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From our pristine waterways and untapped wilderness to a diverse network of parks, trails, services and amenities, we welcome you to our playground in Hinton and the Alberta Northern Rockies.

Hinton is the gateway to a treasure trove of outdoor adventure, whether it be in Jasper National Park, the Provincial Parks paradise known as the Alberta Northern Rockies, or out and about on the vast stretches of nearby crown land.

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A Warm Welcome

A Message from the Town of Hinton and the Hinton & District Chamber of Commerce



There's a moment, as you drive into Hinton, when it is all laid out in front of you.

It's just after the highest point on the entirety of the Yellowhead highway, as you head west towards the townsite. Conveniently enough, there's a rest stop there. When you drive by, consider stopping, and looking out at Hinton and our surrounding region.

You can see the incredible Canadian Rocky Mountains, looming behind the community. As you look, the mind travels, considering the potential of this rugged splendor – mountain biking, hunting, skiing, swimming, running, quadding, horseback riding, and on and on and on. With William A. Switzer Park, Jasper National Park, and wide swathes of crown land, your options are near limitless.

That limitless feeling, that bevy of opportunity, that's what we want you to feel as you read this visitor guide.

We've always been a base camp. As the end of rails in a time when rail was the main means of transportation, countless adventures and explorations set out from right here, and you join them in your voyage. We've gotten really, really good at outfitting explorations, too. Hintonites are friendly, hospitable people, and many of us run and staff the hotels, restaurants, shops, service companies, and tourism operators. This is who we are, and we're working to be even better than ever.

You'll find in this guide, and around Hinton, references to #explorehinton. It's an idea, that shopkeepers and business operators have an obligation to seek out ways to provide the best possible service, selection, and value, just as the customer is obligated to look locally before travelling elsewhere to fill their needs. By stopping here, by recreating here, by volunteering here,



**Chamber President Nathan Schneider and Mayor Marcel Michaels
pictured at the Visitor Information Centre.**

you're a part of the movement. Show us what that means to you; post your picture online with the hashtag #explorehinton.

We are proud to say our community welcomes newcomers and visitors. We are warm, active people; we love our community and its accomplishments.

On behalf of the Hinton and District Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Hinton, we invite you to visit and discover it all for yourself.



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FUN FACTS about Hinton

We're glad you came to our four-season playground where the weather and climate help fuel the fun.

If you are here in the summer you're likely taking advantage of our long hours of sunshine - we average around 2,100 hours of sunshine a year!

Visitors love to take advantage of these long days, whether by booking an early morning tee off, or watching the sun go down over the mountains in a radiant display of reds, pinks and oranges as late as 11 pm at the height of the season.

Thanks to our location in the foothills at the edge of the Rocky Mountains, we also enjoy the fringe of the Chinook winds. Besides meaning cooler summers, it also means slightly warmer temperatures for our winter guests!

If you are here in the winter you might enjoy ice fishing, and world-class cross country skiing - not to mention the abundant snowmobiling opportunities and fatbiking. All these activities are helped along by our ample snow base, with an average annual snowfall of 119 cm (46.85 inches).

No matter when you're here, or for what reason, Mother Nature is generally a willing partner in making your visit a memorable one.

Hinton is a hot spot for geocachers, with more than 250 caches within a 20 km radius.

How Far is Hinton?

From Banff, AB.....	366 km	From Lethbridge, AB.....	710 km
From Calgary, AB.....	581 km	From Medicine Hat, AB.....	865 km
From Grande Prairie, AB	333 km	From Fort McMurray, AB.....	725 km
From Grande Cache, AB.....	149 km	From Valemount, BC.....	202 km
From Edmonton, AB.....	288 km	From McBride, BC.....	245 km
From Jasper, AB	77 km	From Kamloops, BC.....	523 km
From Edson, AB.....	87 km	From Clearwater, BC.....	396 km



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Hinton Visitor Information Centre

Located off the Yellowhead Highway at 309 Gregg Avenue in the Green Square and central shopping district of Hinton. The Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is one of more than 100 community and regional Visitor Centres located throughout the province.

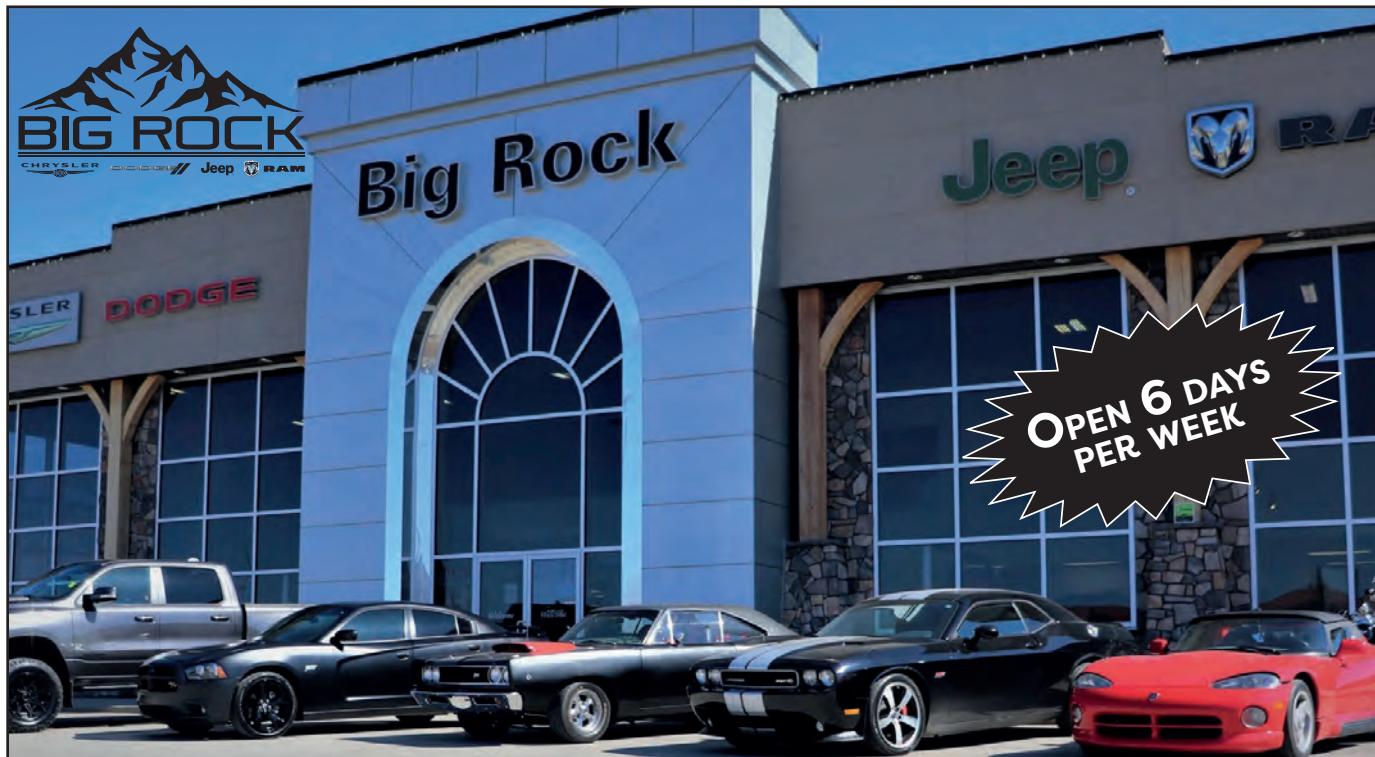
The VIC has received high acclaim and recognition in Travel and Alberta Culture and Tourism articles with their "Above and Beyond" service to travellers, and in 2016 they were presented with a "Community Ambassador" Award at the annual Hinton & District Chamber Business Awards Gala. They are also a 2017 AMMY Award Winner for Individual Excellence - Leader in Visitor Services.

The Hinton VIC offers many services and amenities to the public, including:



- Free WIFI
- Interpretive signage throughout the centre showing things to see and do in the area
- Facilitated Accommodation, Campground and Tour bookings
- Highly trained and professional local, regional and provincial travel consultation
- Free Community Ambassador training programs (for local businesses and staff)
- High quality local and provincial brochures, maps, guides and travel paraphernalia.
- National Park Passes, National Park Fishing Licences, Hot Springs passes and Sky Tram flight pass sales.
- Merchandise sales - Maps, pins, postcards, Books and Artwork
- Disability access washrooms
- Notice boards displaying up-to-date information on weather, road reports, wildlife "warnings" and local and provincial festivals and events.
- Pursuit Reservations

If you are a visitor or have moved to Hinton, visit the VIC to find out what information and resources they can provide to make your stay in Hinton more than you could ever imagine.



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Hinton is a regional hub of recreation, health care and retail in the West Yellowhead region, also serving neighbouring Grande Cache, Jasper and Edson.

It has a population of around 10,000 and is 270 km west of Edmonton and 80 km east of Jasper along the twin-lane Yellowhead Highway (Hwy. 16). It is a short 15-minute drive to the Jasper National Park boundary and about 3 hours from the world famous West Edmonton Mall.

The Town has developed in two separate areas, about 5 km apart, known to residents as the Hill and the Valley - separated by Highway 16. This geographical dispersion is accounted for by the fact that Hinton actually started out as two communities - Drinnan and Hinton. There are shopping and service nodes in both areas, as well as at Parks West Mall on the west end of town.

The town boasts a number of outdoor recreational facilities and attractions, including the Beaver Boardwalk, Canada's longest freshwater boardwalk, a free-access mountain bike park, skateboard park, numerous paved and maintained gravel trails, tennis courts, a campground, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, rodeo grounds and a challenging 18-hole golf course. You'll also find various parks and playgrounds, a riverfront park with a boat launch, an off-leash dog park and a Disc Golf course.

Indoor recreational facilities are excellent, with a 25 meter indoor pool, a toddler pool, hot tub and sauna, racquetball and squash courts, two arenas, a daycare facility, a youth centre and a curling rink. Hinton also has the Northern Rockies Museum of Culture and Heritage, for

Gateway to the Rockies

all your history needs. www.northernrockiesmuseum.com

Venues just outside town include a gun and archery range. The Hinton Nordic Centre is a world-class venue for cross-country skiing, and mountain biking, and is located on Highway 40 North.

With the mountains next door the opportunities for camping, hiking, downhill skiing, quadding, snowmobiling, fishing, and hunting are abundant.

