

Prince Albert National Park 2013



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CAMPING



Frontcountry Campgrounds – Vehicle Accessible

CAMPGROUND	LOCATION	NUMBER OF CAMPSITES	RESERVATIONS	POWER	WATER	SEWER	FRESH TOILETS	SHOWER	SEWAGE DISPOSAL	FIRE PITS	PIT TOILETS	SPECIAL FEATURES
Red Deer	Waskesiu townsite	161 pull-through sites	1-877-737-3783**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				On the edge of town
Beaver Glen*	Northern edge of Waskesiu townsite	213 back-in sites, 108 electrified	1-877-737-3783**	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		Short walk to beach and townsite
Narrows	25 km NW of Waskesiu	87 back-in sites, self-registration					✓		✓	✓	✓	Marina close by
Namekus Lake	10 km S of Waskesiu	15 back-in and 6 walk-in sites, self-registration								✓	✓	Non-motorized watercraft only
Sandy Lake	35 km S of Waskesiu	25 back-in and 6 walk-in sites, self-registration							3 km S	✓	✓	Boat launch and beach



* There will be a liquor restriction in effect in Beaver Glen campground on all long weekends.
** Reservation website: www.reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca

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

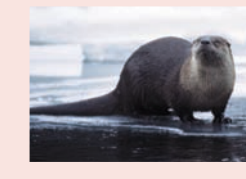
WILDLIFE VIEWING



Take a scenic drive and try to spot some of these residents of Prince Albert National Park.



White-Tailed Deer



Otter



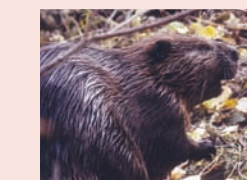
Black Bear



Elk



Red Fox



Beaver



Moose



Coyote



Plains Bison



Grey Wolf

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.
Please refrain from feeding any wildlife.

PICNIC AND BEACH AREAS



Enjoy a relaxing day in the sun at one of our many picnic sites or beaches. Find your perfect spot and you may never want to leave.



BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING



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 privies, firewood, fire pits and bear caches. For even more of an adventure, try random backcountry camping. With over 3,800 km² of protected, unspoiled wilderness, outdoor enthusiasts have an endless opportunity to experience the beauty of Prince Albert National Park.

Backcountry Basics

- Register:** All overnight visitors must register at the ? on the day of departure. Sites are not reservable.
- Fees:** Backcountry fees apply where facilities and services are offered.
- Bears:** Before starting your trip, please read the "Bear Country" brochure available at all park facilities.
- Leave No Trace:** Practice low impact camping. www.leaveatrace.ca/programs/principles
- Water:** Bring your own supply or be prepared to purify from natural sources.
- Safety:** Check the weather, trail and fire conditions, pack appropriate equipment, have maps and trail guides.
- Random Backcountry:** You must be farther than 2 kms from any public highway or designated campground. On Waskesiu, Kingsmere, Ajawaan, Bagwa, Lily, Clare, Lavallee, Crean, Hanging Heart and Lost lakes, you must camp at a designated campground.



Grey Owl's Cabin

Challenge yourself with the park's most popular backcountry route. Paddle or walk 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 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 are brochures on the Bagwa and Bladestone canoe routes.

WASKESIU TOWNSITE



PADDLING



The best seat in the house! Your canoe or kayak provides you with a unique vantage point – the perfect spot to watch wildlife from a respectful & safe distance. 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 hour

Overnight Paddles

– remember to register at the ? for all overnight stays

NAME	ROUTE	DAYS
Bagwa	Kingsmere Lake/Bagwa route	2
Bladestone	Kingsmere Lake/Bladestone route	4-7
Crean Lake	Hanging Heart Lakes/Crean Lake	2-3
Tibiska Lake	McLennan River/Tibiska Lake	3-4

FISHING



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. Main species caught in the park are northern pike, walleye, lake trout, perch and white fish.

Remember to purchase a Prince Albert National Park fishing license.



