

Activity Guide 2015



- 1 BREATHTAKING VIEWS**
Make a stop at Height-of-Land tower.
- 2 SANDY BEACHES**
Lay your towel down at a Waskesiu beach for a day of relaxation.
- 3 DISCOVERIES**
Free Nature Kits - Borrow one from the Nature Centre or Visitor Centre and have some 'wild' fun in the park!
- 4 COOL TREATS**
Eat ice cream and cruise around Waskesiu with the family.
- 5 CLIMB LIKE A BEAR**
Swing, slide and laugh till it hurts on the **NEW** Waskesiu playground.

Mark Your Calendar

- July 1 Canada Day - **FREE** ENTRY
- July 18 Waskesiu Children's Festival and Parks Day
- August 21 - 23 **NEW!** Waskesiu Lakeside Festival
Outdoor music concert!



Height-of-Land Tower

Visitor Centre - Open Daily

1-306-663-4522
p.n.p.info@pc.gc.ca
parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert @ParksCanada_SK

Toll-free National General Information Line:
1-888-773-8888

Parks Canada Campground Reservation Service:
1-877-737-3783
reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca

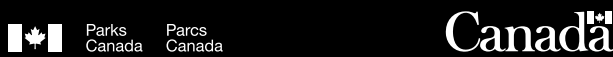
Emergency

Dial 9-1-1 RCMP, Fire, and Ambulance
1-877-852-3100 For all other calls
(Parks Canada Dispatch)



Discover Batoche National Historic Site only 2 hours southwest of Prince Albert National Park.
parkscanada.gc.ca/batoche

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Summer Programs

Wildlife Viewing

Frontcountry Camping

Backcountry Camping

Picnic and Beach Areas



Get your 2015 Programs and Events Schedule today!

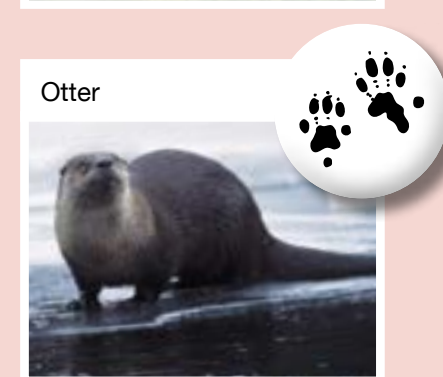
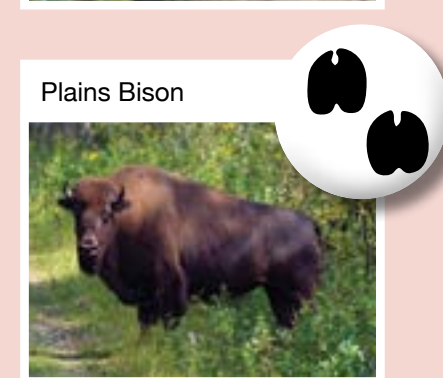
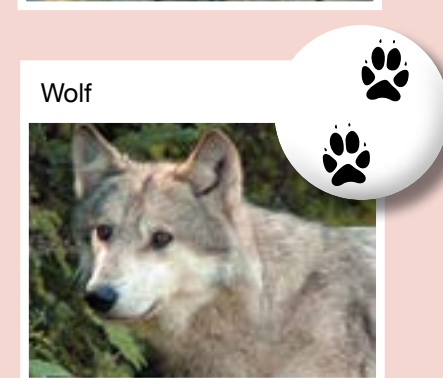
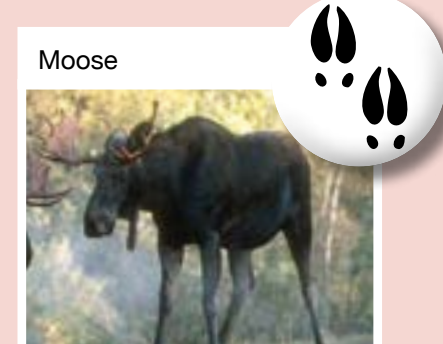
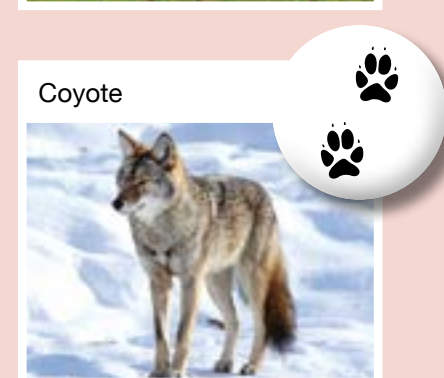
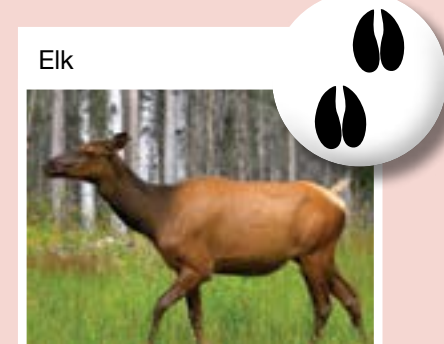
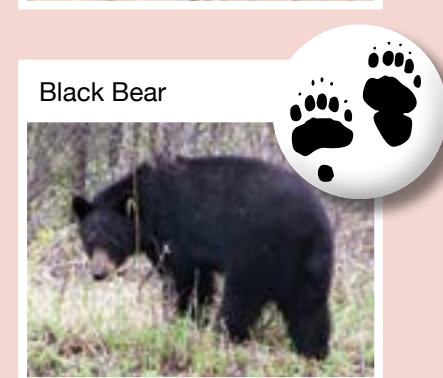
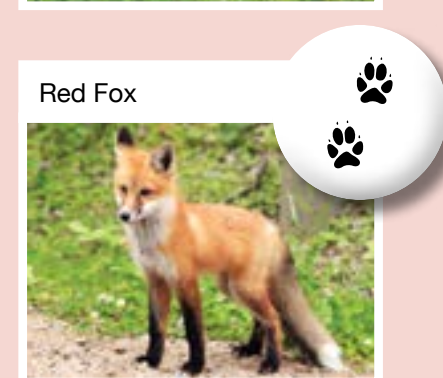
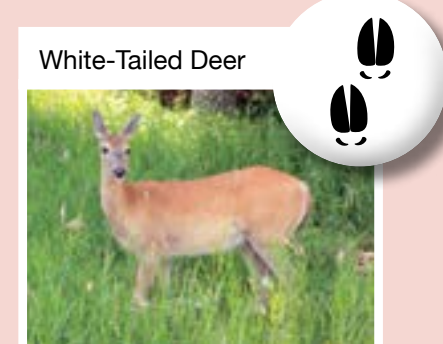
Top 5 Programs

