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TRAIL AMENITIES: Viewing Platforms, Benches, Geocaches
TRAIL LENGTH: 2.1 km
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy

A nature trail suitable for all the family. The trail goes around the Loch Lomond wetlands and is usable all-year round. Wide paths, viewing platforms and level ground make this trail ideal for children, seniors and visitors from out of town. This trail is accessible from the Village of Burns Lake by foot using the end of Burns Lake. Turn north to 9th Ave, at the top of the hill. The small parking lot is at the top of 9th Ave.

DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 1.7 km

Rod Reid Nature Trail

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Hundreds of kilometers of trails criss-cross the Bulkley-Nechako region.

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stretch your legs. From flat lakeshore paths blanketed in pine needles to more challenging climbs with incredible views, there is a trail for everyone. Geocaches are hidden throughout the trail network providing a fun treasure hunting experience for the whole family. Many trails are wheelchair accessible and suitable for families with young children.

Stop at a local restaurant or store for a picnic lunch and you're ready to explore the Bulkley-Nechako Region one step at a time...you'll be glad you did!



For more information about a particular trail, including detailed trail maps and information about current trail conditions, please contact the nearest Visitor Information Centre.

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Bulkley-Nechako Hiking Trail Guide



TRAIL AMENITIES: Geocaches, Benches
TRAIL LENGTH: 1.3 km
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy

Turn east onto Main Street from Highway 16 in Smithers. Drive 1.2 km, past the Hilltop Pub, and turn left on the hill onto the Riverside Campground Road. Park in the small parking lot and walk through the campground to either of two trails.

A well-used trail along the Bulkley River. Easy access, a wide path and level ground winds through cottonwood and aspen stands. Suitable year-round. Excellent for a morning or evening stroll to stretch the legs. Sited for walking, jogging, mountain biking, cross-country skiing and even horseback riding. No motorized vehicles. There are sand and gravel bars to explore along the river. Watch for ducks and river otter.

DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 0 km

Smithers Perimeter Trail

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DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy
TRAIL LENGTH: 10 km of trails
TRAIL AMENITIES: Outhouses, Geocaches, Picnic Area, Camping sites, Benches

Travel 18km south of Telkwa on Highway 16 to the rural community of Quick. This Recreation Site is located on West End Road (turn west on this road from Hwy 16).

Located on both banks of the Bulkley River, downstream of Houston and upstream of Telkwa and Smithers, this recreation site and trail network welcomes users to a habitat that is unique, with its low elevation spruce and cottonwood forests and its ready access to the Bulkley River. This Site is operated by the Round Lake Community Association.

DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 0 km

Site Trails

Bulkley River Recreation

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TRAIL LENGTH: 5 km
TRAIL AMENITIES: Signage, Benches, Geocaches

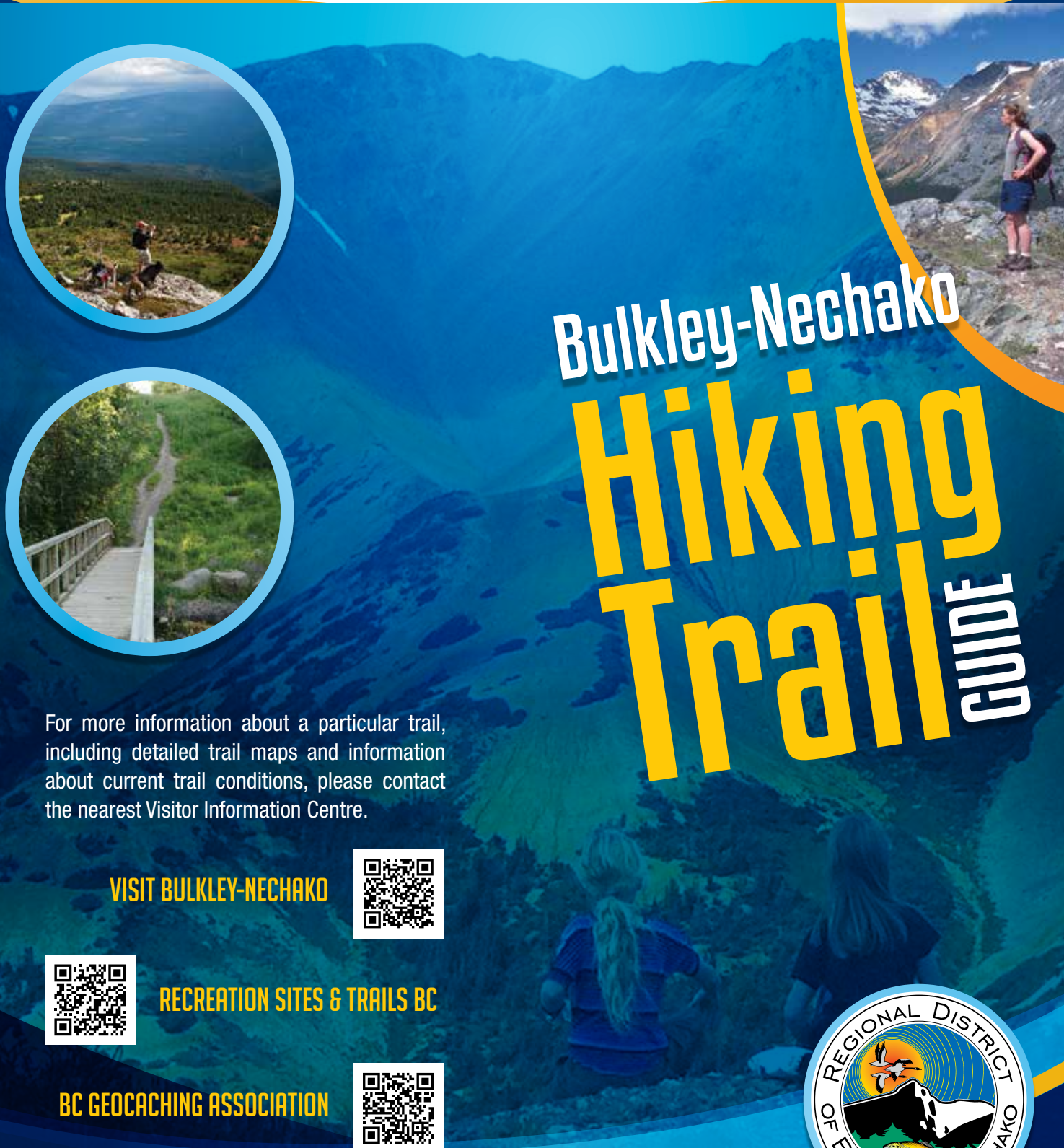
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy to moderate
Turn off Highway 16 toward the Bulkley River (west) at the flashing light in the centre of Telkwa. Park near the bridge. The trail is well marked as the River-Grade Trail. You will eventually cross the highway and loop around the village to Tyhee Lake Provincial Park. Walk through the park on the main road and then left on the street down the hill and you will see the way back to your vehicle.

