trail; off the main 'highway'. It used to be the main trail the hunters used to get to the river. The runway used to be called Dorienn's because Dorienn Helferty used to watch there, regularly. He related that one day two deer came out to him, and stood in a kind of side-by-side fashion. He took a shot at one and dropped the two of them. However, one jumped up and ran away and he wasn't able to get it.

Uncle Ed Madigan shot a few deer at that spot but it's recorded in the camp diary that on Nov 8, 1979, he also shot two deer there. One, a doe, came up from behind him and Ed dropped her. Then another was coming right away from in front of him and Ed shot that one too. However, when he went to check on the doe, she was up and gone. She jumped up and took off while he was busy facing the other way. They followed her into the head of Big Bay above the old dinnering place on the river but were never able to get her.

Ed shot his last deer there after he had his stroke and afterwards the lads started calling it "Eddie's Stone". On Nov. 1, 1981, Ed's son, Harold, and Harold's son, Tom, plus Bruce Watson, Bryan and Mike Madigan, put a plaque up there recognizing Ed. Years later, a tree blew down and hit the plaque directly and broke it. Notwithstanding wind storms and fallen trees, we still call the runway, "Eddie's Stone".