- 1 GEOCACHE**
Borrow a GPS unit from the Visitor Centre or Nature Centre to explore the Natural Gems Treasure Hunt.
- 2 SING AND DANCE**
Be a part of the epic *Bison Will Rise Again* musical.
- 3 HOWL LIKE A WOLF**
Wolf Howls - a timeless tradition in August.
- 4 CREATE**
Get your creative juices flowing at the Art in the Park program - paint, craft and learn!
- 5 HONOUR TRADITIONAL WAYS**
Cook, hunt and weave while discovering uses of traditional Aboriginal tools, medicine and food.

More Fun Just for You!

- Watch for park staff providing fun programs on the beach.
- Pick up an Xplorers booklet at the Nature Centre or Visitor Centre - complete 5 or more cool activities to receive a souvenir.
- Visit the Nature Centre and play the day away.

More Program and Events Details
parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert
waskesiuwildernessregion.com



For Your Safety and Enjoyment:

Read your copy of *Bear Country* and *Bison Country*. Pick these up at any park facility.

Stay at Least:

- three bus lengths (30 metres/100 ft) away from deer, elk, moose and bison.
- ten bus lengths (100 metres/325 ft) away from bears.

Be on the lookout for wildlife crossing or along the roadside. Wildlife are capable of feeding themselves, please do not give them food.