A historic walking trail that loops around the Village of Telkwa. Excellent for all the family. A nice walk in the evening. The trail follows some of the old trails and roads that served the original town of Aldermere in 1906. All the buildings are gone but signs of the old town are still visible. Visit the Telkwa Museum after your walk to learn the rest of the story.

DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 0 km

Aldermere Trail

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We've selected 15 trails of varied experience levels, located within 15 km of a main highway and offering visitors an opportunity to get off the beaten path. Whether you are driving through the region or staying for a time we encourage you to experience hiking in the Bulkley-Nechako.

Hiking is an easy, low cost way to discover the great outdoors, and there are hiking opportunities for everyone at any age and ability level. Trails in this brochure offer the traveler anywhere from 20 min to 4 hours to get out of the car and

Bulkley-Nechako



Kager Lake Trail

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DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 3 km

Used year-round this easy grade trail system is located at the base of Boer Mountain north of the community of Burns Lake. The trail system is a well maintained network of hard-packed earth and boardwalk trails crossing over foot bridges connecting Kager, Long and Slug Lakes together. The Kager Lake trail is a very popular local recreation destination.

To access the main trailhead near Kager Lake travel Hwy 16 into the Village of Burns Lake, turn right up 5th or 8th Avenue to the end. Turn left onto Boer Mountain Road, drive past the mountain bike park to the large gravel parking lot.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAIL LENGTH: 8 km

TRAIL AMENITIES: Viewing Platform, Fire pits, Tent Sites, Picnic Area, Outhouses, Geocaches

Nourse Creek Falls

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DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 35: 14.4 km

This trail follows a sandstone canyon complete with hoodoos for 2 km up to the Nourse Creek Falls. The pools below the falls offer a nice swimming spot in the summer. Elk and mountain goats have been spotted in this unique landscape. This trail continues on to Maxan Lake but due to blow down continuing past the falls is not recommended.

Turn south on Highway 35 at the centre of Burns Lake. Drive 20 minutes to Francois Lake and stay right along the north shore of the lake. Drive 14.4 km from the Francois Ferry Terminal. Turn right at the Nourse Creek Trail sign.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy to Moderate

TRAIL LENGTH: 2 km to the falls

TRAIL AMENITIES: Outhouse, Picnic Area, Geocache

Black Point Trail

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DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 15 km

This trail is an easy walking trail suitable for families. The trail passes through a mature 140 year old pine and spruce forest with patches of poplar and Douglas fir trees. The trail is 1 km down to the lake where there is an old trapper's cabin. Walk along the lake for another 0.5 km to Black Point Rock where a pebble beach spans 0.5 km in length. The beach is a great place to swim or cast for fish.

