

# TRAIL DESCRIPTION

## THE SCENIC ROUTE HIGHWAY #263

(paved, no shoulders)

### 1 Shady Lake Trail

Moderate terrain, 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

Easy/Moderate terrain, staircases, 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 North Freight Trail

Moderate terrain, 8.6 km loop  
**Start:** 1.6 km down the Narrows Road and 1.4 km south on access road

The halfway mark of this trail brings you to Beartrap Creek, watch for the beavers and other aquatic life. As you continue on, the flat terrain quickly turns into an undulating trail of mixed woods and wild flowers.

### 4 Freight Tait Springs Trail

Easy terrain, 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 Spruce River Highlands Trail

Strenuous terrain, 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.

### 6 Kinowa Trail

Moderate terrain, 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.

### 7 Elk Trail

Moderate/strenuous terrain, 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)

### 8 Hunters Lake Trail

Strenuous terrain, 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.

### 9 West Side Boundary Trail

Easy terrain, 61 km one way (39 km one way from trailhead to West Side entrance and 22 km one way from West Side entrance to north end of trail)  
**Start:** 2.5 km down Hunters Lake Trail (see Hunters Lake Trail for directions)

This trail provides access to the fescue grasslands and the Sturgeon Lookout Trail (1 km access) 25 km west of the Cookson Road/Highway #240.

### 10 Valleyview Trail

Easy terrain, 200 m one way  
**Start:** 3 km down West Side Park boundary road then .5 km south

This short hike brings you to the Valleyview picnic site. Enjoy beautiful views of the Sturgeon River valley.

### 11 Amyot Lake Trail

Moderate terrain, 15.5 km loop  
**Start:** Sturgeon Crossing Picnic Area

Explore sedge meadows where free roaming bison range and return via the West Side Trail.

## THE NARROWS ROAD

(gravel, narrow)

### 12 Mud Creek Trail

Easy terrain, 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

Easy terrain, 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

Moderate terrain, 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

Easy terrain, 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

Moderate terrain, 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.

### 17 Kingsmere River Trail

Easy terrain, stairway, 1.5 km one way  
**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.

### 18 Grey Owl Trail

Moderate terrain, 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

Easy terrain, 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

Easy/strenuous terrain, three loops totalling 19 km

### Red Loop

Moderate to strenuous terrain  
**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

Easy terrain  
**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

Easy with some strenuous terrain at the north end  
**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 Kapsiwini Bungalows to Orchid Street.

### 21 Fisher Trail

Easy/moderate terrain, 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.