Frontcountry Campgrounds - Vehicle Accessible

CAMPGROUND	RED DEER	BEAVER GLEN	NARROWS	NAMEKUS LAKE	SANDY LAKE
LOCATION	Waskesiu townsite	Northern edge of Waskesiu townsite	25 km NW of Waskesiu	10 km S of Waskesiu	35 km S of Waskesiu
NUMBER OF CAMPSITES	161 pull-through sites	200 electrified back-in sites and 10 oTENTik	87 back-in sites, self-registration	15 back-in and 6 walk-in sites, self-registration	25 back-in and 6 walk-in sites, self-registration
RESERVATIONS	1-877-737-3783*	1-877-737-3783*			
POWER	✓	✓			
WATER	✓	Central tap			
SEWER	✓				
FLUSH TOILETS	✓		✓		
SHOWER	✓	✓			
SEWAGE DISPOSAL			✓	12 km N	3 km S
FIRE PITS		✓	✓	✓	✓
PIT TOILETS				✓	✓
SPECIAL FEATURES	Short walk to main beach	Short walk to Beaver Glen beach	Marina close by	Non-motorized watercraft only	Boat launch and beach

There is a liquor restriction in effect in all campgrounds (excluding Red Deer) on all long weekends.

* Reservation website: reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca

Contact the Waskesiu Chamber of Commerce for information on commercial accommodations
1-306-663-5410

Pack your tent and stay at one of the 14 designated backcountry campgrounds. Enjoy all the wonders of the backcountry with the benefits of a few simple comforts. Each campground is complete with picnic tables, pit toilets, firewood, fire pits and bear-proof food caches.



Backcountry Basics

Register: All overnight visitors must register at the ? on the day of arrival. Sites are not reservable.

Fees: Backcountry fees apply where facilities and services are offered.

Safety:

- Check the weather, trail and fire conditions before heading into the backcountry.
- Pack appropriate equipment and, extra drinking water and food in case you're out longer than anticipated.
- Before your trip, please read the *Bear Country* brochure.
- Take maps, compass and first aid kit.
- REMEMBER - cell phone coverage is variable throughout the park. Do not rely on it.
- For additional resources: AdventureSmart.ca

Grey Owl's Cabin

Challenge yourself with the park's most popular backcountry route. Paddle, hike or bike to where Grey Owl, one of Canada's great conservationists, once lived.

Where to Start: A 45-minute-drive from Waskesiu Lake to Kingsmere parking lot.

Trail Distance: 20 km one way (4-6 hours)

By Water: 3-5 hours and a .5 km portage or 3 km hike
By Hike: 2 hours and 3 km hike

All watercraft must use a 1-km rail portage to access Kingsmere Lake. Pick up a copy of *Routes To Grey Owl's Cabin* at the ? for details. Also available is the *Bagua Canoe Route* brochure.

NEW AND IMPROVED!

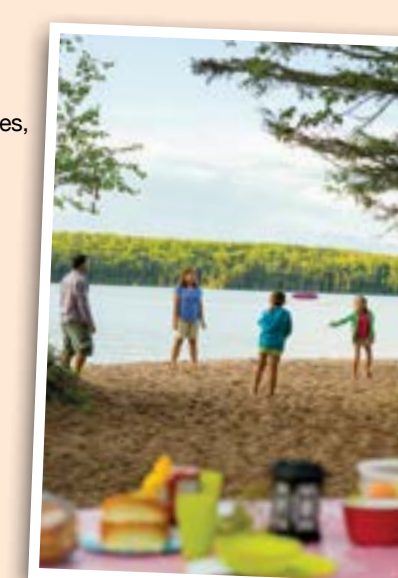
Take advantage of the great improvements at some of the picnic areas around Waskesiu Lake like groomed sandy beaches, picnic shelters and fire pits. Grab a picnic, swimsuit and the family and head for the beach!

Spend the day at:

- Waskesiu Beach
- Birch Bay
- South Bay
- Paignton Beach
- Point View
- Trippes Beach

More picnic areas and beaches in the park:

- Namekus Lake
- Sandy Lake
- Crean Lake
- Kingsmere Lake



Fishing



Remember to purchase a Prince Albert National Park fishing license.

Experience northern Saskatchewan fishing at its finest by casting into the cool waters of the park. Each lake offers a different experience, so grab the whole family and make a day of it.

Fish species found in the park:

- northern pike
- walleye
- lake trout
- perch
- white fish

Trails

Hiking

With over 150 km of trails, Prince Albert National Park is Saskatchewan's premiere hiking destination.

Having trouble identifying a plant or tree? Check out the self-guided trail brochures available at Boundary Bog, Mud Creek and Treebeard trailheads.

