

**From Bear's Butt to...**

John Harbour, (NC-49), 4.5 miles SW  
Moiles Harbour, (NC-47), 3 miles SE  
Meldrum Bay, (NC-10), 29 miles SW

# BEAR'S BOTTOM BAY

## ONTARIO

**Bear's Butt quick reference...**

Type of harbor .....	anchorage	Anchorage .....	yes
Charts .....	CHS 2259, 2268	Provisions .....	no
Location .....	L 46° 10.12' N; λ 082° 36.65' W	Telephone area code .....	no
Light List numbers .....	none	Population .....	none
Transient accommodations .....	no	GLCC Port Captain .....	no

**INTRODUCTION**

This cove, just to the east of Bear Fall Harbour, lies about 0.3 miles north of Lett Island. On chart 2268, the cove is unnamed—the inelegant name of “Bear’s Butt” is used by local North Channel sailors.

The cove is well protected from winds from the southwest clockwise to the east. For south and southeast winds, there’s a fetch of approximately a mile, so it can become uncomfortable in strong winds from those directions.

**ENTRANCE**

The approach is straightforward from the Whalesback. From either side of Nelles Island, proceed north toward Lett Island. Lett can be passed on either side, but note the rocks off the east end of Lett. From the west edge of Lett Island, steer approximately 340° T to the cove.

**Caution:** Note the charted rocks on 2268 – dangerous but easily avoided with careful piloting. Refer also to the approaches and sketch in NC-50.

**ANCHORAGE**

The cove gradually shallows from 13 to 14 feet at the entrance to 5 to 6 feet in the northwest corner. Anchor in 8 to 10 feet in the middle of the cove. Note that there are some rocks along the south shore, just off the reeds. Bottom is clay.

There is an old cottage on the far northeastern shore. Along the north shore there is a small sandy beach and a bench.

There are usually good blueberries in season. It’s an easy dinghy trip into Bear Fall Cove and Beardrop.

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*Looking northwest over the bay. The point on the left is the south edge of the bay. Photo by Venetia Moorhouse...*

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Above: Looking at the south shore. Photo by Venetia Moorhouse...