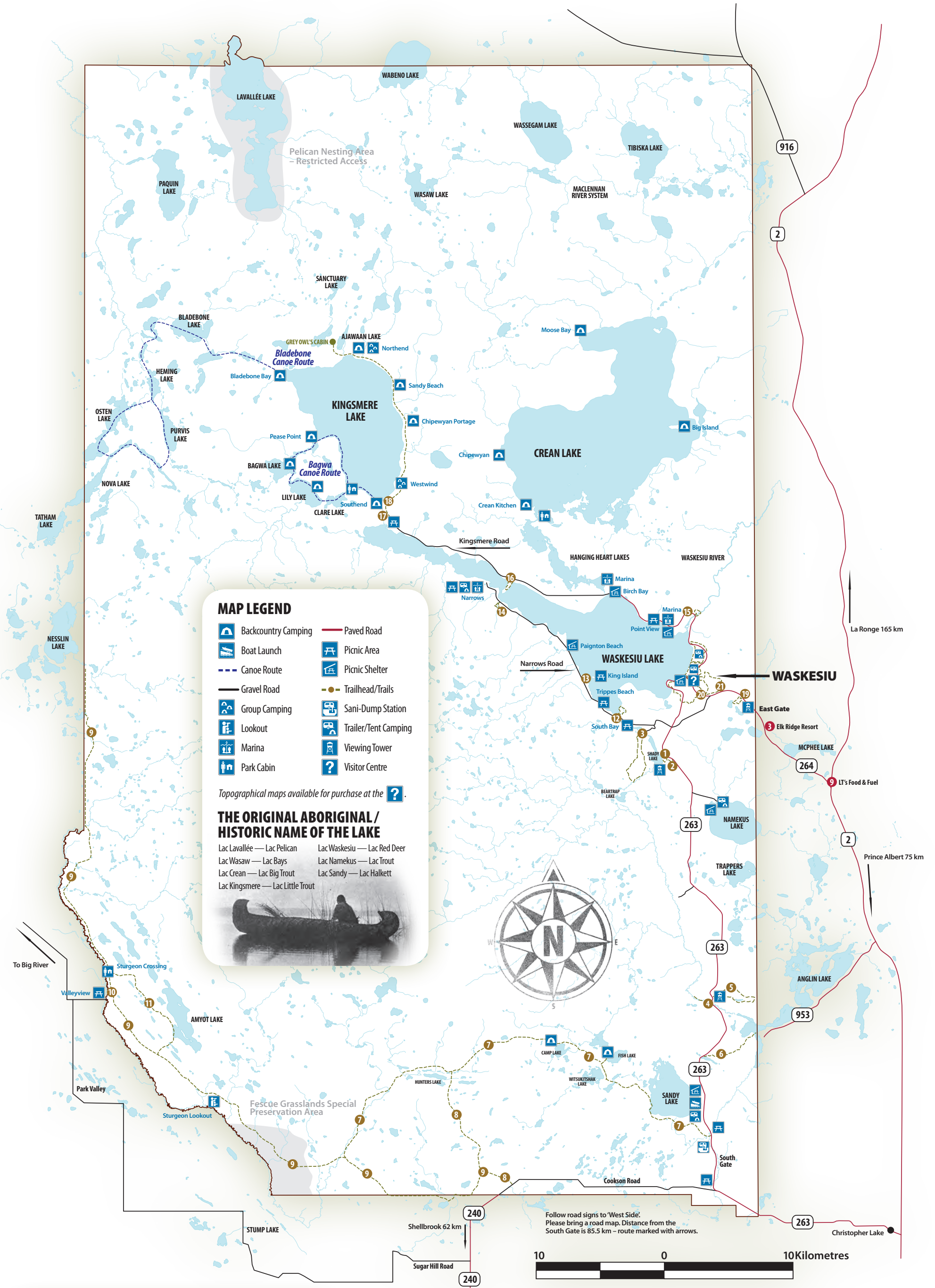
## FOR YOUR SAFETY:

- Register at the Visitor Centre 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.
- Contact the Visitor Centre for details on trails and backcountry routes.