Biking

Jump on your bike and cycle along the many trails in the park. The Red Deer Trail is a perfect option located just outside Waskesiu townsite. For the more adventurous, head to the West Side and cruise down the trails in search of plains bison.

Highway #264 lends itself naturally to bike touring. Quiet and well surfaced, its jam-packed with scenic diversity, wildlife and points of interest.

Horseback Riding

Escape the hustle and bustle of the daily grind along one of our horse-friendly trails

Bring your own horse or contact the for information on horseback riding outfitters in the surrounding area.

Paddling

The best seat in the house! Your canoe or kayak provides you with a unique vantage point to watch wildlife and explore the water. It is a great low-impact way to discover the natural wonders of the park. High water levels in spring make it the perfect time to enjoy the rivers.

Day Paddles

NAME	ROUTE	LENGTH (one way)
AMISKOWAN LAKE	Amiskowan Lake to Shady Lake	1-2 hours
KING ISLAND	Trippes Beach to King Island	5 hour
WASKESIU RIVER	Waskesiu River to Waskesiu Lake	5 hour
	Waskesiu River to Highway #2	4-7 hours
SPRUCE RIVER	Spruce River on Hwy 263 to Anglin Lake	1.5 hour
HANGING HEART LAKES	Hanging Heart Lakes to Crean	3 hours

Overnight Paddles

Remember to register at the for all overnight stays

NAME	ROUTE	DAYS
BAGWA	Kingsmere Lake/Bagwa route	2
GREY OWL'S CABIN	Kingsmere Lake/Ajawaan Lake	2-3
CREAN LAKE	Hanging Heart Lakes/Crean Lake	2-3
TIBISKA LAKE	McLennan River/Tibiska Lake	3-4



The Scenic Route Highway #263

(paved, no shoulders)

1 Shady Lake Trail

1.7-km-loop, stairs span a vertical of 45 m
Start: 8 km from on highway #263
 Hike down towards the lake in a counter-clockwise direction. East of the lake, a 1-km-spur brings you to the 15-m-high Height-of-Land Tower.

2 Height-of-Land Tower

Staircase, 60 m one way
Start: 8.5 km from on highway #263
 Climb the 15-m tower for a view of Shady Lake and the mixed-forest canopy. This tower sits on the divide between the Churchill and Saskatchewan rivers.

3 Spruce River Highlands Trail

8.5-km-loop
Start: 29 km from on highway #263
 Ascend the path for 0.7 km and climb to the top of a 10-m tower. Below, the Spruce River meanders through a characteristically glacial landscape. The hills of the aspen parkland are radiant in their fall foliage. The trail then passes through rolling terrain providing great viewing opportunities of Anglin Lake.

4 Freight Tait Springs Trail

2 km one way
Start: 29.5 km from on highway #263
 Early freighters stopped at this natural spring to rest and replenish water supplies. The spring water spills over its banks and flows onward to the Spruce River. The iron-rich springs are interesting to explore but take care not to harm this sensitive area.

5 Elk Trail

Length of each section from trailhead (one way):
 To Fish Lake 13 km – Horse wagon access
 To Camp Lake 15 km
 To Hunters Lake 26 km
 To Sturgeon Lookout 53 km

Start: 40 km from on highway #263

Rolling hills and long grass makes this a challenging route. Some of the grades are steep, especially around Hunters Lake. This trail provides access to Fish, Camp and Hunters lakes and ends at the West Side Boundary Trail and Sturgeon Lookout intersection.

Cookson Road and West Side

(gravel, narrow, no shoulders, hills & curves)

6 Hunters Lake Trail

12 km one way
Start: 16 km west of South Gate on Cookson Road

Similar to parts of the Elk Trail, this trail offers a challenging experience including some steep hills and exposed rocks along the trail.

7 West Side Boundary Trail

11 km one way
Start: Valleyview Day Use Area
 This trail provides access to the fescue grasslands and Sturgeon Lookout. Horse wagon accessible.

8 Sturgeon Lookout Trail

0.8 km one way
Start: 10.9 km from Valleyview Day Use Area along the West Side Boundary Trail

This trail travels through an aspen forest before opening up to a hillside grassland with breathtaking views of the Sturgeon River valley.

9 Valleyview Lookout Trail

200 m one way
Start: Valleyview Day Use Area
 This short hike takes you to the Valleyview picnic site. Enjoy beautiful views of the Sturgeon River valley.

