

Activity Guide 2016



- 1 WASKESIU BEACH**
Relax on the sandy beach and let the kids play their hearts out at the new playground.
- 2 A DAY OF DISCOVERY**
Borrow Nature Kits from the Nature Centre or Visitor Centre and explore the park around you.
- 3 CAMP IN COMFORT**
Stay in an oTENTik on the edge of Waskesiu for a no-hassle, comfortable camping experience.
- 4 FAMILY COOKOUT**
Plan a potluck with friends and family at one of the many enclosed shelters around Waskesiu Lake.
- 5 GEOCACHE TREASURE HUNT**
Borrow a GPS unit from the Visitor Centre or Nature Centre and find natural gems hidden around town.

Mark Your Calendar

- July 1 Canada Day – **FREE** ENTRY
- July 16 Waskesiu Children's Festival and Parks Day
- August 26 – 28 Waskesiu Lakeside Festival

Parks Canada's Infrastructure Program

When visiting or driving through Prince Albert National Park, you may encounter one or more construction zones or reduced services while we complete this important work. Please plan ahead before you travel to avoid inconvenience.

Projects underway in 2016 include:

- Highway #263 improvements
- Waskesiu Marina facilities and site upgrades
- Grey Owl trail and site rehabilitation
- Kingsmere area rehabilitation
- West Side trail network construction
- Campground revitalization

For more information contact the Visitor Centre and check the Prince Albert National Park Important Bulletins at pc.gc.ca/princealbert

Legend

1 Chamber of Commerce Recreation Centre	Disc Golf	Lawnbowling
2 Community Hall	RCMP	Marina
3 Nature Centre	Dog-friendly beach	Recycling Depot
4 Operations Compound	Dogs prohibited	Sani-Dump Station
5 Terrace Gardens	Red Deer Trail	Tennis
• The Rock	Picnic Shelter – Ask staff for locations	Visitor Centre
	First Aid	Washrooms
		Playground



Visitor Centre - Open Daily

1-306-663-4522
panp.info@pc.gc.ca
parks.canada.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.parks.canada.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.
parks.canada.gc.ca/batoche

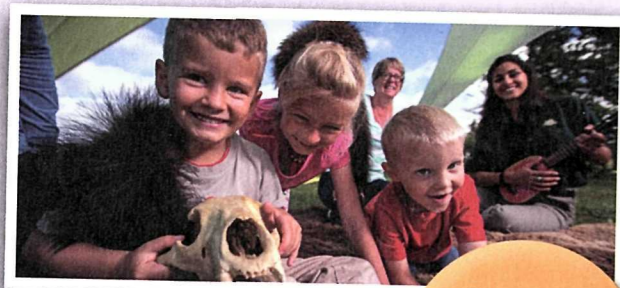
Summer Programs

Wildlife Viewing

Frontcountry Camping

Backcountry Camping

Picnic and Beach Areas



Get your 2016 Summer Programs schedule today!

Top 5 Programs

- 1 HOWL LIKE A WOLF**
Bring the family and howl for wolves. This timeless tradition takes place on weekends in August.
- 2 ART IN THE PARK**
Paint, craft and learn about the wilderness around you. A great program to help you tap into your creative side!
- 3 TREASURE HUNT**
Borrow a GPS unit from the Nature Centre or Visitor Centre and look for hidden gems around Waskesiu.
- 4 SONG AND DANCE**
Join us at the popular *Bison Will Rise Again* musical. Great for kids!
- 5 HONOUR TRADITIONAL WAYS**
Cook bannock over open fire and practice your hunting skills. Learn about Indigenous tools, toys, medicine and food.

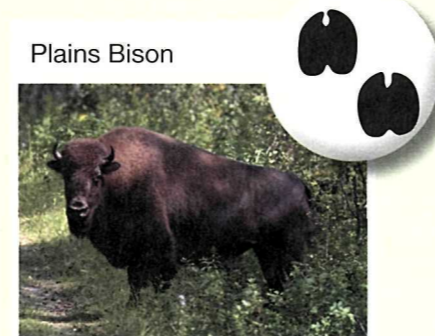
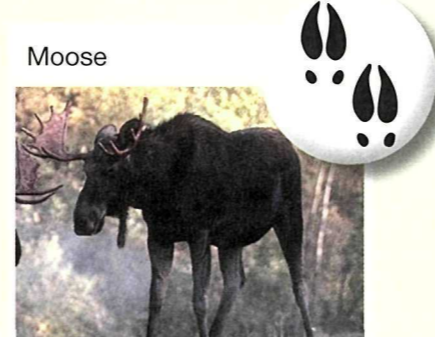
Don't forget these activities...

- Join park staff for fun programs on the beach.
- Pick up an Xplorer's booklet at the Nature Centre or Visitor Centre – complete 5 or more cool activities to receive a souvenir.
- Play at the Nature Centre – puppets, costumes, games, puzzles, nature kits and more!