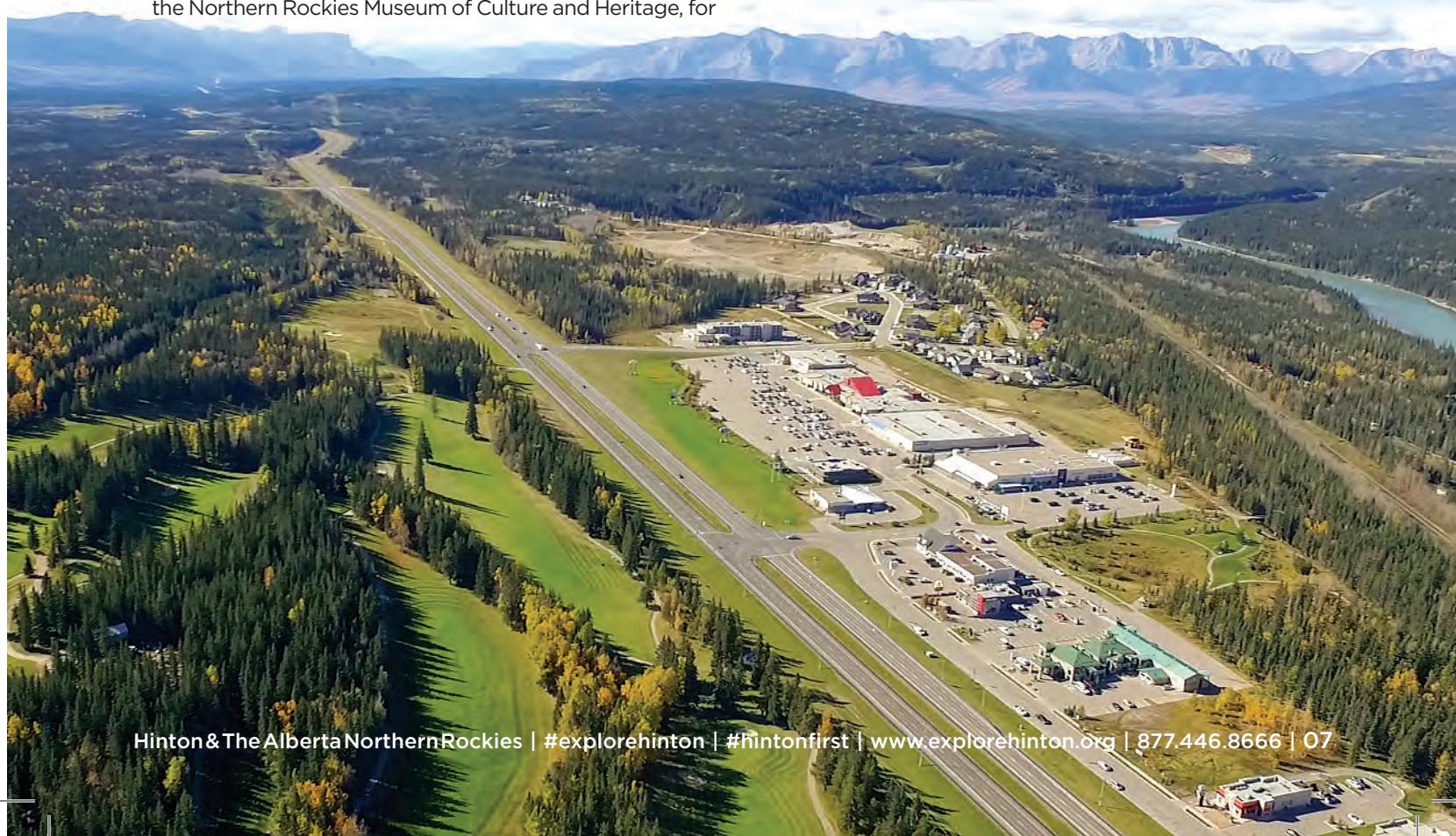
Hinton hosts multiple world-class festivals and events, from the Wild Mountain Music Festival to the 2015 North American and Canadian Biathlon Championships, as well as orienteering, road & mountain biking, marathon and endurance racing, music, culture, art, dance and culinary events.

Accommodations offered in the local area run from teepees with bed and breakfast service, to full-featured hotels with indoor swimming pools and restaurants. Some facilities also have night clubs and lounges, for partygoers who enjoy after dark activities.

Hinton has a variety of camping opportunities in the area. Available campgrounds vary between municipal, private, forest and recreation managed, or Alberta Parks managed (more than 30 options). There are a full range of campsite amenities available to choose from, including drive-through and hike-in, serviced to unserviced, and reservable to self-registration.

Hinton houses the largest Forestry Training School in Alberta with the Alberta Forestry Museum and trails. It also offers health services to the community and region at the Hinton Hospital.

Flip through this guide for even more on the area.



Mountain Bike

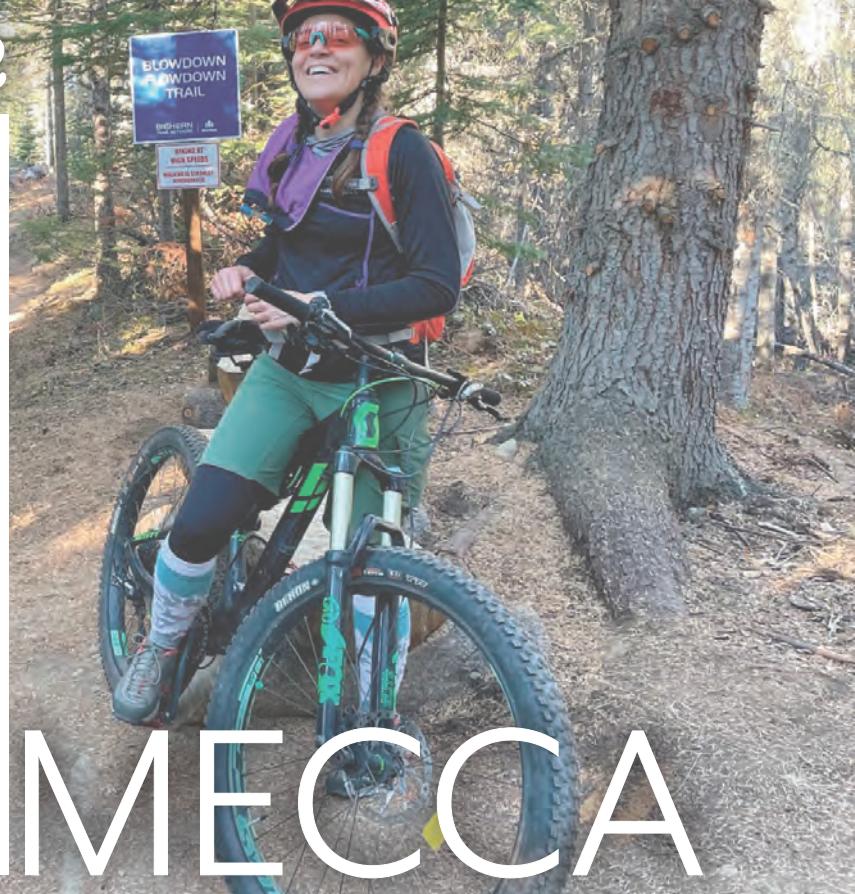
The Hinton Mountain Bike Association (HMBA) was formed by a few buddies that saw a need to improve mountain biking in Hinton and has since established the community as one of the foremost mountain bike destinations in Western Canada.

The momentum has been built, in part, through the promotion of some signature annual events like the Beaver Bike Fest, and the Dirt Jam Under The Lights.

The Hinton Bike Park, located at 281 Robb Road, has also played host to AFD Gravity Cup downhill racing events.

Hinton also hosts the MS Bike Tour - which was the first off-road version of the annual fundraiser in Canada.

Dates and details for local mountain bike events and club rides can be found at www.bikehinton.com.



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West Fraser has just completed a new sustainable mountain bike trail to the top of the Bighorn Ridge and it is now open to the public. This new trail system includes a brand new 12 kilometer up-trail to the ridge top and a mostly new 5 kilometer down-trail back to the parking lot. In the next couple of years, West Fraser is also going to be building a new trail that runs another 14 kilometers along the Bighorn Ridge.

As well as the existing 19 kms of up and down trail, there are two loop trails within the main trail system. Once the trail upgrade is completed, the result will be an epic mountain bike trail with spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains to the west and the foothills to the east. The trail will be able to be ridden both ways or with a shuttle at one end.

Hinton is gaining speed with its reputation as a mountain biking mecca in Western Canada.

The biking trail network is constantly changing, and those who venture out can experience woodland beauty, wetlands or breathtaking vistas with an interesting mix of roots, side hills, climbs and technical features – and don't let the season stop you, because Hinton has a thriving fatbiking community – using wider tires to manoeuvre over snowy terrain.

The free-access mountain bike skills park within the Town limits, includes a new pump track added last year, and is a safe haven for skills development for all abilities and ages. The park connects with an extensive system of Town and independent trails that have been marked and mapped over the past couple years thanks to the Hinton Mountain Bike Association. The Hinton Mountain Bike Park is located on Robb Road, just past the intersection of Eaton Drive. Another great addition to our region is the brand new Brule Mountain Bike Park, which opened in the summer of 2018.

The remarkable and diverse mountain biking experience within Hinton serves as a hub for nearby mountain bike adventures, whether they be trails and trail systems in William A. Switzer Park, by the Overlander Mountain Lodge, around Brule or into Jasper National Park.

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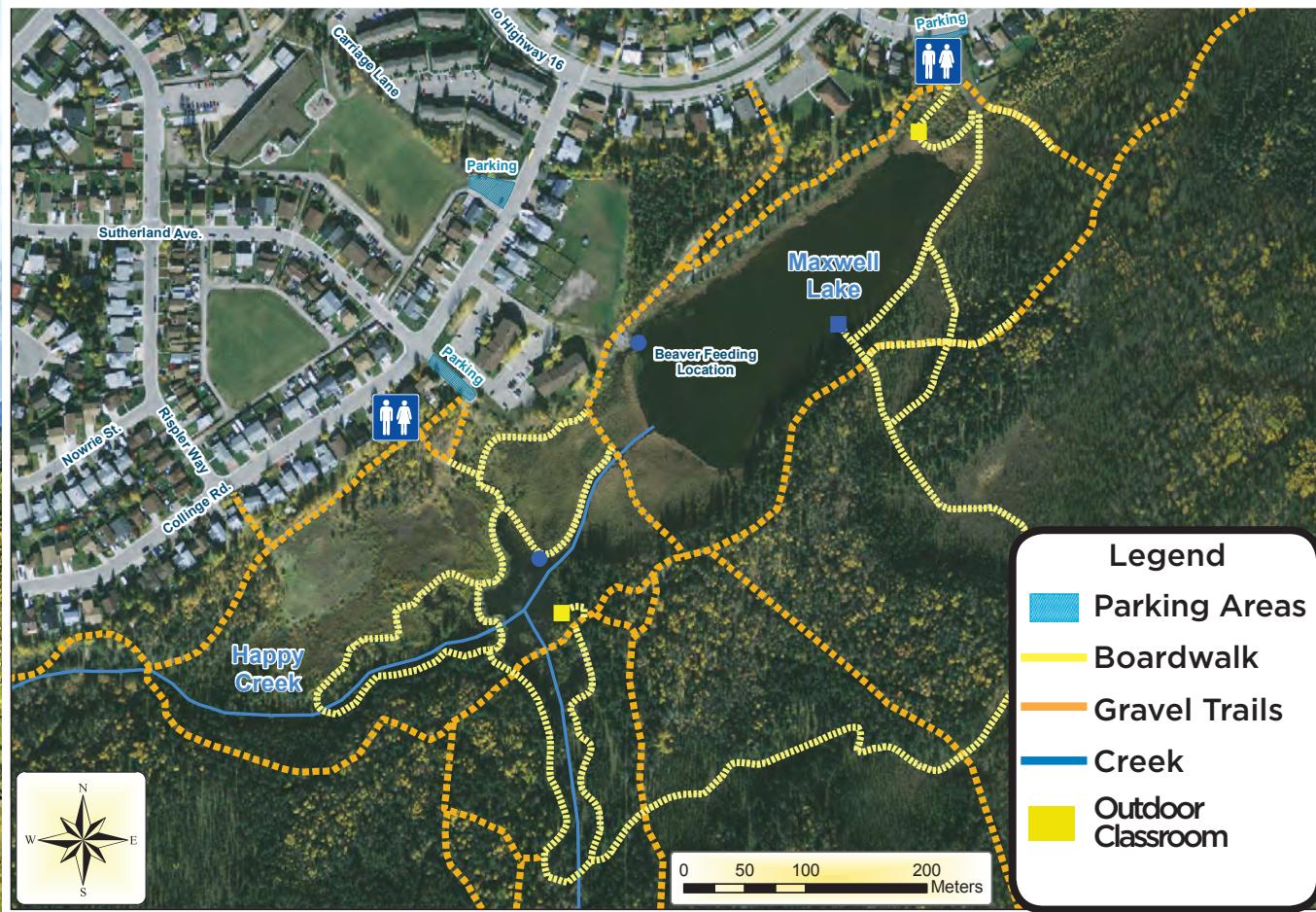
The world's longest freshwater boardwalk is a great family outing that showcases the local wetland system around Maxwell Lake.