10 Amyot Lake Trail

15.5 km loop
Start: Valleyview Day-Use Area
 Explore sedge meadows where free-roaming plains bison sometimes graze. Return via the West Side Boundary Trail.

The Narrows Road

(gravel, narrow)

11 Mud Creek Trail

2-km-loop
Start: 4.5 km down the Narrows Road, access at South Bay day-use area

The trail skirts the lake and then follows Mud Creek. An active beaver lodge and dam can be seen on the creek. In the spring, spawning fish attract black bears to the area.

12 Treebeard Trail

1.2-km-loop
Start: 17.6 km down the Narrows Road
 Ascend the steep, winding trail through a white spruce and balsam fir forest. The trees along this path are among the oldest and largest in the park. As you descend, watch for a spur to the right. It leads to a small, fern-edged creek, dark and cool.

Kingsmere Road

(first 15 km paved with narrow shoulders, last 17.5 km gravel, no shoulders)

13 Waskesiu River Trail

2.5-km-loop. The first 0.5 km is wheelchair and stroller accessible
Start: 6 km from on Kingsmere Road

From the parking lot, walk towards the river and across the pedestrian bridge. Special displays are on exhibit along this boardwalk. The trail parallels the rock-filled river for 0.5 km before leaving the river's north shore to loop through aspen and spruce forests and a sedge meadow.

14 Narrows Peninsula Trail

3-km-loop, staircase
Start: 22 km from on Kingsmere Road
 This trail passes through a variety of habitats following the shore of Waskesiu Lake. Of particular interest is a spectacular fern bed, luxuriant and green in the early summer. In the 1880's a fur trade post was set up on the point by an independent trader.

15 Kingsmere River Trail

1.5 km one way, staircase
Start: 32.5 km from on Kingsmere Road
 The trail crosses the river and follows a rail portage, then passes through a spruce forest and ends on the east side of the Southend Campground on Kingsmere Lake.

16 Grey Owl Trail

20 km one way
Start: 32.5 km from on Kingsmere Road
 The trail follows the eastern shoreline of Kingsmere River until you reach a junction at 0.3 km. The trail to Grey Owl's cabin branches to the right. Kingsmere Lake becomes visible 1.5 km from this junction. From there, the trail follows the lake's eastern shoreline.

Highway #264

(paved with shoulders)

17 Boundary Bog Trail

2-km-loop
Start: 4.5 km from on Highway #264
 Boundary Bog is an excellent representation of the many black spruce bogs that exist in the Park.

18 Red Deer Trail

Three loops totalling 19 km
Red Loop
Start: At The Rock on the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Lakeview Drive.

The Red Loop takes you 8.1 km through a variety of habitats from townsite to lakeshore through the rolling hills south of Waskesiu.

Yellow Loop

Start: At The Rock on the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Lakeview Drive.
 The Yellow Loop takes you 5.8 km through a variety of habitats from townsite through the Community Fuel Break and back along the lakeshore.

Blue Loop

Start: At the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Ajawaan Drive or from the Beaver Glen Road on the east side of the campground.
 The Blue Loop takes you 5.2 km around Beaver Glen Campground, through the rolling hills north of Waskesiu, then back along the shore of Waskesiu Lake. If you are walking, you may choose to leave the trail and walk on the beach from Kapiswin Bungalows to Orchid Street.

19 Fisher Trail

7.2-km-loop
Start: 1 km from south on highway #264*
 *From parking lot, walk 250 m to the first trailhead or an additional 50 m to the second trailhead.
 Scenic and close to Waskesiu, this trail is great for hiking or biking, through mixed woods, aspen stands and black spruce muskeg.

