

Whether you prefer soaking up the sun on the sandy beaches, playing golf, boating on clean warm waters, or hiking and biking along beautiful trails, Christina Lake has it all. We have a centrally located community nature park with short hiking trails and an abundance of bird species, and a local family of beavers. Within the community there are tennis and basketball courts, baseball diamonds, a soccer pitch, and beach volleyball net, all open to the public. There are multiple public beaches, provincial parks, recreation sites, and miles of trails to explore. Hiking, biking & kayaking can all be enjoyed during the summer and in our cooler spring/fall seasons. In the winter, nothing tastes better than a hot chocolate after snowshoeing or XC skiing on trails where there are no crowds and only nature to bother you. Whether you enjoy the extreme or the serene, Christina Lake is your recreation destination. Come have an afternoon adventure or stay for a while and enjoy a vacation full of exploration and adventure. There are accommodations available for all tastes and group sizes, including tenting, RV'ing, Motels, or B&B's. When enjoying our backcountry, recreational spaces and trail systems, please remember a few simple things to enhance yours and others enjoyment and to help preserve our natural spaces.

1. Pack out what you pack in! Don't litter.
2. Bring your own water. Not all trails have accessible water.
3. No Fires! Most Forest Fires are human caused.
4. Dig proper latrines, well away from trails and water sources.
5. Horses yield to hikers, Bikers Yield to Horses and Hikers.
6. Be respectful of wildlife and the environment.

#### Christina Creek Trail

**Distance:** 1.9km. About 20m elevation change. (loop)

**Difficulty:** Easy Hiking, Biking

This trail follows along the shores of Christina Creek, the only outflow of Christina Lake. It covers a short distance making it accessible to most ages and abilities. There is ample opportunity to view the abundant wildlife. Keep an eye out for beavers, muskrats, and a large variety of birds.

**Directions:** Just north of the Highway 3 Bridge over Christina Creek there is a small dirt road. This leads in to a small parking area. Follow on foot for 50m, the trail dips down to the R. At km 1.5 the trail climbs the bank and then turns left, avoiding private property at the fenced section. Go downhill for .7 km and look for a small road on the left leading gently downhill. Follow this road and look for a trail on your right. This trail joins another small road leading back to the parking area. Watch for poison ivy along the creek.

#### Trans Canada Trail – Santa Rosa to Cascade Gorge

**Distance:** About 4 km

**Difficulty:** Easy Hike, Easy Bike

This follows the KVR and part of the Trans Canada Trail. It crosses over the Kettle River and Cascade Gorge, using 2 trestles. It is a nice easy ride or hike for the family, providing some history and nature.

**Access:** Follow Santa Rosa Rd. off of Hwy 3 until you reach the first switchback (1.5km) and a parking area. The trail is accessed by crossing Santa Rosa Rd. and following the gravel track around the switchback. From here the trail slopes gently down towards the first trestle. After this, follow the rail grade, crossing Hwy 395. The Falls may be accessed by crossing over a small concrete bridge just off the trail on the R, and following the path. There are no guardrails or fencing; use extreme caution while viewing from the rock cliffs. Once over the second trestle there is a short road to the R leading up to Hwy 3.

#### Trans Canada Trail – Paulson Detour Road to Christina Lake

**Distance:** 25km

**Difficulty:** Easy Hike (Full Day), Easy Bike (Half Day)

This portion of the former C&WR descends from the Paulson Bridge down to Christina Lake. It provides a great half-day cycle, the downhill grade being 2%. Following through the forest, it leads through a tunnel and over an old trestle.

**Access:** Follow Hwy 3 north out of Christina Lake towards Castlegar. 100m before the Paulson Bridge take the Paulson Detour Rd. up then down into the valley. This leads to the access point for the Trans Canada. From there you take the route down to Christina Lake. Exit R at Fife, the first paved road.

#### Deer Point Trail

**Distance:** 10.4km. Rises 160m from campground, and falls similar elev at end.

**Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate Hiking, Moderate Biking

This trail travels above the shores of Christina Lake, leading to the boat/hiking access only N end. It consists of moderate hiking with some steep sections near the beginning. There are great views of the lake and at the midway point there is access to a marine campsite. At the head of the lake there are giant cedar trees and a sandy beach. After crossing Sander Creek, this trail connects with the Xenia Lake trail.

**Access:** This trail is accessed by following East Lake Dr. until you reach Biner Rd. Here the trail starts off gradually, climbing to Texas Point Provincial Campground, after which it gets steep for a while, then levels off after a wonderful viewpoint of the lake. Following Badger Trail or Mary's Lookout to Biner Rd also allows access to Deer Point trailhead.