From Highway 16 turn left onto Francois Lake Road. Follow Francois Lake Road for 7.1 km and turn left onto Nithi Road. Travel down Nithi Road for 1.9 km then turn right onto Dahlgren Road. Travel on Dahlgren Road past the east end of Francois Lake and across the Nithi River Bridge. At approximately 4.3 km from the Dahlgren Road turn off there is a small forest service campsite and the Black Point Trail parking lot.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAIL LENGTH: 1.5 km

TRAIL AMENITIES: Beach, Geocache



Mouse Mountain Trails

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DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 0 km

Mouse Mountain Park is located right in the Village of Fraser Lake. There are numerous trails up the mountain, and the only access to the top is by walking. The trails are quite steep as they zigzag up the hill. There are rest areas on the way up and a picnic area at the top with a spectacular view.

Turn right down Carrier Crescent and then turn right past the arena on Mouse Mountain Drive. At the next intersection turn left on Murray Street. Follow the road past the 4-way stop and go past Mouse Mountain School onto a dirt road. Follow the dirt road to parking at the base of the hill.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Moderate/Difficult

TRAIL LENGTH: 2.8 km

TRAIL AMENITIES: Rest stops, View Point, Picnic Area

Mount Dickinson Trail

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DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 27: 2 km

Up the hill behind the community of Fort St. James is a wonderful hike. The moderate grade hiking route leads to a viewpoint on a bluff with spanning views of the valley below. A hike up Mount Dickinson rewards you with a panoramic view of Fort St. James, Stuart Lake and surrounding area. The hike is short but steep with some sections of the path more difficult than others. The trail should take no longer than 2-3 hours to complete a round trip adventure. Bring your camera!

Once in the community of Fort St. James follow Stuart Drive to the hospital and turn left on Pineridge Street. Drive 400 - 500 metres past the end of the paved street to the entrance. Most park on the side of the paved street and walk to the trailhead.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Moderate

TRAIL LENGTH: 2 km

TRAIL AMENITIES: Geocache



Mount Pope

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DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 27: 4 km

Located in Mount Pope Provincial Park the Mount Pope Hiking Trail is a 7 km route that follows an earthy, pine-needle cushioned trail up Mount Pope via a series of switch backs to a peak providing fantastic 360 degree views. At the top you will find a gazebo providing an ideal location for a snack after your hike. The elevation gain is about 790 metres (2400 feet); allow 4 to 6 hours for the return hike.

Travel north on the main route through the community of Fort St. James. Take a left onto Stones Bay Road. The trailhead parking lot is 4 km down Stones Bay Road on the right hand side of the road.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Difficult

TRAIL LENGTH: 6.7 km

TRAIL AMENITIES: Resting Benches, Gazebo at the top, Geocache

Riverside Nature Trail

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DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 1 km

This easy, gravel trail runs along the beautiful Nechako River from the Migratory Bird Sanctuary observation tower in Riverside Park to the WL McLeod wetland 1,350 m downstream. Along the way visitors will enjoy stopping at look-out spots on the river, meandering through the forest understory vegetation, and seeing and hearing birds and other wildlife. This trail is fully wheel chair accessible and perfect for families with young children.

From Hwy 16 start heading north about 1 Km on Burrard Avenue (the main street of Vanderhoof). Continue down Burrard pass Louvain Street. On your left, before the bridge, is an entrance to Riverside Park. Look for signs. Go to the far end of the parking lot to the viewing platform and nature trail.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAIL LENGTH: 1.3 km

TRAIL AMENITIES: Picnic Area, Board Walk, Benches, Geocache



Heritage Nature Trail

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DISTANCE FROM HIGHWAY 16: 0 km

Well groomed, wide, moderate elevation this gravel trail runs through the Vanderhoof Community Museum site and Stoney Creek, up the far valley wall of the Nechako River and back to the museum. Along the way visitors will enjoy a look-out spot onto the Stoney Creek. This wheelchair accessible trail is perfect for the history buff.

From Highway 16 turn onto Pine Street. The Vanderhoof Community Museum is to your right. Enter the parking lot behind the Vanderhoof Community Museum.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAIL LENGTH: 1.25

TRAIL AMENITIES: Gazebo, Geocache

Waterlily Lake Trails

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DISTANCE FROM HWY 16: 12 km

Waterlily Lake is a recreation destination in the hills behind the community of Vanderhoof. The trail has 7 loops from 1.2 km to 11.9 km, all of which are marked and well maintained. This 24 km network of trails is used by hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders and cross-country skiers. It is wise to have a map of this trail system. Maps are available at the Visitor Information Centre in Vanderhoof.

From Highway 16 in the community of Vanderhoof turn down Burrard Ave (main street) and continue until you cross the Nechako Bridge. At the junction after the bridge is Sturgeon Point Rd. Turn onto Sturgeon Rd. and head east for 6.5 Kms. The road turns into Smedley Road where you are to continue driving for another 2.4 Kms to the Waterlily Trailhead sign.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: Easy

TRAIL LENGTH: 24 km trail system

TRAIL AMENITIES: 3-Sided Wooden Shelters, Trails are groomed in winter for cross country skiing, Geocache



NOTE: This map is intended to identify the Region's activities and not for navigational purposes.