We are renovating!

Watch for new exhibits and activities at the Nature Centre. Some services may be reduced during construction phase.

Program and Event Details
parks.canada.gc.ca/princealbert
wwrsask.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.parks.canada.gc.ca

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

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
 2 hours and 3 km hike

All watercraft must use a 1km 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 *Bagwa Canoe Route* brochure.

HEAD FOR THE BEACH!

Groomed sandy beaches, picnic shelters and fire pits are ready for your enjoyment. Pack a picnic, your swimsuit and the family and spend the day at:

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

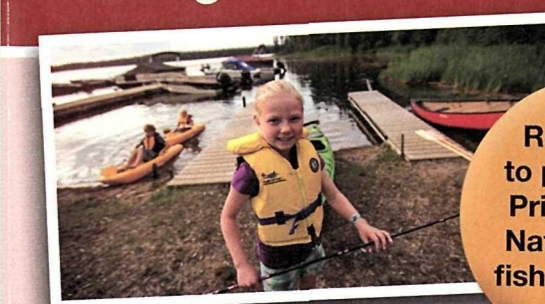
More picnic areas and beaches in the park:

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

Dogs are welcome!

Dogs on leashes are welcome anywhere in the park except public beaches and buoyed swimming areas.

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.

TRAIL SAFETY

- Register at the ? prior to all overnight backcountry trips.
- Trails and beaches are not patrolled, use them at your own risk.
- 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

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.

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 Waskesiu River to Highway #2	5 hour 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

Day Paddles

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



Legend

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

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

Trailhead to Fish Lake 13 km (one way)
- Horse Wagon Access
Trailhead to Camp Lake 15 km (one way)
Start: 40 km from ? on highway #263
Walk through tall aspen stands, see views of Sandy Lake, and discover small wilderness lakes.

Cookson Road

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

6 Hunters Lake Trail

12 km one way
Start: 16 km west of South Gate on Cookson Road
This trail offers a challenging experience including some steep hills and exposed rocks along the trail.

West Side Trail Network

7 West Side Boundary Trail 11.7 km one way
Start: Valleyview Day Use Area
This trail provides access to the fescue grasslands and Sturgeon Lookout. Horse wagon accessible to the last 600m.

8 Valleyview Trail

Following are four exploration options.
All start: Valleyview Day Use Area.

- A) Valleyview Lookout Trail** 200 m one way
This short wheelchair accessible hike takes you to the Valleyview picnic site. Enjoy beautiful views of the Sturgeon River Valley.
- B) Stony Plain Meadow Loop** 3 km loop
Follows the Valleyview Trail along the crest of the Sturgeon River valley. The loop is formed by following a marked route through Stony Plain Meadow (a rare rough fescue grassland). Great family hike.
- C) Woodland Loop** 7.8 km loop
Follows the Valleyview Trail along the crest of the Sturgeon River valley, with many great views along the way. A half kilometre connector trail brings you to the West Side Boundary Trail, which takes you through an aspen forest and back to the parking lot.
- D) Jonassons Flats Route** 11 km one way
Follows the entire length of the Valleyview Trail. Many great lookouts over the Sturgeon River valley. The destination is Jonassons Flats, a rare rough fescue grassland where free-roaming plains bison are sometimes seen. Great random camping opportunities along the way.

9 Amyot Lake Trail Spur

2 km one way
Start: Valleyview Day Use Area, 5.2 km along the West Side Boundary Trail
Explore sedge meadows where free-roaming plains bison sometime graze. Enjoy a beautiful view of Amyot Lake. Horse wagon accessible.

The Narrows Road

(gravel, narrow)

10 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.

11 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)

12 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 spur for 0.5 km before leaving the river's north shore to loop through aspen and spruce forests and a sedge meadow.

13 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.

14 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.

15 Grey Owl Trail

19.3 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.

Westwind

3.1 km one way

Chipewyan Portage

6.2 km one way

Sandy Beach

12.3 km one way

Northend

16.2 km one way

Grey Owl's Cabin

19.3 km one way

Highway #264

(paved with shoulders)

16 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.

17 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 Kapisiw Bungalows to Orchid Street.

18 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.