#### Dewdney Trail - Upper

**Distance:** 4.6km plus 2.3km road in from Santa Rosa. Trail drops 480m-14 km

**Difficulty:** Easy Hiking, Moderate/Difficult Biking

This trail offers moderate biking and an easy hike. There are some great viewpoints overlooking the Kettle Valley and south into the USA. This historical trail is over 150 years old, being the original horse pack route through the region.

**Access:** Take Santa Rosa Rd. off of Hwy 3 and follow it for 24km, reaching the parking area for the Christina Crest Trail. From there take the middle road as it winds around R to the height of land. Here the road meets the gas line and a small parking area with a great view W. Hikers may prefer to access the trail at the 14km point on Santa Rosa Rd. and ascend to the summit.

#### Dewdney Trail - Lower

**Distance:** 3.5km plus 1.2km road in from Santa Rosa. 520m elev drop

**Difficulty:** Moderate Hiking, Moderate/Difficult Biking

This trail is steep in sections and is popular with mountain bikers. It provides a moderate hike, with historical significance, leading to some viewpoints of the lake and valley near the top. As a hike it has some steep and loose sections.

**Access:** This lower section of the Dewdney Trail is accessed from Maida Creek FSR, which branches off of Santa Rosa Rd. at the 7km point. Once on Maida Creek FSR, follow the road for 2km, reaching the Lower Dewdney Trail. There is a parking area just past the trailhead.

#### Green Tunnel Trail

**Distance:** 10.7km plus 1.2km road in from Santa Rosa. Rises 340m from Santa Rosa to summit. Then falls 590m to Haglund Rd.

**Difficulty:** Easy Hiking, Moderate Biking

This former logging road was de-activated many years ago and now provides an easy hiking/biking trail that leads from Santa Rosa Rd. to Fife Rd. There are some great viewpoints along the trail and it follows through a 2nd growth forest, abundant with wildlife.

**Access:** Green Tunnel Trail is best accessed from Maida Creek FSR, 7km up Santa Rosa Rd. Follow Maida Creek FSR for 2km reaching the trailhead. Just past the Dewdney Trailhead there is a parking area and the beginning of the Green Tunnel.

#### Mary's Lookout Trail

**Distance:** About 2.2km. 180m in elev change

**Difficulty:** Moderate Hiking, Difficult Biking

This trail leads from McRae Creek Rd. to Biner Rd. above Badger Trail; it has some steeper sections than Badger trail, but accesses some great viewpoints. It is a moderate hike.

**Access:** Follow Hwy 3 north, past the East Lake Drive turnoff, until you reach McRae Creek Rd. Turn L and go 1.3km until you reach a sharp L turn. There is a small parking area and some barricades. Follow past the barricades until you reach the steep trailhead; here you can choose to take Mary's lookout or the easier Badger Trail. After scrambling up the first rocky section the trail leads you along the mountainside to Biner Rd. and the Deer Point trailhead.

#### Badger Trail

**Distance:** 2.2km. About 100m in elev change

**Difficulty:** Easy/Moderate Hiking, Moderate/Difficult Biking

This short trail leads from McRae Creek Rd. to Biner Rd., which is the trailhead of the Deer Point Trail. This is a moderate hike and provides nice views of the lake. **Access:** Follow Hwy 3 north, past East Lake Dr. turnoff, until McRae Creek Rd. Turn left and follow 1.3km until you reach a sharp left turn. There is a small parking area and some barricades. Follow past the barricades to the steep trailhead; here you can take Badger Trail or the more difficult Mary's Lookout Trail. After scrambling up the first rocky section the trail leads you along the mountainside to Biner Rd. and Deer Point trailhead.

#### Spooner Creek Trail

**Distance:** 4.25km. Elevation drop about 550m

**Difficulty:** Moderate/Difficult Hiking, Difficult Biking

This trail is a classic single-track mountain bike trail providing some climbing, steep descents, technical sections, and optional stunts. It provides great viewpoints looking E over Christina Lake.

**Access:** Follow Hwy 3 west towards Grand Forks. Just after the Hwy 395, turn R onto Stewart Creek Rd. Follow for 9.6 km where there is a small pullout & the trailhead for Spooner Creek Trail. The trail descends from here down to West Lake Dr.

#### Christina Crest Trail

**Distance:** 14.6km to top of Mt. St Thomas (start of Vertical Smile).

Starts at 1620m elevation to max height of 2080m. Various ups and downs in between.