Built over a number of years through volunteer effort with corporate support, the attraction features more than three kilometres of boardwalk, seating areas, interpretive signs and two observation towers.

More than a dozen beavers, as well as countless other wildlife, call this wetland area home. Visitors should take in the boardwalk in the early morning or evening for the best chance to see these busy beavers in action.

The boardwalk is a recognized destination for birding enthusiasts and photographers, and attracts avid birdwatchers looking to check some important species off their to-watch list. More information on birding in the area can be obtained from the local Whiskeyjack club at wjclub@telus.net.





Beyond animals and birds, it's not altogether uncommon to see local musicians and singers congregating for the occasional evening serenade.

Visitors are encouraged to use the Green Square parking lot to unhitch and park large travel trailers or fifth wheels, or to seek street parking on Collinge Road in front of Maxwell Lake Apartments.

The Beaver Boardwalk, also known by locals as the "Beebo," is accessible by public transit. See the centre map on pages 28-30 for transit stop details.

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Parks, Trails & Open Spaces



Hinton has the rare privilege of expansive, easy to access, trail networks that connect numerous parks and open spaces.

Odds are, wherever you are in Hinton, there's a trail, open space, or park nearby for you and your family to enjoy.

Find out for yourself! For trail maps and park and playground information, go online to www.hinton.ca/outdoors.

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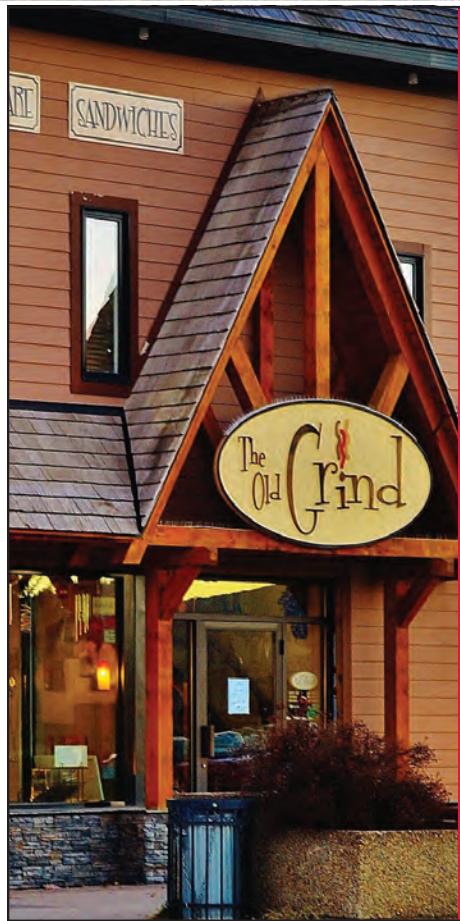
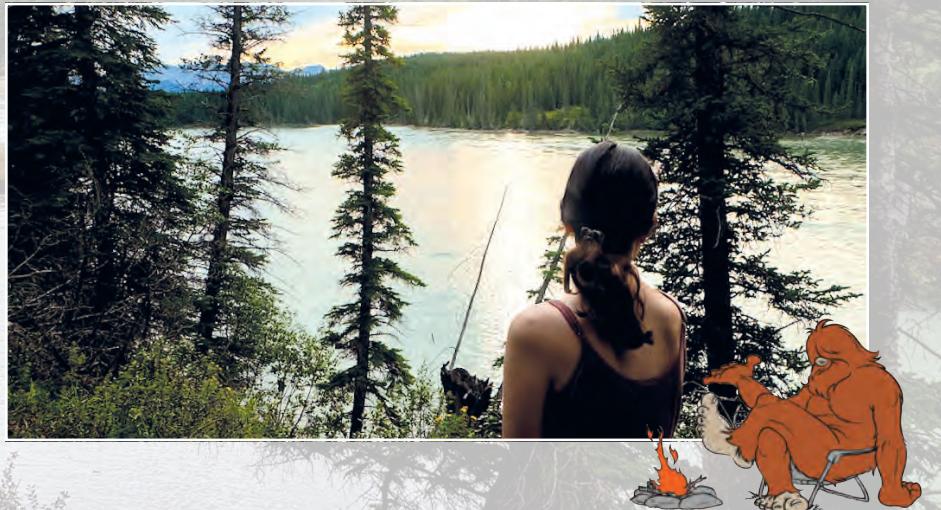
ATHABASCA RIVERFRONT PARK

Trails and History

Hinton's Athabasca Riverfront Park is an exciting addition to its premium local park and trails system. The park was opened in 2015 with ample parking, toilet facilities, maintained trails with lookouts situated along the river, picnic facilities and a boat launch completed in 2017.

The park is located at 600 West River Road with directional signage provided. Athabasca River Float Tours are available from May to September by booking with Hinton Rafting Adventures.

The Athabasca River was a major travel corridor in the development of western North America. Stop in at the Visitor Information Centre to learn about its rich history in the development of the nation.



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OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS



Beaver Boardwalk

Wander along the world's longest freshwater boardwalk and see the many beavers that call the area home. Use the connecting trails to view Maxwell Lake and the two scenic lookout towers.

www.explorehinton.org/beaver-boardwalk



Hinton Mountain Bike Park and Trails

Test your pedal mettle at the skills park or go for an exhilarating ride on the 50 km of trails right in Hinton's backyard! Bike rentals are available in town.

www.bikehinton.com



William A. Switzer Provincial Park

Hot day? Take a refreshing swim in one of the many lakes in Switzer Park. Located 20 minutes from Hinton, day use areas, boat launches and campsites are some of the many amenities you will find.

www.albertaparks.ca



Golfing

Visit the Hinton Golf Club and enjoy a round in the beautiful, renowned 18-hole course.

www.hintongolfclub.com



The West Fraser Guild

The Performing Arts Theatre of Hinton houses live performances, stage shows, concerts, and is also the home of Hinton Movies. So if you're looking for a quiet night after a wild day, stop in and see what's playing on the stage!

www.pathinton.ca

No matter what activities you enjoy, stop in at the Information Centre and speak to staff about the many things to do in the area.

**Hinton Information Centre
Green Square, Highway 16
780.865.7000**

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Athabasca Riverfront Park

Stretch your legs and enjoy the view of the mighty Athabasca River! Don't forget to pack a lunch and a Frisbee for your visit!

www.explorehinton.org/athabasca-riverfront-park



Dr. Duncan Murray Recreation Centre

Visit the indoor swimming pool, courts, bouldering wall, skate park and more!

www.hinton.ca/rec



Rotary Spray and Play Park

Cool off in the spray park on a hot afternoon, or get active on the play park! Located adjacent to the Dr. Duncan Murray Recreation Centre.

www.hinton.ca/parks



Municipal Parks

Too many to count! Playgrounds and green spaces are located all over Hinton. Visit www.explorehinton.org/other-municipal-parks to learn more.



Historical Driving Tour

Visit the Travel Alberta Hinton Visitor Information Centre or any municipal building to pick up a copy of the historical driving tour map. Learn about Hinton's history and get to know the lay of the land!

www.hinton.ca/DocumentCenter/View/4403



Cardinal Divide

Travel the historic Coal Branch route, down Highway 40 south to Cadomin. Hike the Cardinal Divide trail along Alberta's Northern Rocky Mountains. Suitable for families.

www.albertaparks.ca


Explore Hinton

www.explorehinton.org

ATTRACTI0NS and AMENITIES

Skateboard Park

Located at Dr. Duncan Murray Recreation Centre, one of the top skate parks in Canada.

Mary Reimer Regional Park

Located on East River Road, this park features rodeo grounds, ball diamonds, soccer fields, an off-leash dog park and a playground.

Lions Park

Located at 277 Mountain Street, this park has BBQ facilities and great children's play equipment. It has wheelchair access and easy walking trails, as well as basketball hoops, outhouses, ample parking and picnic tables.

Kinsmen Park

Located at 579 Switzer Dr. along Hardisty Creek this park has paved walking trails, children's play equipment, washrooms and a seasonal outdoor rink.

Outdoor Tennis Courts

Gerard Redmond Community Catholic School, 174 Maligne Dr. Harry Collinge High School, 158 Sunwapta Dr.

Indoor Pickleball

821 Switzer Dr. at the PATH

Natural Resources Interpretive Trail

North side of Highway 16, behind McDonald's. Self-guided interpretive trails, a fire lookout tower, giant mine truck, playground and picnic area.

Hinton Municipal Library & Hinton Archive Centre

803 Switzer Drive (located in the Dr. Duncan Murray Recreation Centre)
780-865-2363, www.hintonlibrary.org

Northern Rockies Museum of Culture & Heritage

225 Gregg Avenue
www.facebook.com/NorthernRockiesMuseum
www.northernrockiesmuseum.com

Hinton Farmer's Market (indoors)

Hinton Centre (965 Switzer Drive) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Thursdays from March to December.
Visit them on Facebook for dates and info.

The West Fraser Guild - Home of the Performing Arts

821 Switzer Dr. Managed by PATH, the Performing Arts Theatre of Hinton. www.pathhinton.ca.
Visit www.hintonmovies.ca for movie schedule.

The Parks West Mall logo features a stylized mountain range graphic above the text "PARKS WEST MALL". Below the logo is an image of the mall's exterior, a modern building with a red gabled roof and large glass windows. The "PARKS WEST MALL" sign is prominently displayed above the entrance. The bottom right corner of the image contains the "Anthem" logo with the tagline "Growing Places".

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The Festival SCENE



The Hinton area is emerging as a festival hot bed and we're worth a look if you're in the neighbourhood.

Whether it's the rocking vibe of marquee names like Blue Rodeo, Serena Ryder and Sloan at the Wild Mountain Music Festival, one of many winter-themed events and celebrations during the Snowflake Festival, or the pancake breakfast, voyageur canoeing and other fun learning opportunities at Alberta Parks Day ... it's worth checking out what draws several thousand people to these events each year!



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Indigenous People's Day
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Canada Day & Parade
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Wild Mountain Music Festival
July 15,16,17

Mary Reimer Memorial Rodeo
July

Canada Parks Day
July

Hinton Run in the Rockies
September 17

Terry Fox Run
September

Hinton Snowflake Parade
December

FLORA & FAUNA

in the Region



The western wood lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*) This large orange flower opens upward. It is a protected plant in Canada, it is also the provincial flower of Saskatchewan. Blooms from June to August.