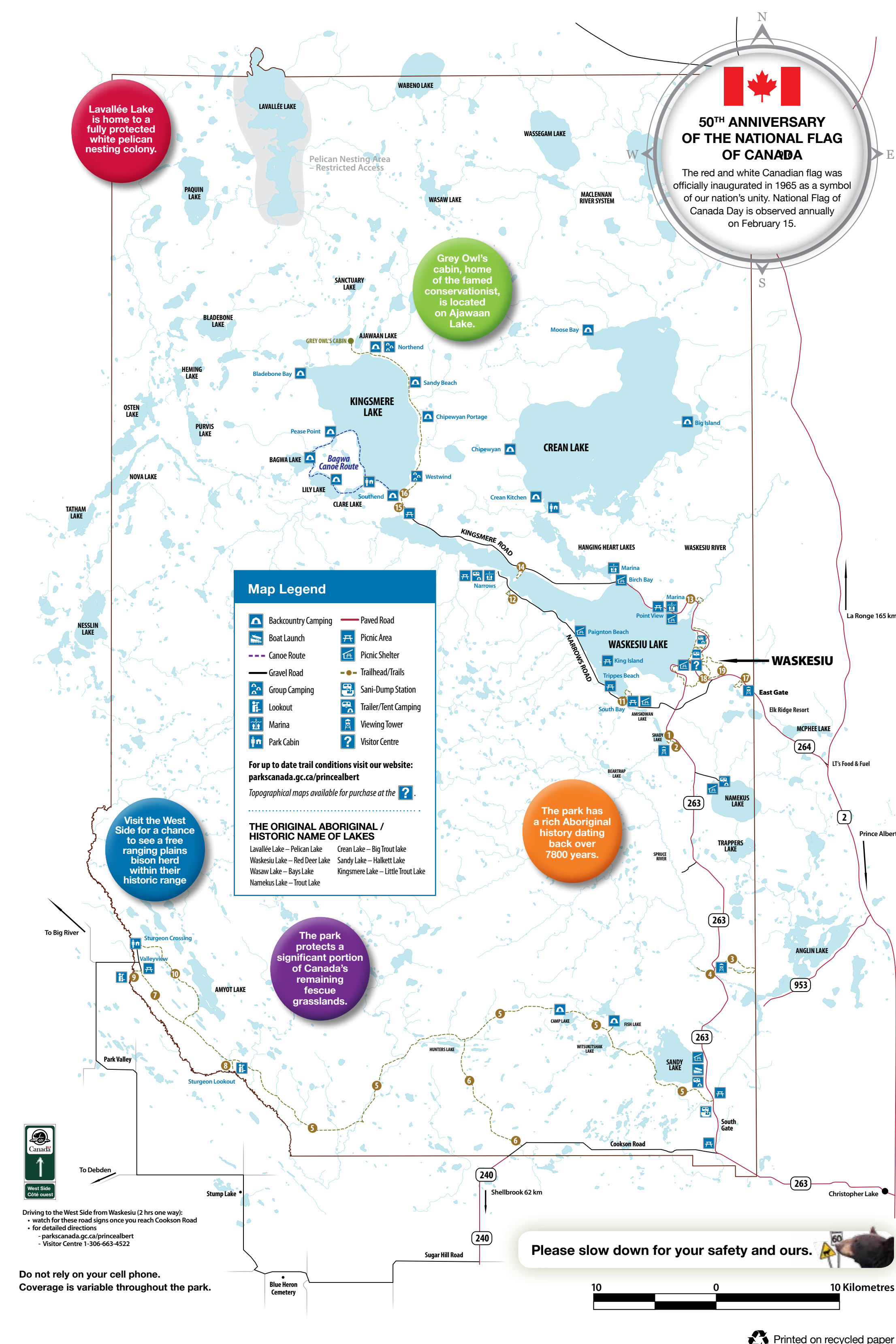
Legend

- Biking
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Lookout
- Viewing Tower
- Visitor Centre
- Washrooms
- Wheelchair Access
- Self Guided Trail
- Easy terrain
- Moderate terrain

TRAIL SAFETY

- Register at the prior to all overnight backcountry trips.
- Trails are not patrolled, ensure that you are self reliant.
- Watch for slippery or broken boardwalk on trails.
- Respect area and trail closures.
- Wildlife encounters are possible, please use caution.

For up to date trail conditions visit our website: parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert





50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA

The red and white Canadian flag was officially inaugurated in 1965 as a symbol of our nation's unity. National Flag of Canada Day is observed annually on February 15.

Driving to the West Side from Waskesiu (2 hrs one way):

- watch for these road signs once you reach Cookson Road
- for detailed directions - parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert
- Visitor Centre 1-306-663-4522

Do not rely on your cell phone. Coverage is variable throughout the park.

Please slow down for your safety and ours.