**Difficulty:** Moderate Hiking (2 days), Difficult Biking

(8hrs)/Snowshoeing/Ski-touring (2 days)

This sub-alpine, backcountry trail follows the height of land from Santa Rosa Rd. to Mt. St. Thomas and is a multi-day hike or a long day biking. This remote trail provides spectacular views of Christina Lake and Big Sheep Creek valleys. It often has windfall and is remote. Users should be prepared for wilderness travel. The trail can have snow on it well into July.

**Access:** Follow Santa Rosa Rd. (off of Hwy 3) 24km to the trailhead. The trail leads along the height of land and there are some good camping spots along the way. Once at Mt. St. Thomas (16 KM) take a L to descend via Vertical Smile trail to Fife Rd. or take a right and descend a short steep trail leading to Bonanza Creek FSR, which takes you to Hwy 3.

#### Westlake Trail (TNT)

**Distance:** 4.5km Elev 440m drop

**Difficulty:** Moderate/Difficult Hiking, Difficult Biking

This is another classic single-track mountain bike trail with a few steep technical descents. As a hiking trail it is loose and steep in sections but follows along the ridgeline providing views east and south. The steep up-hill sections and technical descents will keep all types of mountain bikers entertained.

**Access:** Follow Hwy 3 west towards Grand Forks. Just after the Hwy 395 turnoff, turn right onto Stewart Creek Rd. Follow for 6.8km (stopping just before the switchback) where there is a small pullout to the right. The trail starts out as a logging road for 200 M. before turning into single track trail just before it crosses over a cattle fence (look before you leap!). The trail descends and then has two steep sections, after which it follows along the ridgeline to Chase Rd., which leads to Christina Lake.

#### Vertical Smile Trail

**Distance:** 13.4km, plus 5km of paved and gravel on Fife Rd.

Elev drop 1280m to Fife Rd

**Difficulty:** Moderate Hiking (Full Day), Moderate/Difficult Biking (Full Day)

This trail leads from the summit of Mt. St. Thomas down to Fife Rd.. It is a decommissioned logging road but starts out as an alpine single track, leading to logging road. The descent is long for a hike.

**Access:** Follow Hwy 3 north 32km out of Christina Lake to Bonanza Creek FSR. Take a right on to Bonanza. Bear left at the first Y, and then take the next right. Following the main road, bear left at the next Y then drive until you can't go any further and park (about 9km in total). From here follow the trail. You can ride almost to the summit, leaving a short hike-a-bike at the end. From the summit follow the trail south passing through the alpine meadows until you reach what appears to be an old logging road. Enjoy the descent down to Fife Road.

#### Xenia Lake Trail

**Distance:** 6.2km elev drop 800m

**Difficulty:** Steep and technical decent/ascent. Difficult hiking in either direction. Extremely technical mountain bike descent. Trail is best for experienced hikers and only very experienced wilderness bikers.

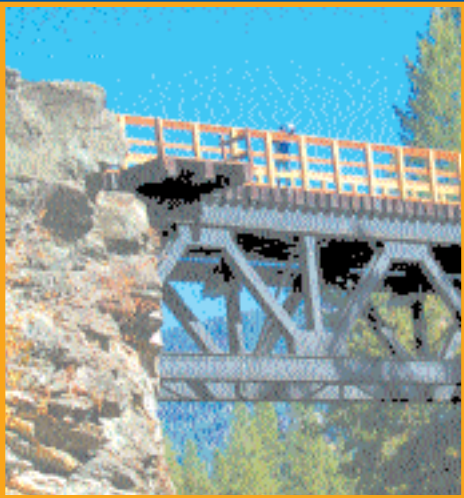
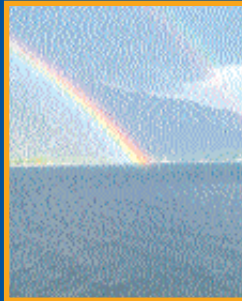
Description: Advanced hiking trail that can be undertaken from either end. Best option is to begin at Xenia Lake and descend to Christina Lake. For an extended journey one can connect Xenia Lake Trail with the Deer Point Trail either using Deer Point Trail as an access to the ascent or as a way back to civilization after the technical descent down from Xenia Lake.

**Access:** This trail can be accessed 3 ways. 1. After completing the Deer Point trail, continue on and ascend Xenia Lake Trail. 2. The trail is accessible by boat via the beach located at the NW end of the Christina Lake. 3. To descend, drive from Christina Lake to Grand Forks. Once in GF, follow North Fork Rd for 22km, take a R onto Miller Creek Rd. After 4 km take a L onto a rough logging road that leads to Xenia. This is a deactivated logging road that requires a high clearance vehicle. There is signage directing you to the trail from the N side of the lake.