The province of Alberta's floral symbol, the Alberta wild rose (*Rosa acicularis*), also known as prickly rose. Blooms June – August. It produces plentiful hips after flowering which have nutritional and medicinal purpose. Rose hips make excellent wine, jelly, syrup, and tea.



Red Paintbrush (*Castilleja spp.*) is a member of the figwort family and is likely one of the best-known and most widespread wildflowers in the Canadian Rockies. It is also Hinton's official flower.



Yellow Lady's-Slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus*) also known as Moccasin Flower, Greater Yellow Lady's Slipper, also called *Cypripedium parviflorum*. A small yellow orchid with a large bag, two twisted sepals to the sides, and one above.



Bears - (Grizzly and Black Bear)
Grizzly Bear: a pronounced hump appears on their shoulders. Black Bear: They may have coats that range from blond, cinnamon, light or dark brown, but in the Northern Rockies they are mostly jet black.



Elk or Wapiti – one of the largest species within the deer family (Cervidae) and one of the largest land mammals in North America. Males are called bulls, while females are called cows.



Beaver - A large, primarily nocturnal, semiaquatic rodent. Their colonies create one or more dams to provide still, deep water to protect against predators and survive cold winters.



Bighorn Sheep is a species of sheep named for its large horns. These horns can weigh up to 30 lb. They range in colour from light brown to greyish or dark brown and have a white rump and lining on the backs of all four legs.



Cougars – also known as the mountain lion, puma, panther or catamount. They are adaptable and can survive in any location that provides them with cover and a food source, such as deer.

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What Is Hinton First?

A movement to strengthen our local economy by encouraging residents and businesses to consider Hinton, Alberta FIRST before spending time, money, or energy elsewhere.

What Is the goal of Hinton First?

To foster the development of local non-profits, businesses, and visitor experiences through an encouraged change in mentality. We ask for consideration for the local potential of our existing services before heading out of town to spend, volunteer or recreate.

Consider sharing your #HintonFirst experiences through your social media platforms using #HintonFirst or follow the Hinton First Instagram account.

Visitors

Visitors to Hinton have a unique opportunity to try out what makes Hinton proud. Our community is home to a large number of shops, restaurants, and service providers that are eager for a chance at your business. As well, the recreational and outdoor opportunities offer a full itinerary of experiences for you, your family and friends.

Tourism is an exchange. Just like you're supporting Hinton, Hintonites are likely travelling to or through your hometown, and making purchases there. Share how your home community is embracing local business, amenities and culture by emailing info@hintonfirst.ca

Residents

When a resident buys locally, they are doing more than just making a purchase; they're making an investment in their community. But #HintonFirst is also about much more than just shopping local. It's about spending your time and your energy experiencing and supporting Hinton as your adopted or original hometown.

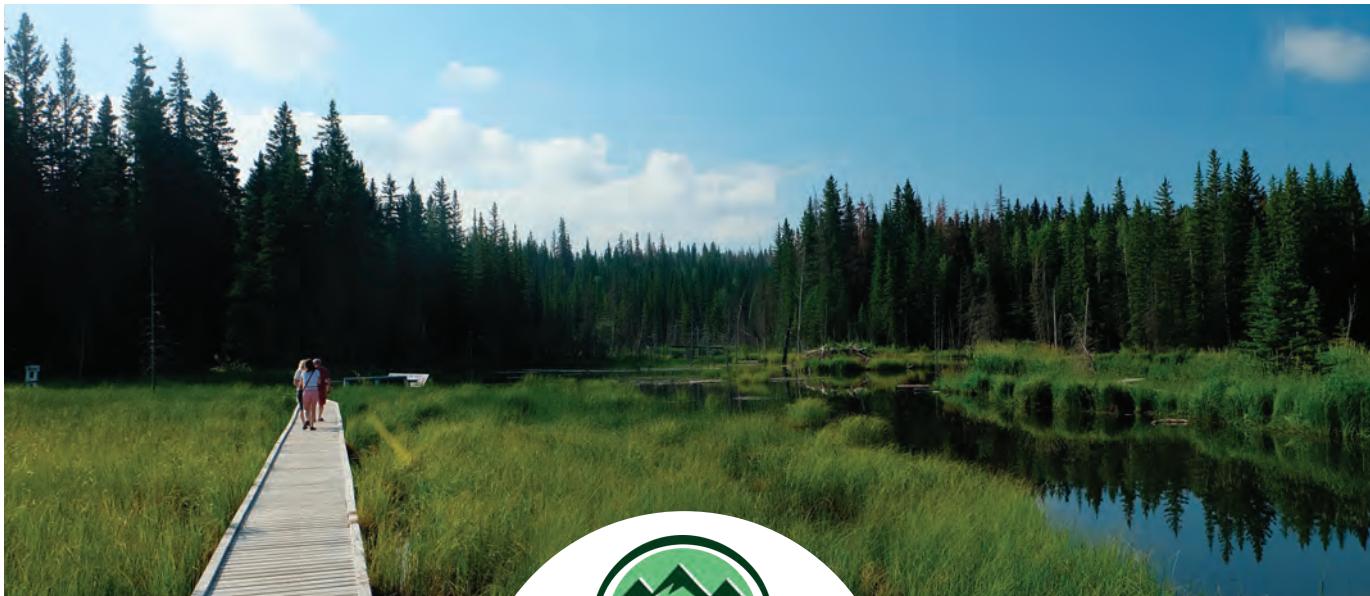
Businesses

Businesses have a large stake in our community and a role to play in developing and supporting the ideas of #HintonFirst. Customers are looking for service, selection and value from local businesses. A #HintonFirst business strives to shine in these areas, and to accept feedback from customers on how to make their experience the best it can be.

Who Is the HREDC?

The Hinton and Region Economic Development Coalition is a new collaborative approach to economic development in our region. It is bringing together the experience and expertise of groups such as the Hinton Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Hinton, as well as local professionals and business owners. To further support this new coalition, the group has tapped into support from Alberta Labour and the Alberta Economic Development Association.

Visit www.hintonfirst.ca for more information on Hinton First and the Hinton and Region Economic Development Coalition, email info@hintonfirst.ca or call the HREDC chair at 780-865-6003.



Explore Hinton

WHAT IS IT?

Explore Hinton is an initiative of the Hinton Chamber of Commerce and is being supported by the Town of Hinton. The initiative is a multi-dimensional project aimed at showcasing Hinton experiences—everything Hinton has to offer, and for everyone—to encourage locals and non-locals to get out there and (literally) Explore Hinton.

WHERE CAN I CHECK OUT MORE?

- Visit our website for engaging visual and written content on Hinton and the surrounding Northern Rockies
- Follow our social media channels on Facebook and Instagram
- Stop by our seasonally staffed and open year round Hinton Visitor Information Centre

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MARY REIMER PARK

A gift of generosity and play

Local resident Charlie Milner bought a homestead east of lower Bliss (now known as Mary Reimer Park) in 1920. He employed Thomas Thorsen to manage this farm from 1921 to 1925, growing hay for dairy stock in Jasper. Thorsen shared his young life with two sisters, Mary [Reimer] and Emma [Nickerson]. Many years later, the original Mary Reimer Park was established in 1995 as a result of 60 acres (24.28 Ha) of agricultural land being donated to the Town in memory of the land owner's sister, Mary Reimer. For more Hinton Historical stories visit the Hinton Visitor Information Centre, the Northern Rockies Museum of Heritage and Culture or take the Historical Driving Tour - downloadable PDF map here: hinton.ca/DrivingTour.

Located at 399 East River Road, in the Hinton Valley District, the Municipality has worked hard to develop various public access and event facilities in the park including -

- Multiple Slo-Pitch/Baseball Diamonds
- Food Booth (Events Only)
- Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Rodeo/Gymkhana Grounds
- Multiple Soccer Fields
- Maintained local Trails
- Washrooms
- Off leash dog park



Mary Reimer Park hosts the annual Mary Reimer Memorial Rodeo. This three day event in July is a must-see and must-do family-friendly show. To see dates, times and event listings, join the "Mary Reimer Memorial Rodeo - R.V.R.A" Facebook page.

Check out these other popular rodeos in the Hinton area:

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Oil Country Barrel Challenge
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- McLeod Group
- McLeod River (South)
- Watson Creek
- Whitehorse Creek
- Wildhorse Lake
- Cardinal River
- Elk River
- Fairfax Lake
- Obed Lake
- Petite Lake
- McLeod River (North)
- Rock Lake
- Wildhay Group
- Kinky Lake

Trails managed by FRMA:

- Bighorn Trail
- Emerson Lakes Trail
- Pine Management Trail
- Spruce Management Cross-Country Ski Trails
- McLeod Silviculture Interpretive Trail
- Canyon Creek Trail
- Happy Creek Trail
- Wild Sculpture Trail

The **Foothills Recreation Management Association** is a group of companies and organizations committed to providing, safe, affordable, and enjoyable recreational opportunities. Together, we manage 19 campgrounds and eight trail systems in the Foothills area of Alberta. Our campgrounds are inexpensive, and we provide free firewood.

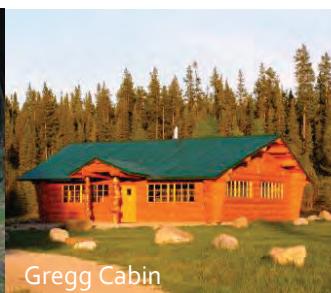
For reservations or to inquire about camping and other recreational opportunities, please contact Fox Creek Development Association at (780) 865-2154. Fox Creek, a non-profit Aboriginal owned and operated organization, has maintained our campgrounds and trails for over 20 years.



Whitehorse Creek



Rock Lake



Gregg Cabin



Petite Lake



HINTON'S HISTORY

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Hinton is a thriving, growing community that offers residents and visitors up-to-the-minute, 21st century lifestyles and technology. Imagine life in earlier days and the landscape of Hinton when it began as a community in 1911 and even before that time when the first "travelers" passed through the area.

Close your eyes and imagine the river valleys and foothills, home for many centuries to First Nations people, landscape very like what you see today. The early 19th century was the beginning of the arrival and influence of European explorers. These new travellers to the river valleys and foothills were blazing trails through the new world and were often guided by First Nations and Métis people.

In December 1810 explorer/map maker David Thompson arrived in the area on his way to map a route through the Athabasca Pass. Thompson and his party travelled west along the Athabasca River going south from the frozen river in the area that is currently Mary Reimer Regional Park in Hinton. The explorer travelled farther west and camped for 25 days in the Brule area.

The route mapped by Thompson continues to be a main travel and trade corridor from the prairies to the Rocky Mountains and on to the western coast of Canada.

Imagine the sounds and the smells as the old steam engine rolls into Hinton in August 1911, the first passenger train to arrive at the newly constructed Railway Station

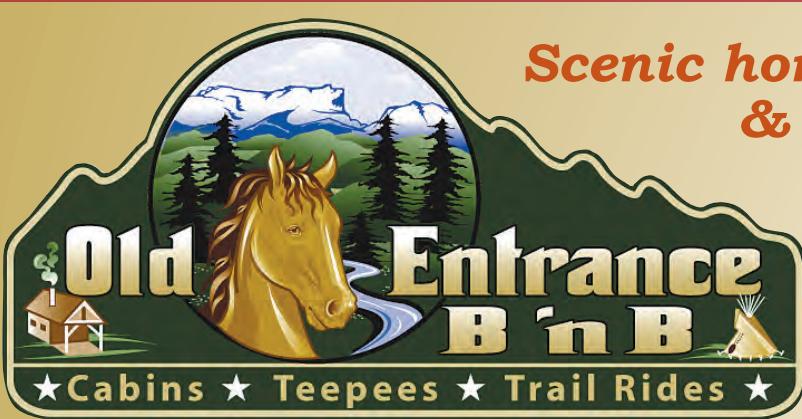
As modern day residents and visitors, we are still influenced by the route mapped by Thompson.