## LEGEND:

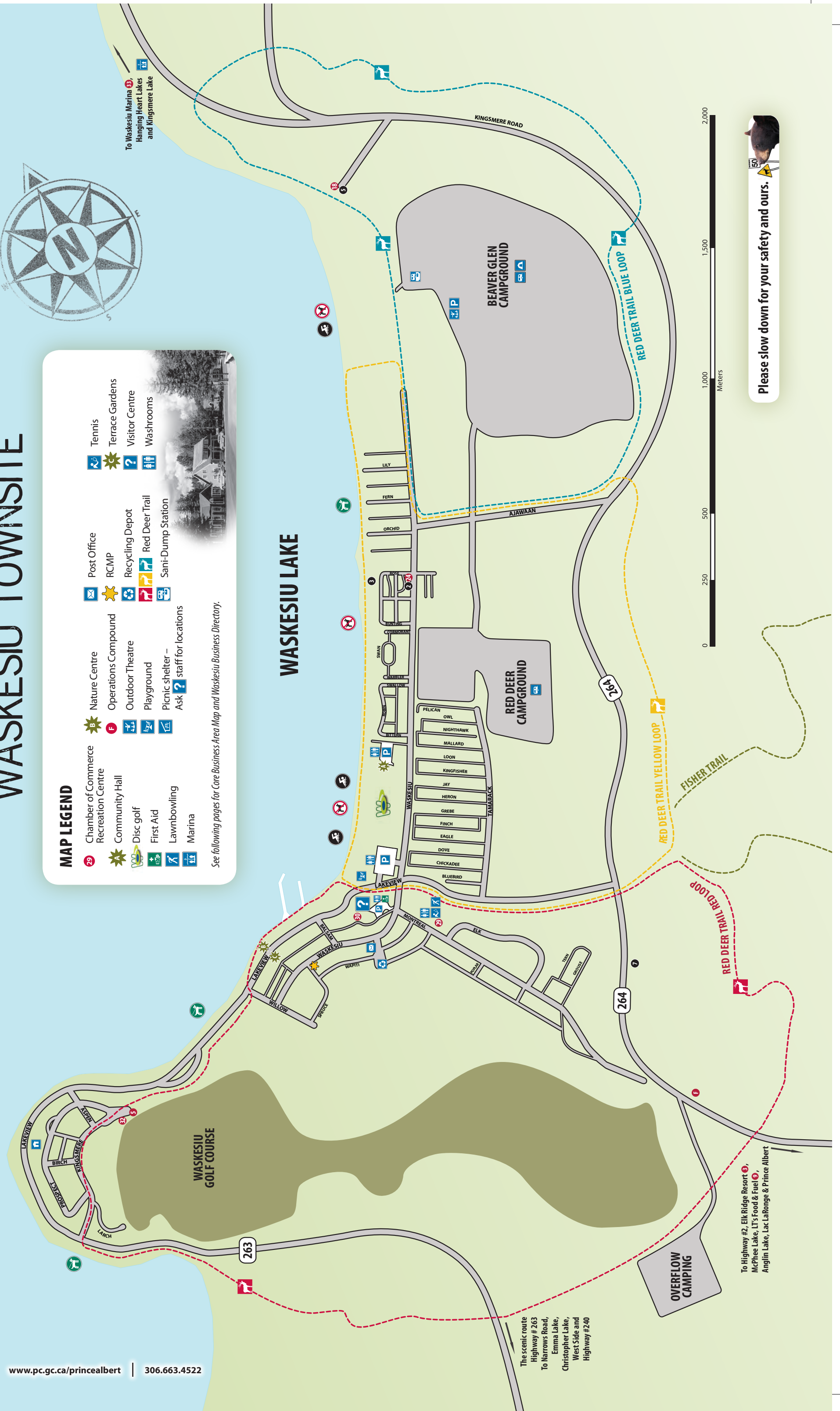
- Biking
  - Hiking
  - Horseback riding
  - Lookout
  - Viewing Tower
  - Visitor Centre (See townsite map for location)
  - Washrooms
  - Wheelchair access
- \*\* Self-Guided Brochure available at trailhead

