

Roy's Runway

Roy's runway is located at the sharp turn to the right, on the trail just beyond (west of) The Rock runway, on The Root chase. For a few years before this it was called Billy Bell's runway – a cop from Killaloe who came hunting with Pat Comerford a couple of times.

Roy McKinley watched here on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1976. On the first chase of the morning a nice eight-pronged buck came out to Vincent at the rock. He fired one shot, then it came out to Roy who fired three shots at it. The buck was wounded so Roy and Vince followed it through to Icy Hill and finished it off at Leo's Rock. The buck weighed in at 194 lbs; Bryan won the bet for the weight.

Back in the day, when Don & Stella bought their first house on Woodfield Rd. in Toronto, Roy and Donna and their family lived next door. At that time Denis, Vince, and Huene also lived with Don & Stella so one can imagine it wasn't long before this Ottawa Valley family were friends with the couple next door who had hailed from 'down east'. It wasn't long before Roy was coming up north to go hunting with the lads. As soon as his son Brian was old enough to come to the camp, he became a regular too. Both Roy and Brian proved to be the most compatible camp buddies one could have; willing to pitch in and help at every turn, always in a cheerful mood, and generous with their time and belongings. There is no shortage of fun-filled stories of days spent with the McKinley's. Sadly, Roy died of cancer in 1994 but Brian continues to hunt with the gang. In 2012 he shot a nice buck at the runway that was then named after him and his dad's old rifle. You can read more about that at [McKinley's Rifle](#).