House along the Grand Trunk Pacific Rail line.

During the first few years the population of Hinton was 500 and after 1912 the population declined 92 in 1921. Hinton saw little growth until the opening of local coal mines in the late 1920s. Those mines were part of a vast network of regional mines that became known as the Coal Branch. Hinton maintained this activity through to the 1950s when the sound of steam engines travelling the rail lines were no longer heard.

The pages of life in Hinton began a new chapter in the mid 1950s when the construction of a pulp mill was announced. Effective Nov. 1, 1956, the New Town of Hinton was incorporated and Hinton was no longer a hamlet. The village of Drinnan was incorporated Jan. 1, 1957. Leaders in both Hinton and Drinnan worked together for amalgamation, which took place effective April 1, 1957 and Hinton reverted to town status on Dec. 29, 1958.

The stories of our community tell of a vibrant history that has been and still remains reliant upon economic boom and bust industries. The residents of Hinton, those who have stayed and those who have not, have all seen the many ups and downs brought on by economic factors. It is the people, calling Hinton home, who have ensured the continued settlement and continuing development of Hinton. Today, Hinton attracts residents who enjoy the wilderness surroundings, the community spirit, and the employment opportunities of the region.



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Martha Spittle on 1936 Taraplane, 1936
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Historical Driving Tour of Hinton

Learn about Hinton's history and explore the community with the Historical Driving Tour. You will discover elements of Hinton's past throughout the ten stops included in the tour, such as the Woodley Homestead, Hinton Collieries and the Hinton Coal Branch Archives. Stand at the Historical Marker for Main Street Hinton and Hinton Station looking up at what is now Hwy 16, and visualize main street Hinton with the help of some fascinating photos depicting life in the early 1900s. Pick up a full Driving Tour map at the Hinton Visitor Information Centre in Green Square.

The Historical Driving Tour is a partnership between the Hinton Historical Society, the Town of Hinton, and the Hinton Municipal Library and Archives.



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Various Indigenous celebrations and displays are offered to locals and visitors to participate and interact with at Parks Day celebrations in the regional Alberta Parks and National Parks. Hinton's own Föhn Festival, our town's celebration of multiculturalism and diversity on Canada Day, also hosts Indigenous song, dance, and food offerings. There are also Aboriginal Day celebrations and events listed across the Northern Rockies and province for visitors and locals to be a part of.

In Hinton, we have the Hinton Friendship Centre, located at 965 Switzer Drive, The Hinton Friendship Centre is an Indigenous non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life of Indigenous people in an urban environment. The Hinton Friendship Centre Society strives to develop strength, pride, hope, and mutual respect through the delivery of programs, services, facilities, and community awareness by being respectful of Indigenous teachings. Hinton Friendship Centre offers various events throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hintonfriendshipcentre.ca.

Cultural History and sites: William A. Switzer Park features significant natural heritage sites providing provincial representation of the upper and lower foothills, high biological diversity, and important cultural heritage sites. There are two known burial grounds in and near the park that contain the graves of natives and Métis who once settled the area. Many of the old-style burial grounds include structures commonly referred to as "spirit houses". These wooden shelters often resemble small A-frame huts. The "houses" were meant to protect the remains of loved ones and items they might require in the next world. Some have crosses and fences representing Christian influence. Interpretive programs and educational talks and consultation are available to you by the Park staff in the William A. Switzer Visitor Centre, located at Kelley's Bathtub during (May to September).



Moberly House: Jasper National Park. The Moberlys lived in the area now defined as the Jasper National Park from the early 1800s until the early 1900s. The departure of the extended family and others was as a consequence of a declaration signed by the federal government of the day that created the Jasper Forest Park of Canada. On the site, there are a couple of interpretive panels installed in the area and on a pathway to the grave site of Suzanne Kwarakwante. These panels will give you some basic background on the family and their significance to the area. Many of the Moberly Families descendants still live and remain in the Jasper and Hinton area. See your friendly Travel Alberta Hinton Visitor Information consultants for directions or go online to www.pc.gc.ca to find out about this National Historic site.



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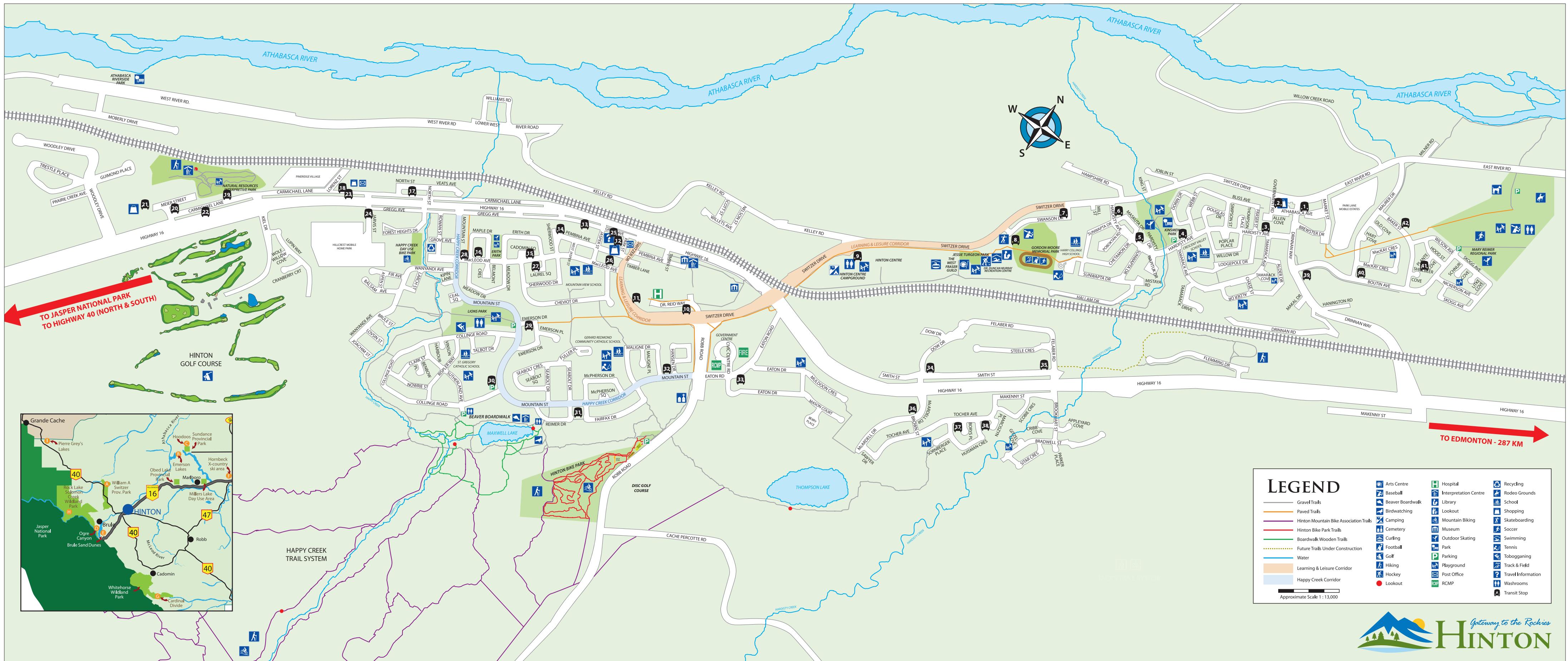
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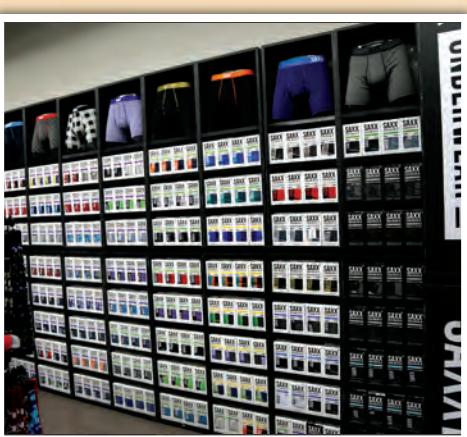
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Bring binoculars to watch for hawks and eagles soaring high above the valley below. On sunny days, you might even catch a glimpse of a hang glider playing in the thermal drafts.

The 1 km uphill hike to the viewpoint starts at the parking lot and continues north along the ridge of the lookout and then begins to descend steeply into the Joachim Valley, where it eventually meets up with the Jarvis Lake Campground.

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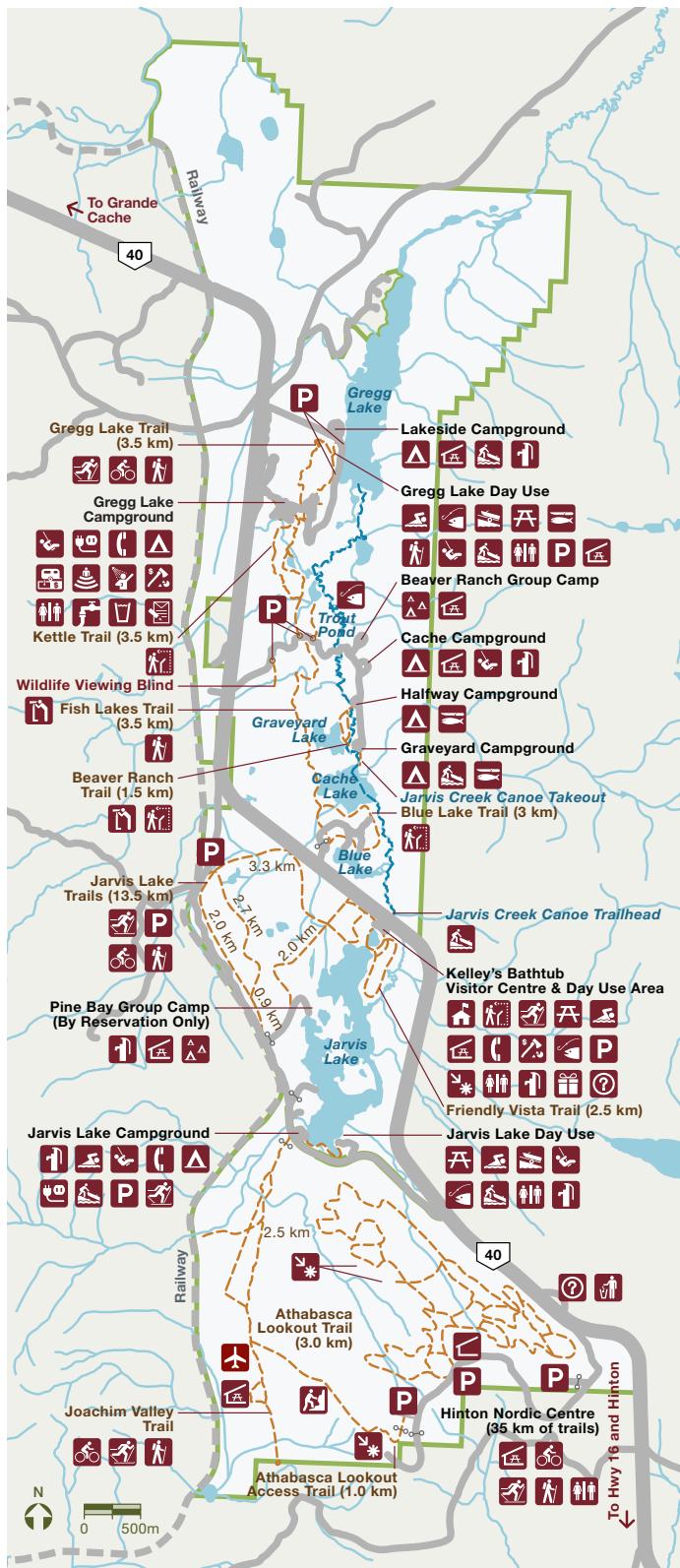
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WILLIAM A. SWITZER PROVINCIAL PARK



Located just 15 minutes away from Hinton on Hwy. 40 north, William A. Switzer Provincial Park is an uncrowded gem nestled in the Canadian foothills. (Item A on Page 32).