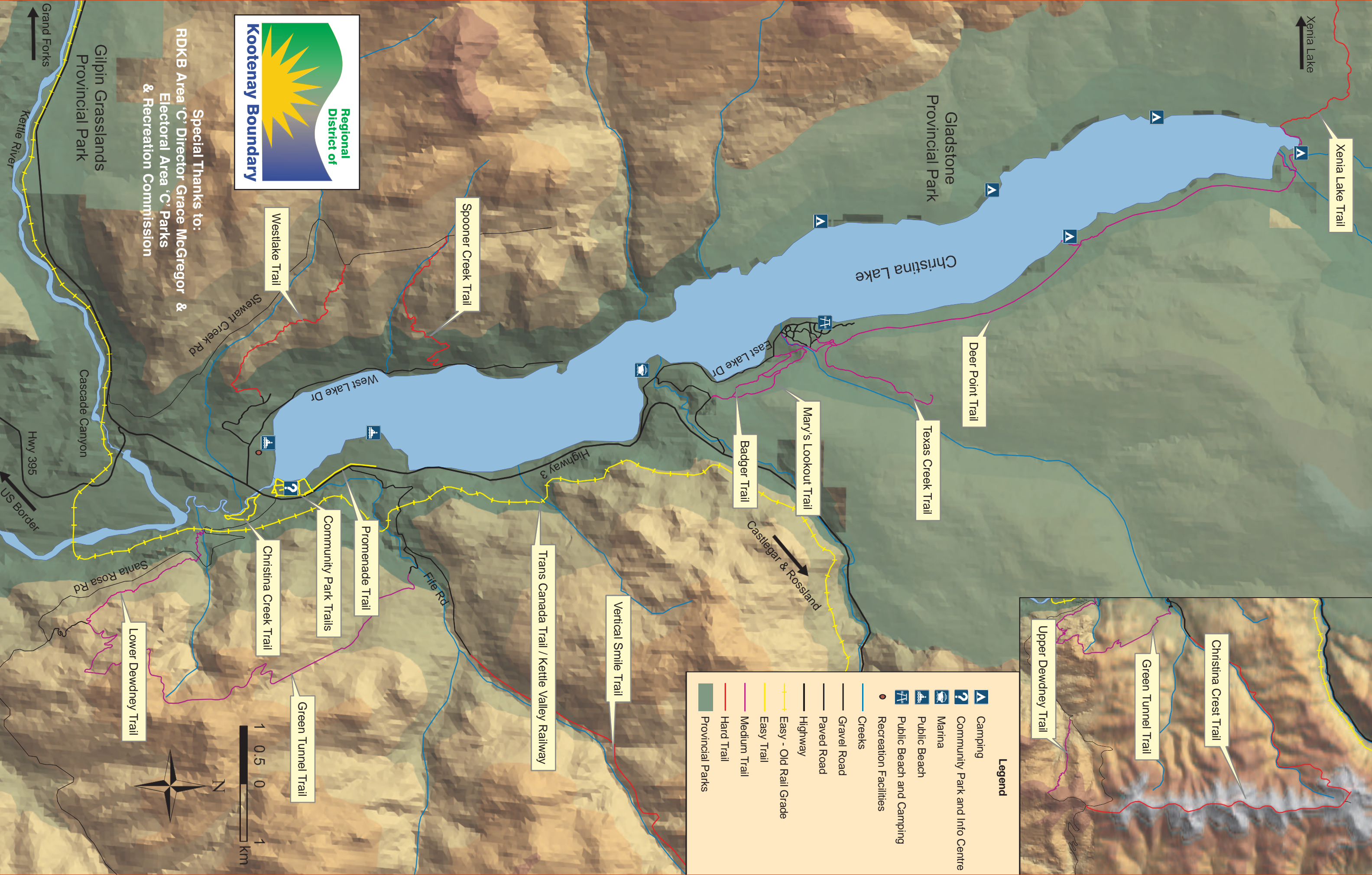
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## Recreation Guide & Trails Map



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**Legend**

- Camping
- Community Park and Info Centre
- Marina
- Public Beach
- Public Beach and Camping
- Recreation Facilities
- Creeks
- Gravel Road
- Paved Road
- Highway
- Easy - Old Rail Grade
- Easy Trail
- Medium Trail
- Hard Trail
- Provincial Parks