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# WASKESIU TOWNSITE

## WASKESIU BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Eat, shop & explore.

Area code 306

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| <p><b>RESTAURANTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Asian Station 663.4111</li> <li>2 Angry Taco 663.4085</li> <li>3 Copper Ridge Dining Room (Elk Ridge Resort) 663.4653</li> <li>3 Walleye's (Elk Ridge Resort) 663.4653</li> <li>4 Evgreen Coffee &amp; Food 663.4155</li> <li>5 Lobstick Club House 663.5303</li> <li>6 Mackenzie Dining Room (The Hawwood Inn) 663.5911</li> <li>7 Patio Café 663.5233</li> <li>8 Peter's Terrace Restaurant 663.5530</li> <li>9 LT's Food &amp; Fuel (Hwy #2) 663.5544</li> </ul> | <p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29 Chamber Of Commerce/Recreation Centre 663.5410</li> <li>3 Elk Ridge Resort &amp; Golf Course 663.4653</li> <li>1-800-510-1824</li> <li>683.9510</li> <li>30 Grey Owl Centre 663.5371</li> <li>31 Twin Pine Cinema 663.5300</li> <li>32 Waskesiu Golf Course 663.5759</li> <li>33 Waskesiu Heritage Museum 663.1999</li> <li>Waskesiu Marina Adventure Centre 763.1278</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>SHOPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 At the Beach 663.5255</li> <li>11 Fish Tales Gallery 663.5898</li> <li>12 Friends of the Park 663.5213</li> <li>13 Jason Leo Bantle Gallery 663.4199</li> <li>14 Lake Life 663.5444</li> <li>15 LA Outfitters 663.5355</li> <li>16 Outer Limits 663.4000</li> <li>17 Pine &amp; Fancy 663.5371</li> <li>18 Simply Rustique 663.5225</li> <li>19 Traxx in the Sand 663.5700</li> <li>20 Wishing Well Gifts 663.4666</li> </ul>  | <p><b>ACCOMMODATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Cabins, hotels &amp; motels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Armstrong Hillcrest Cabins 663.5481</li> <li>2 Baker's Waskesiu Bungalows 663.5211</li> <li>922.3017</li> <li>3 Beaches of Waskesiu (monthly rentals) 244.5656</li> <li>4 Chateau Park Chalets 663.5556</li> <li>5 Kapisiwin Bungalows 663.5225</li> <li>1.877.963.5225</li> <li>6 Lakeview Resort Hotel 1.877.331.3302</li> <li>7 Lost Creek Resort 663.5025</li> <li>1.866.663.8622</li> <li>8 The Suites at Waskesiu 663.46202</li> <li>9 Waskesiu Lake Lodge 663.6161</li> <li>10 Waskesiu Resorts 663.5377</li> <li>764.7504</li> </ul> <p><b>Cabins &amp; hotels with dining</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Elk Ridge Resort &amp; Golf Course 663.4653</li> <li>1.800.510.1824</li> <li>663.5911</li> <li>1.877.441.5544</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21 Big Olaf 663.5353</li> <li>22 Fresh Hair 663.5261</li> <li>23 Lakewood Service &amp; Towing 663.5202</li> <li>24 LT's Food &amp; Fuel (Hwy # 2) 663.5544</li> <li>25 The Market 663.5400</li> <li>26 The Scoop 663.5233</li> <li>27 Wash-Ka-Sou 961.3688</li> <li>27 Waskesiu Liquor Store 663.5331</li> <li>28 Waskesiu Trading Company 663.5477</li> </ul>  | <p><b>MAP LEGEND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chamber of Commerce Recreation Centre</li> <li>Community Hall</li> <li>Disc golf</li> <li>First Aid</li> <li>Lawnbowling</li> <li>Marina</li> <li>Nature Centre</li> <li>Operations Compound</li> <li>Outdoor Theatre</li> <li>Playground</li> <li>Picnic shelter - Ask ? staff for locations</li> <li>Post Office</li> <li>RCMP</li> <li>Recycling Depot</li> <li>Red Deer Trail</li> <li>Sani-Dump Station</li> <li>Tennis</li> <li>Terrace Gardens</li> <li>Visitor Centre</li> <li>Washrooms</li> </ul>  |

## HERITAGE BUILDINGS

Visit these historic buildings and discover their unique stories.

- MAP LEGEND**
- 29 Chamber of Commerce Recreation Centre
  - 30 Community Hall\*
  - 31 Friends of the Park Bookstore/ Waskesiu Heritage Museum
  - 32 Grey Owl Centre
  - 33 Nature Centre
  - 34 Superintendent's Residence\*
  - 35 Terrace Gardens
  - 36 Waskesiu Golf Course Club House\*
- \* See townsite map for location



## WASKESIU TOWNSITE CORE BUSINESS AREA

See business directory on back of centre fold

Recycling in the Park, is just plain natural!

For additional information on businesses go to [www.waskesiu.ca](http://www.waskesiu.ca) or [www.waskesiu.org](http://www.waskesiu.org).

**Prince Albert National Park Visitor Centre - 663.4522**

**In Case of Emergency 911**

**Parks Canada Dispatch - 1.877.852.3100**