TOP 5 WASKESIU ACTIVITIES

- 1 Watch the sunset over Waskesiu Lake. Don't forget your camera and some ice cream.
- 2 Visit the Waskesiu Heritage Museum. Pick up a book and find a quiet spot to read.
- 3 Have lunch at a picnic shelter and try a game of Disc Golf.
- 4 Visit the Nature Centre. It's nature up close and fun for the kids.
- 5 Play a round of golf on one of the oldest golf courses in Western Canada.



MAP LEGEND

- 1 Chamber of Commerce Recreation Centre
- 2 Community Hall
- Disc Golf
- First Aid
- Lawnbowling
- Marina
- Nature Centre
- Operations Compound
- Outdoor Theatre
- Playground
- Picnic Shelter – Ask ? staff for locations
- Post Office
- RCMP
- Recycling Depot
- Red Deer Trail
- Sani-Dump Station
- Tennis
- Terrace Gardens
- Visitor Centre
- Washrooms

2013 SUMMER PROGRAMS



Have FUN this July & August

Pick up the 2013 Programs and Events Calendar

- Geocaching
- Outdoor cooking
- Art in the park
- Kids Xplorers program
- Wolf Howl
- And so much more...

For information on local events please visit our website www.pc.gc.ca/princealbert

CONTACT INFORMATION



Visitor Centre email: panp.info@pc.gc.ca	306-663-4522
National Information Service	1-888-773-8888
Parcs Canada Campground Reservation Service www.reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca	1-877-RESERVE 1-877-737-3783

EMERGENCY:

RCMP/Fire/Ambulance	911
Non Emergency RCMP	306-663-4400
Parcs Canada Dispatch	1-877-852-3100
First Aid	306-663-4522

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Hiking

With over 150 km of trails, Prince Albert National Park is Saskatchewan's premiere hiking destination. Whether you are heading out for a short lakeside stroll or an overnight trip, there is a trail to suit your needs.

Having trouble identifying a plant? Can't put your finger on that bird call? Check out our self-guided trails, brochures available at 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.



Horseback Riding

Escape the hustle and bustle of modern life along one of our horse-friendly trails. Let yourself be transported back to a quieter time when the sun's movement was the only indication of hours passing and the only sound was the crunching of hooves on the trail.

Contact the [?](#) for information on horseback riding outfitters.

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: www.pc.gc.ca/princealbert

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 trail 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 River systems.

- 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 the hiker with 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 Kinowa Trail**

5 km one way
Start: 34 km from [?](#) on highway #263
 The hilly landscape through which the trail passes is covered with open forests of trembling aspen and patches of fescue grasslands. The trail ends on the shores of Anglin Lake.

- 6 Elk Trail**

39 km one way
Start: 40 km from [?](#) on highway #263
 Rolling hills and long grass make this a challenging route. Some of the grades are steep, especially around Hunters Lake.

COOKSON ROAD

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

- 7 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.

- 8 West Side Boundary Trail**

25 km one way
Start: Sturgeon Crossing
 This trail provides access to the fescue grasslands and the Sturgeon River Lookout.

- 9 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.

- 10 Valleyview Lookout Trail**

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

- 11 Amyot Lake Trail**

15.5 km loop
Start: Valleyview Day Use Area
 Explore sedge meadows where free roaming bison range and return via the West Side Trail.

LEGEND:

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

THE NARROWS ROAD

(gravel, narrow)

- 12 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 bear to the area.

- 13 Ice Push Ridge**

150 m one way
Start: 11 km down the Narrows Road
 See evidence of the force of winter ice on Waskesiu Lake described by an interpretive exhibit at the lakeshore.

- 14 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 trail 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)

- 15 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.

- 16 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 1880s a fur trade post was set up on the point by an independent trader.

- 17 Kingsmere River Trail**

1.5 km one way, staircase
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.

- 18 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)

- 19 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.

- 20 Red Deer Trail**

Three loops totalling 19 km
Red Loop

Start: At Rendez-vous located on the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Lakeview Drive by the "big rock".
 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 Rendez-vous, located on the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Lakeview Drive by the "big rock".
 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.