The park offers these summer adventures:

- camping and nature appreciation with vivid views of Canada's spectacular Rocky Mountains,
- multiple campgrounds, beach activities, visitor centre, interpretation programs,
- an interpretive canoe route along one of the most intact river valleys in Alberta's foothills,
- numerous forest trails for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing,
- excellent wildlife watching opportunities from easily-accessible viewing platforms and self-guided interpretive trails.
- a myriad of fun and informative weekend sessions that bring visitors in touch with the wildlife and plants around them, and provides some fun survival tips as well!

Switzer Park, as it's called by the locals, has year-round serviced and unserviced camping sites available, as well as seasonal self registration campsites.

To educate visitors about the area, Alberta Parks offers FREE seasonal interpretive programs and events, and features the seasonally staffed Switzer Visitor Centre and Gregg Lake booth.

For more information or to book a campsite, visit www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/william-a-switzer-pp or www.albertaparks.ca.





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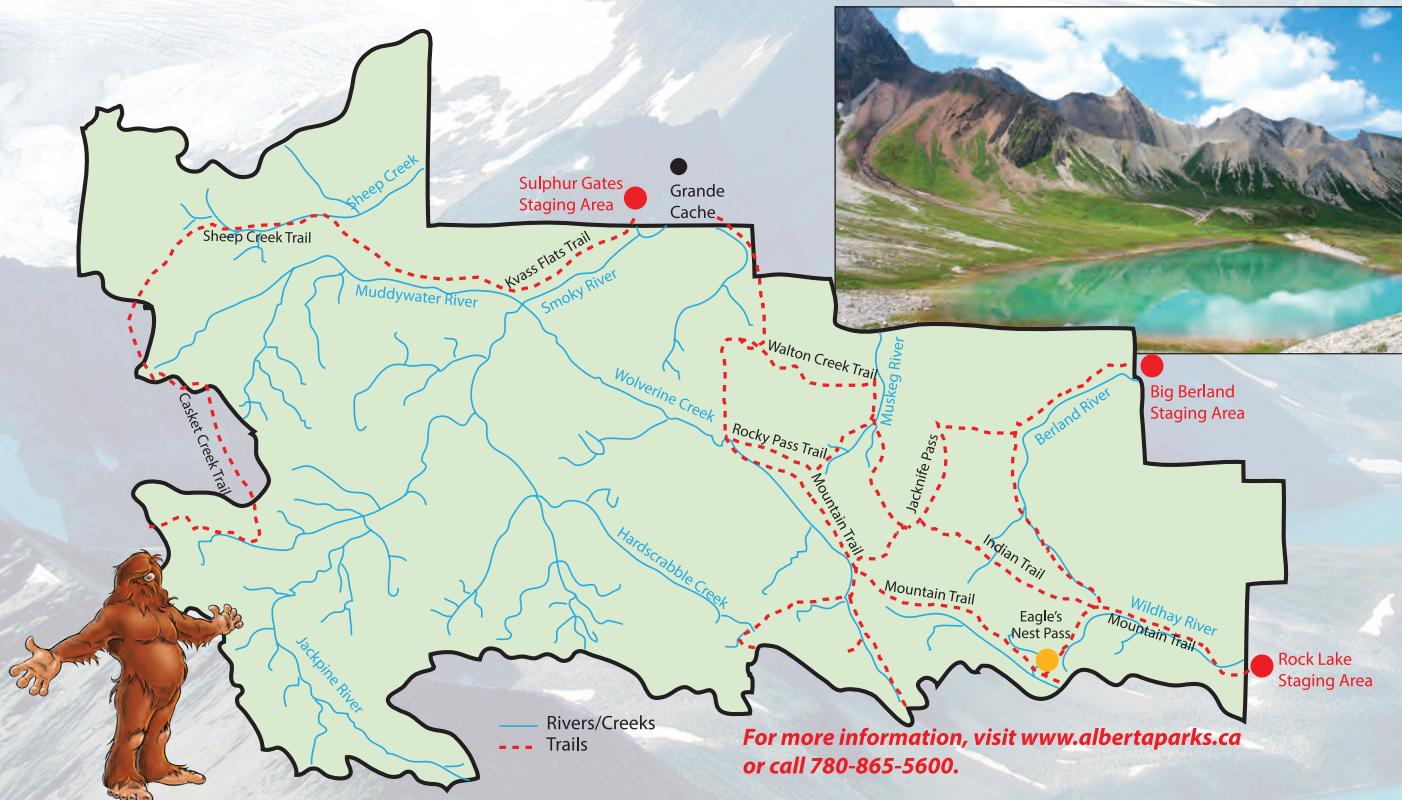
WILLMORE WILDERNESS PARK

The largest wilderness area in Alberta, and the second largest provincially protected area, Willmore offers a unique back country experience in some of the last undisturbed range of many wildlife species in Alberta. It's 4,597 km² of rugged outdoor splendour. Campgrounds are located at all staging areas, and there are three main access points into Willmore: Rock Lake PP, Sulphur Gates PRA, and Big Berland PRA. Rock Lake and Sulphur Gates are also equipped with equestrian facilities.

750 km of trails created by the hard-working trappers, outfitters, surveyors and Indigenous peoples who used the area.

Grave sites and cabin ruins can be seen throughout the park. Visitors to Willmore should be experienced and well-equipped for a rugged back country trip. The park is open for horseback riding and hiking, but there is no vehicle access.

The high slopes and sheer cliffs of the alpine provide critical habitat for mountain goats and bighorn sheep. Sensitive species such as the harlequin duck and bull trout use the delicate wetlands of the sub-alpine. For more information, visit www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/willmore.



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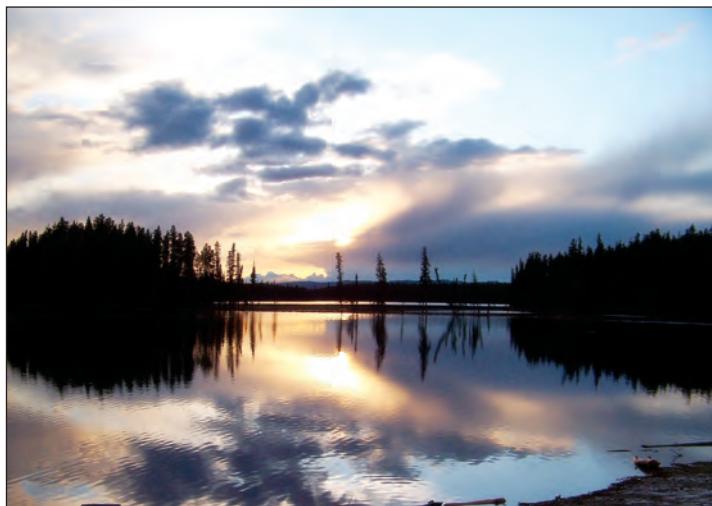
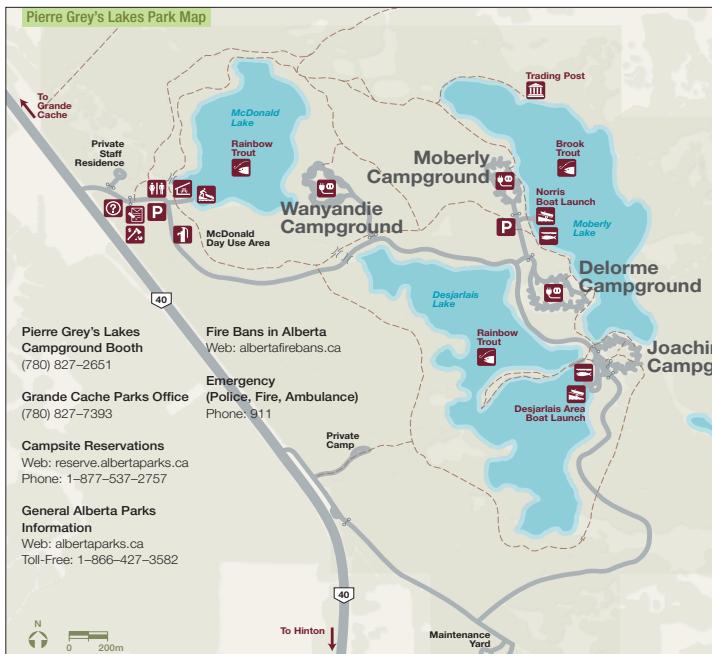
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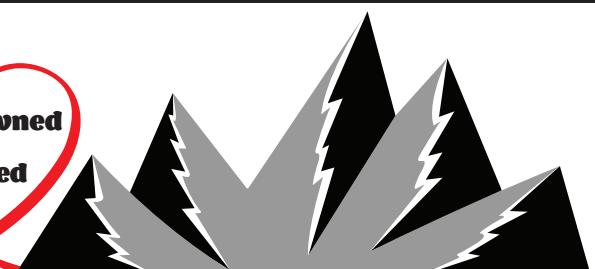


Beaver, marten, mink, otter and wolf - the furs of these animals were the first resource to attract economic growth in Alberta's Northern Rockies. Pierre Gris (or Grey) was a Métis who ran a successful independent trading post near Grande Cache in the 1880s and 1890s. In the winters, Pierre would trade with trappers and hunters bringing in furs from the eastern slopes of the mountains. When spring came he would travel with pack horses to Lac Ste. Anne and Edmonton to sell the furs and purchase supplies. Pierre and his wife Anne both died during the flu epidemic of 1918. **See item I on Page 54 map.**

You can still see the remains of his trading post nestled among this beautiful group of five small lakes. Pierre Grey's Lakes Provincial Park is 120 km north of Hinton on Highway 40, near the scenic town of Grande Cache. The lakes have excellent fishing for rainbow trout and brook trout. More info is available at www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/pierre-greys-lakes-pp.