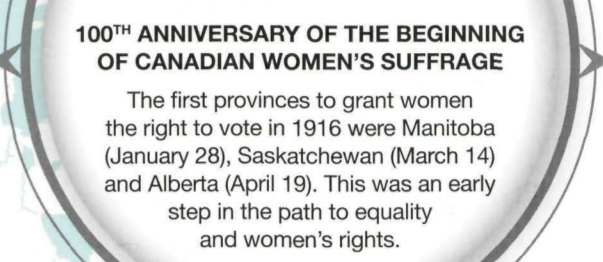
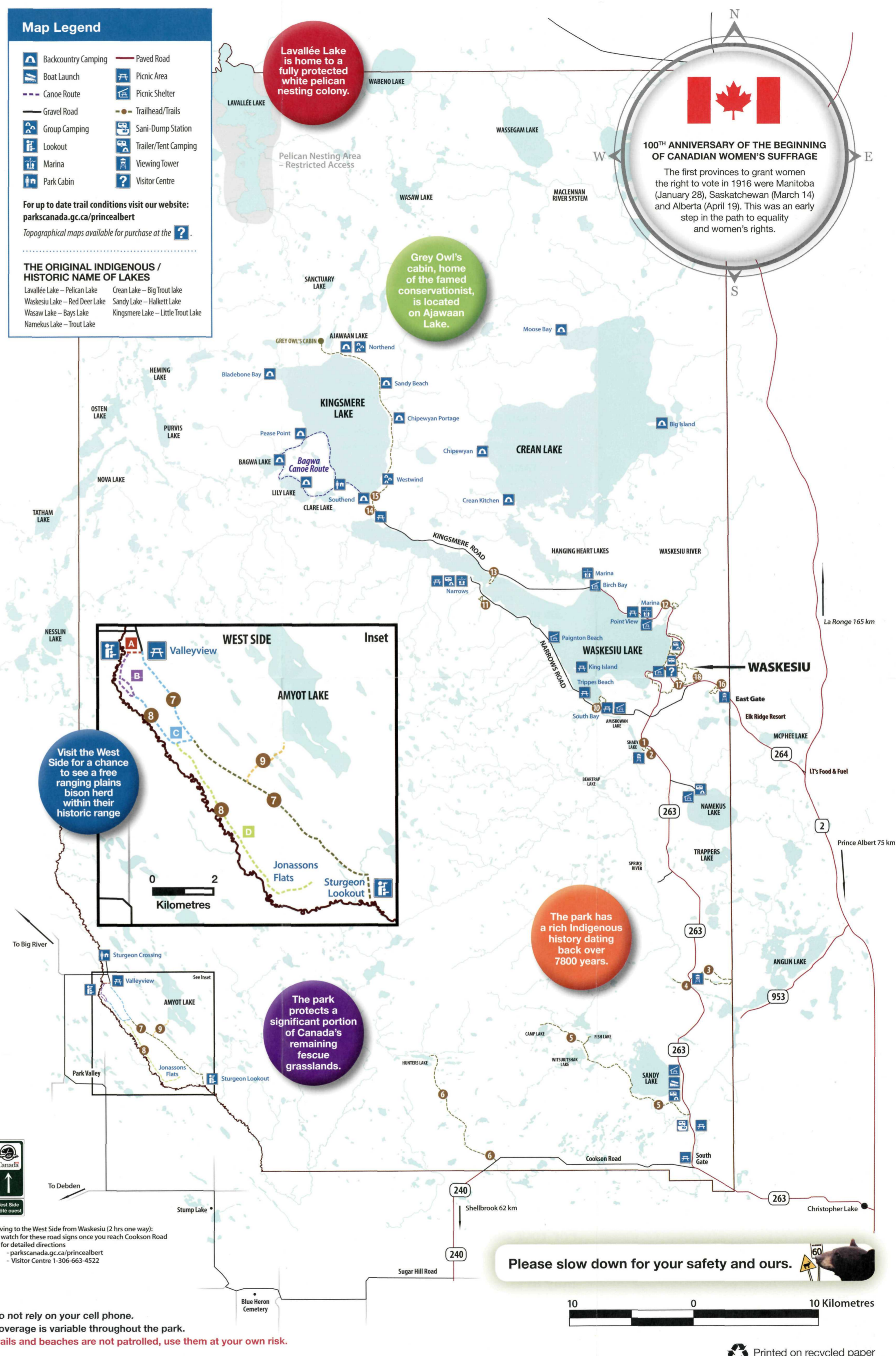
Map Legend

- Backcountry Camping
- Boat Launch
- Canoe Route
- Gravel Road
- Group Camping
- Lookout
- Marina
- Park Cabin
- Paved Road
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Trailhead/Trails
- Sani-Dump Station
- Trailer/Tent Camping
- Viewing Tower
- Visitor Centre

For up to date trail conditions visit our website: parkscanada.gc.ca/princealbert
Topographical maps available for purchase at the ?

THE ORIGINAL INDIGENOUS / HISTORIC NAME OF LAKES

- Lavallee Lake - Pelican Lake
- Waskesiu Lake - Red Deer Lake
- Wasaw Lake - Bays Lake
- Namekus Lake - Trout Lake
- Crean Lake - Big Trout Lake
- Sandy Lake - Hallett Lake
- Kingsmere Lake - Little Trout Lake



100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF CANADIAN WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE
The first provinces to grant women the right to vote in 1916 were Manitoba (January 28), Saskatchewan (March 14) and Alberta (April 19). This was an early step in the path to equality and women's rights.



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 1-366-663-4522

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