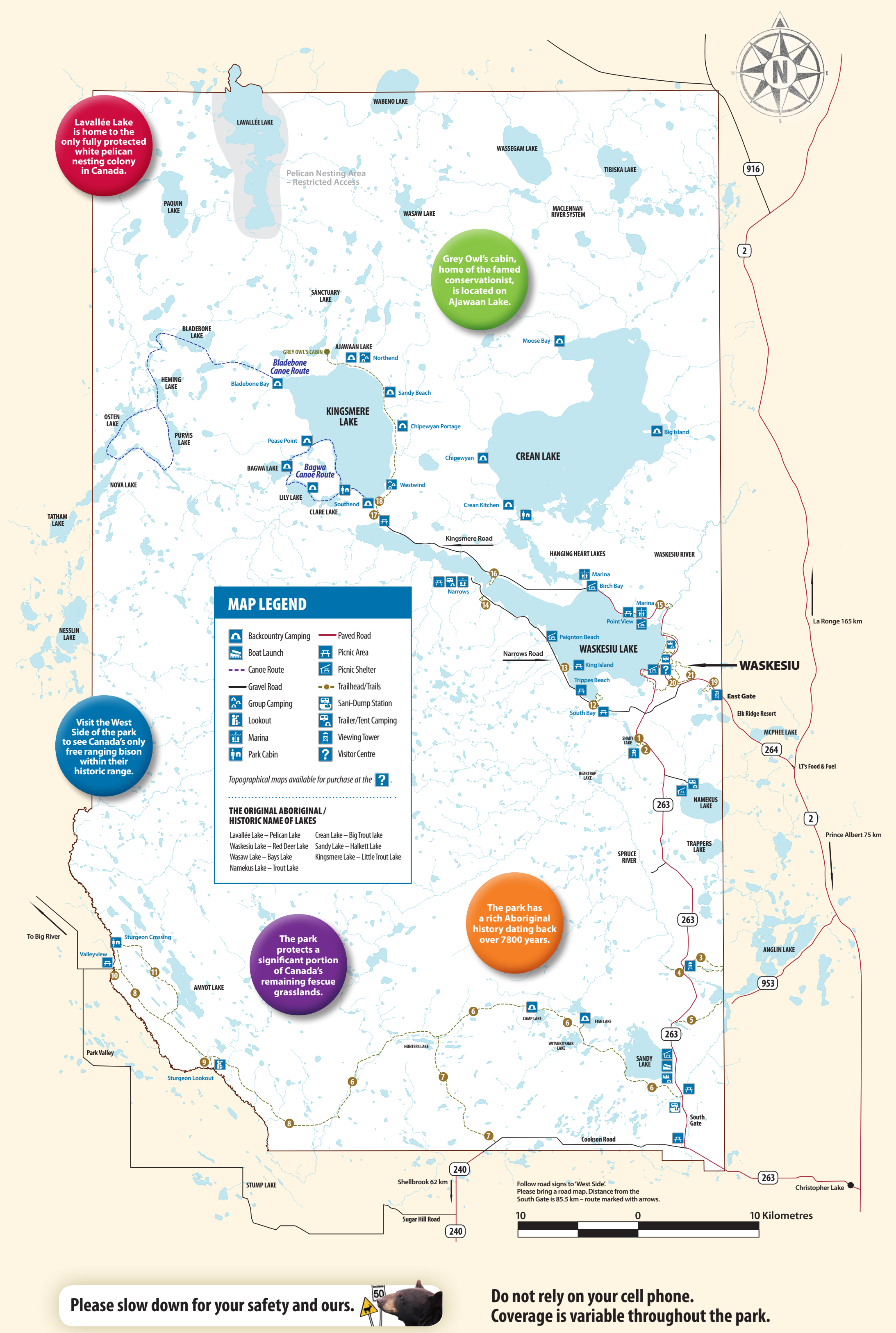
- Blue Loop**

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 Kapisasiw Bungalows to Orchid Street.

- 21 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. Hike or bike this trail clockwise, through mixed woods, aspen stands and black spruce muskeg. Special winter displays are on exhibit along the trail.



Please slow down for your safety and ours.

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