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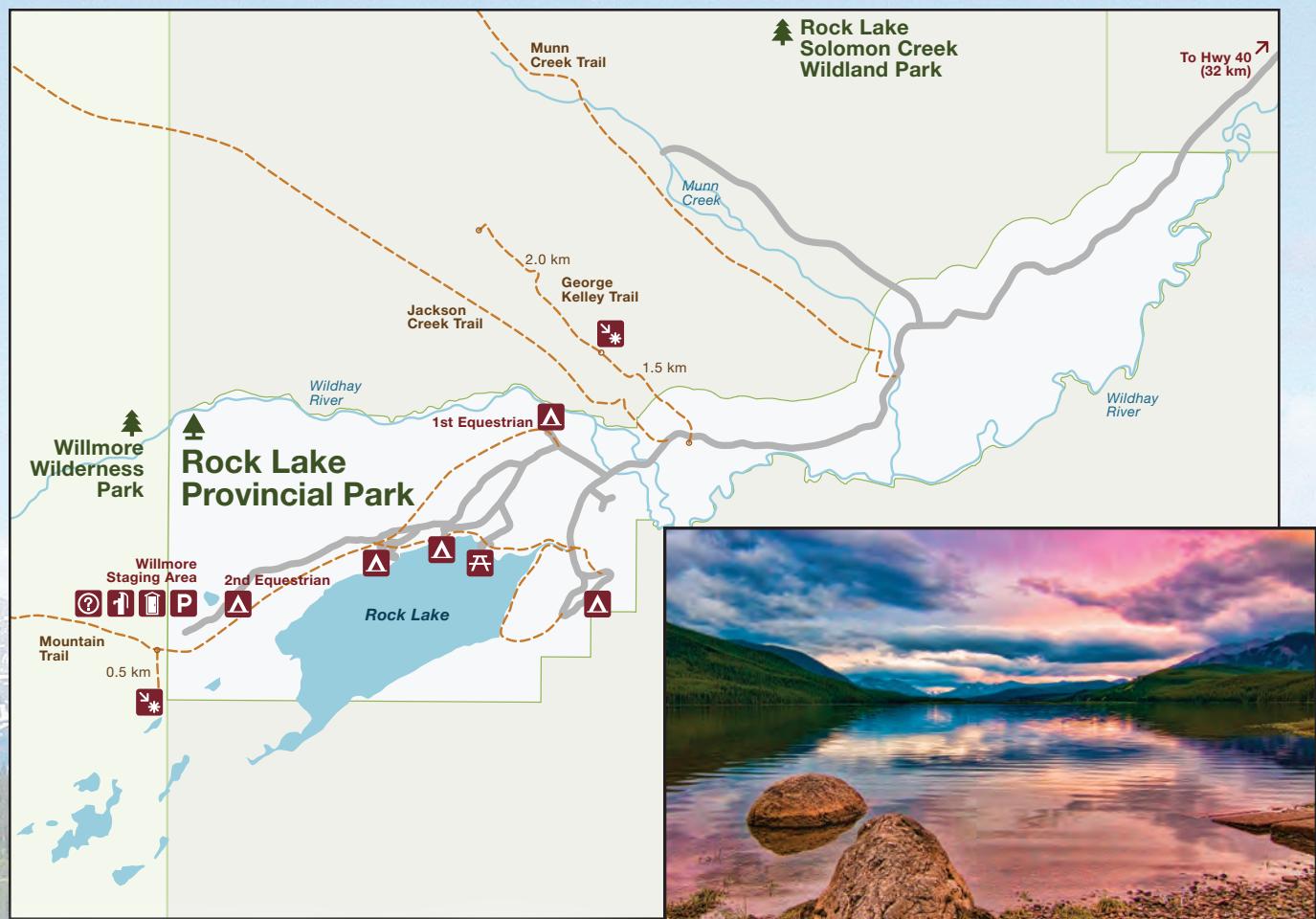
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ROCK LAKE - SOLOMON CREEK



Rock Lake Provincial Park

Nestled between the Willmore Wilderness Park and the Rock Lake-Solomon Creek Wildland Park, the Rock Lake Provincial Park offers reservable and non-reservable camping, boating and picnicking facilities and is a popular staging area for trips into the undeveloped wilderness of its neighbouring parks.

The hillsides and valleys that surround the lake provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities for species such as elk, deer and bighorn sheep. The lake itself is a great place to fish for mountain whitefish and lake trout. Visit www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/rock-lake-pp for more.

Rock Lake - Solomon Creek Wildland

One of the key features of Rock Lake-Solomon Creek Wildland (Item H on Page 26 map) can be seen from the Athabasca Lookout in Switzer Park: the dramatic elevation gain of 4,500 feet between Solomon Creek on the valley floor, and Boule Roche in the heights of the Rocky Mountains.

The change in elevation creates a diversity of habitats ranging from grassy meadows and shrub lands, to dense coniferous forests and mixed woods which rise up to meet the sub-alpine and alpine habitats found on the slopes and ridges at higher elevations.

The low valley at Rock Lake Provincial Park is a critical wildlife corridor into Willmore Wilderness and Jasper National Park. Elk, deer and bighorn sheep rely on the area's open grassy slopes for their winter range. The southern tip of the park has some interesting geological formations, including a waterfall at Ogre Canyon. Visit www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/rock-lake-solomon-creek-wpp for more.

For camping reservation details at these sites, see Page 21.

BRULE

Brule is located approximately 20 km southwest of Hinton in the Alberta Coal Branch. The hamlet was initially developed as a gathering place by early explorers. It was later developed as a coal mining town in the early 1900s.

Remnants of a thriving mining community can still be found in the hills behind the town. Located northwest of Brule are the remains of a WW2 German POW Internment Camp and another historical site in Brule is the old train tunnel.

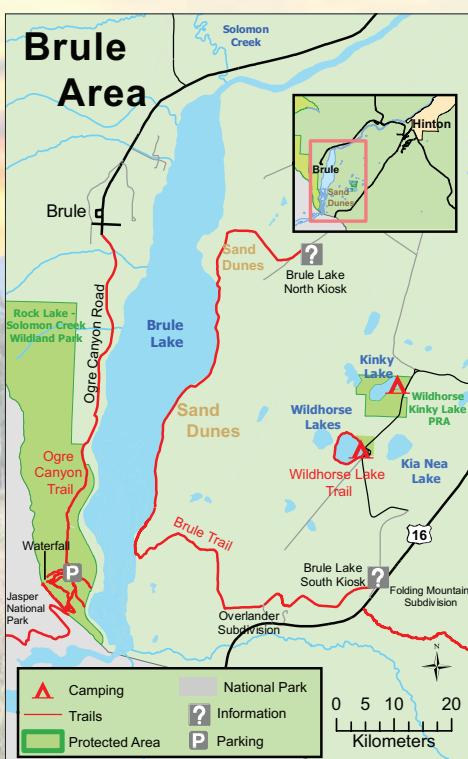
The Hamlet of Brule is described as “the prettiest place in the Country” and if you stop off and take in the views from the Mt. Solomon Lookout (an interpretive pull out on the side of Brule Road) you will understand why! Spectacular elevated views across Brule Lake with the awe-inspiring backdrop of the Northern Rockies Peaks to frame the golden sunset views.

For those looking for a hike – try your skills on Mt. Solomon (11km or 4 hour hike). A base level of fitness is required as it is a difficult hike and there are sections of climbing not recommended for beginners. Those interested in an easier hike can follow trail #9 which goes around the side of Mt. Solomon and detours around the steeper sections of trail. The trailhead can be found beginning at Black Cat Ranch.

Brule is the access point to the Ogre Canyon. A short approach hike of approximately 30 minutes from the lower parking (100m elevation gain) will lead you through spectacular scenery to the rim of the canyon, which is tucked into a small sliver of land between the first range of the Rockies and Brule Lake. vehicular access, beyond the gate, is very difficult (4x4 or Mountain Bike access ONLY). Visitors are asked to park at the Community Centre. The hike becomes quite difficult depending on how far deep into the canyon you go. This area is NOT for the novice hiker – be warned that the Canyon is dangerous, injuries and fatalities have occurred at this site.

Brule boasts the regions newest Mountain Bike Park. It's a new recreation facility for bike riders of all ages and skill levels. Brule Bike Park features a full compliment of features. Make sure you grab the family and check out this new adventure.

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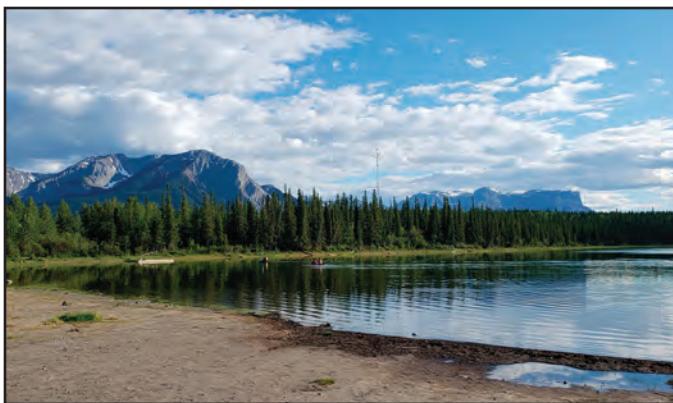
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WILDHORSE LAKES AND KINKY LAKE



Wildhorse & Kinky Lakes are located just 20 km west of town. The lakes were well known in the early settler days for being frequented by a large herd of wild horses (hence their name sake)

Camping: Wildhorse Lake campground contains 23 campsites well suited for tents and larger RV's and Kinky Lake offers 10 campsites. Amenities include water, firewood, picnic tables, toilets, beach, fish cleaning station, boat launch, fishing, ice fishing, canoeing & kayaking, mountain biking and hiking. If you would like to book a campsite here contact Fox Creek Development Association on 780- 865-2154

Anglers: Wildhorse Lake and Kinky Lake offer good Rainbow Trout and Brook Trout fishing, you'll need an Alberta fishing license to try your luck.

Birdwatching and photography: The lakes also attract a large variety of migrating waterfowl and other native bird life and fauna.

Outdoor adventurers: The lakes are restricted to paddling or electric motors only. Hikers and Mountain Bikers will find loop trails around Wildhorse and Kinky lakes. Jasper National Park is located 10 km west on the Yellowhead highway.

The Brule Sand Dunes: These 3 storey high sand dunes are impressive! In the 1900s the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway ran across these desert-like dunes, helping to connect the Rockies to Edmonton. Eventually the train route was relocated, due to the constant drifting sand of the dunes across the tracks. The Brule Sand Dunes are located west of Hinton off Highway 16 by turning into the Wildhorse Provincial Recreation Area on Kinky Lake road. Signage is posted along the way.

OHV: The non-vegetated sand dunes are on the southern shoreline side of Brule Lake (NOT accessible from the Hamlet of Brule) Turn north on the Kinky Lake road, the road turns east then take the first turn north then turn left at a Y junction. Continue to the Kiosk area. Access directly into the dunes is NOT recommended by road vehicles beyond the Kiosk points (OHVs, horseback or hiking in ONLY). The trails are not maintained so please exercise caution, be safety aware and make sure you have competent knowledge on vehicle rescue and recovery. Once at the Sand Dunes, please act responsibly and be aware that fatalities and injuries have occurred.

HORSES, HEROES, HISTORY, AND HINTON

From Hinton's earliest history, horses have played an integral part in our town's development. Long before Hinton even existed, explorers leading pack trains loaded with supplies passed through the Athabasca valley looking for an overland route to the Pacific Ocean. Later, guides, outfitters, and their horses ferried miners, railroad builders, and settlers throughout the rough country of the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains in an ever-expanding circle of development.

Some of these early visitors and explorers decided to stay in the area and a few of them settled land to develop cattle and horse ranches. Several ranches were developed in and around what is now Hinton in the first part of the 20th century.

The Entrance Ranch, located just northwest of Hinton across the Athabasca River, was a major horse and cattle operation. The Entrance Ranch, though smaller than it was in its prime, still operates, offering lodging and unique ranch stay experiences to visitors in the Hinton area. It is also the host & home of the Wild Mountain Music Festival in July.

The Bar-F Ranch, located approximately 5km west of Hinton, was, at times, a cattle and horse ranch, a grain farm, and a dude ranch. Little remains of the Bar-F Ranch as it has mostly been split and sold off in parcels and is no longer a working ranch.

The King Ranch was located in what is now the valley residential area of Hinton, near Hardisty Creek.

The James Ranch was also located in what is now the valley residential area. It was originally a dairy farm and later a horse ranch.

The Circle M Ranch, located approximately 20km west of Hinton, was originally a dude ranch and still exists as a private residence, but is no longer a working ranch.

The Milner Ranch was located just east of Hinton's valley district on the Athabasca River valley flats and was a cattle and horse operation, later called the Reimer Ranch, it operated until the early 1990s when part of it was willed by Abe and Mary Reimer to the

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Town of Hinton on the condition that it be used for recreational purposes and that a portion of it was to be set aside for development of a rodeo grounds and equine facilities.

Hinton and region also boasts the wonderful métis expertise of the Vinson family in the Horseback Adventures group - they boast one of the oldest brands, "The Three Step" - registered and still used in the region, dating back to 1908. The Vinson family have been operating as a renowned backcountry pack trip adventure group for over 38 years and are an officially recognised Indigenous Canada Tourism Operator.

Finally - we must mention Old Entrance B & B, the site of an old station building. When it opened in 1914 it bore the name ENTRANCE. It was the last station prior to "entering" the Rockies on the transcontinental line. A small community grew at this location, boasting a post office, store, and restaurant. The station building sat on the 99' wide railway right-of-way until the railway line was eventually abandoned and the station building was sold in 1932.

This historic railway station building has been restored close to its original site and is the main house for Old Entrance Bed 'n Breakfast Cabins You can now visit and stay for a range of experiences including amazing trail rides, cabin stays and truly unique tepee camping.



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WHITEHORSE WILDLAND PARK

And the Cadomin Area

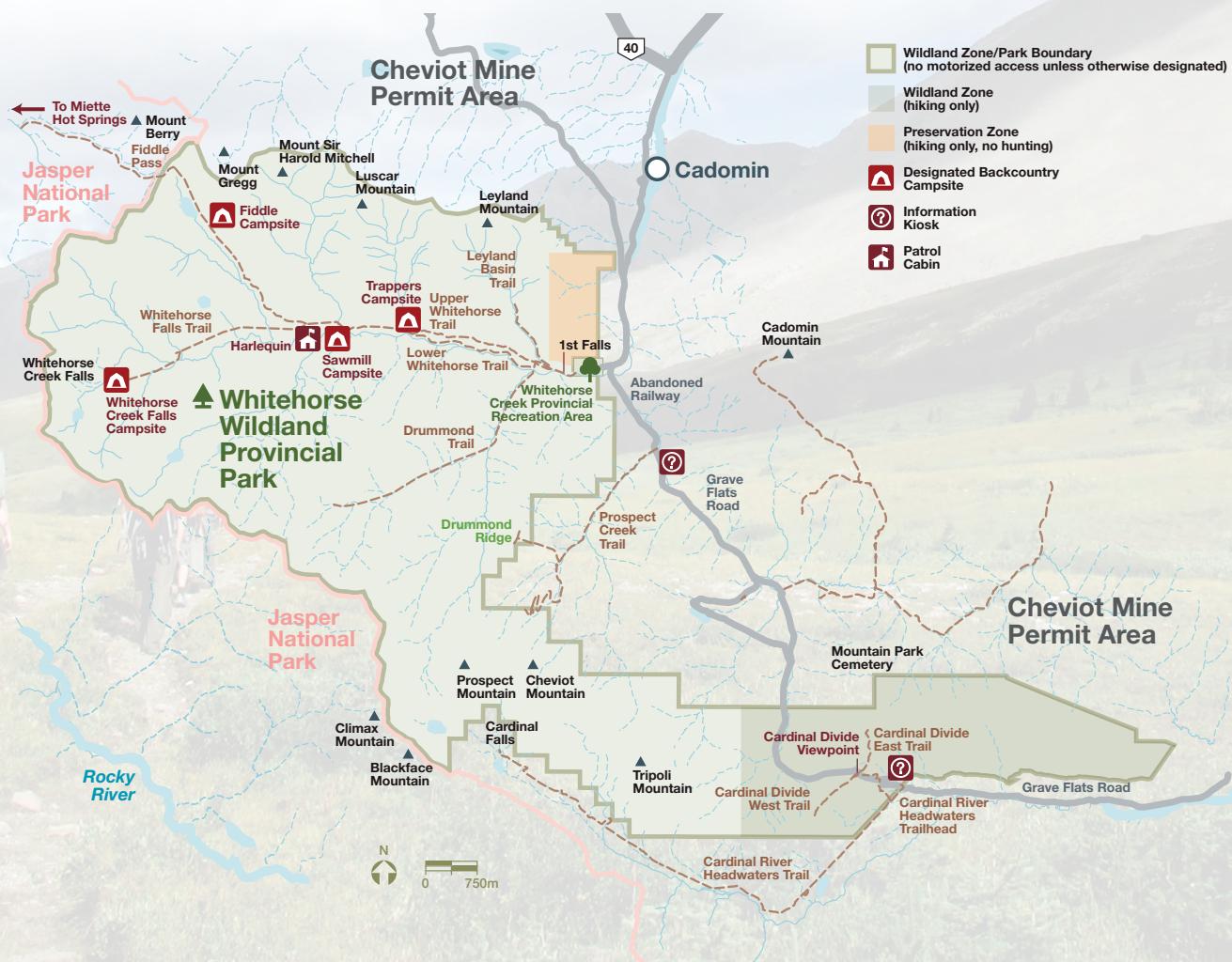
Whitehorse Wildland Park is located in the front ranges of the Rocky Mountain Natural Region. The majority of the park is located above the tree-line where extensive alpine meadows and sub-alpine slopes host extremely fragile soils and plants. More than 277 species of plants, of which 37 are considered to be provincially rare or unusual for the area, have been documented in the park. Following protection in 1998, park stewards began work to restore the damage caused to alpine soil and plants, by off-highway vehicles. There is a campground located at Whitehorse Creek.

At lower elevations the Whitehorse creek valley provides important habitat for sensitive species like grizzly bears and harlequin ducks. Elk, moose, mule deer, bighorn sheep, black bears, wolves, cougars, marmots, pika and more than 128 bird species can also be found in the park. The Cadomin Caves are essential to the little brown bat as it is one of only four known bat hibernacula (overwintering residences) in Alberta. The Caves are closed to cavers to help conserve the little brown bat population.

The fragile Cardinal Divide (Item G on Page 54) ridge area is accessible on foot only, but even the parking lot offers fantastic views. For more information, see **Page 53**.

Back country hiking and camping are popular activities. Be bear aware and leave no trace!

For more information, visit www.albertaparks.ca. For camping reservation information, see Page 21.



ALBERTA FOREST SERVICE MUSEUM

With more than 38 million hectares of forest in Alberta, the forestry industry has played and continues to play an integral and vital role in protection and management of this resource. The Alberta Forest Service Museum focuses on the role and impact of forestry in the province and reflects back on the work performed by the early rangers and features many interesting artifacts and displays documenting forestry's storied history.

The museum is free of charge. It is located at the Hinton Training Centre (1176 Switzer Drive) and visitors are invited to explore the 1.1 kilometre interpretive trail.

Please call the Hinton Training Centre at 780-865-8200 for additional information.



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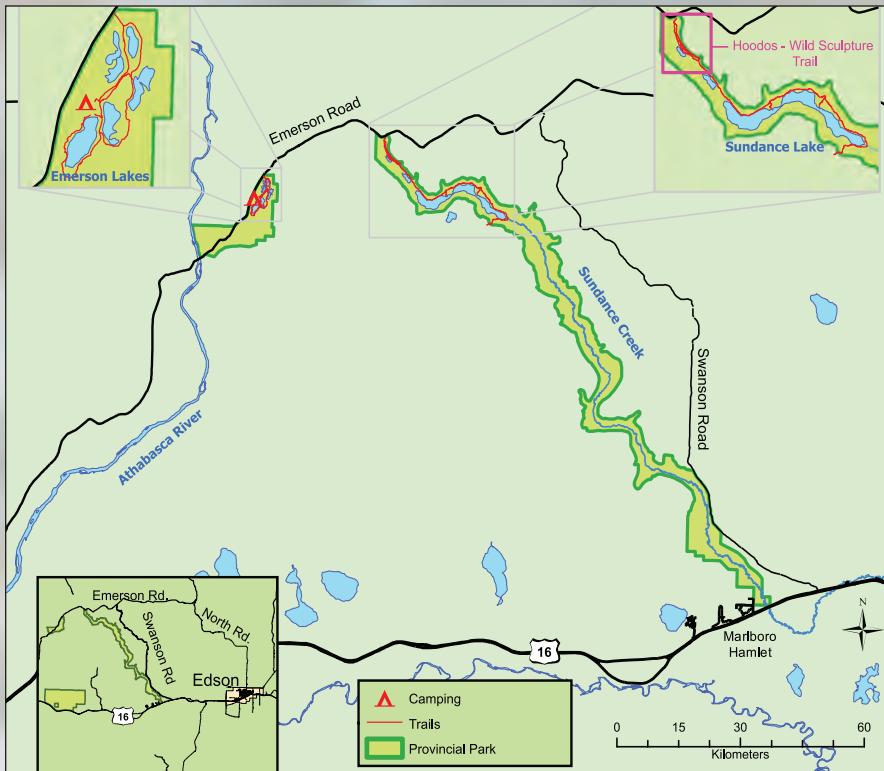
SUNDANCE PROVINCIAL PARK

The Hoodoos

Visitors can take the Wild Sculpture Trail past the hoodoos – formations of sandstone that have been naturally sculpted by wind through the ages.

The trail is around 9 kilometres in length one way and can easily be hiked in a day, although there are designated camping spots for those wishing to stay overnight in this healthy forest with abundant wildlife and waterfowl.

Those taking the trek will also enjoy spectacular skyline views of the Sundance Valley in the Sundance Provincial Park. Near item C on Page 54 map. For more information, see www.albertaparks.ca/parks/central/sundance-pp.



Emerson Lakes

This collection of five clear blue lakes is another gem found in Sundance Provincial Park. The trail system, recommended for people with moderate hiking ability, incorporates three loops that total eight kilometres in length around four of the lakes.

Suitable for day hikes, visitors to the trails will be witness to these pristine lakes left by glacial melting, as well as the high sediment deposits – called eskers – that separate the bodies of water. Item B on Page 54 map.

For camping reservation information, visit Page 21.



EMERSON LAKES

JASPER

Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a rich history, has its park gates only 15 minutes west of Hinton and the Municipality of Jasper a mere 75 km away. The scenic drive from Hinton usually features a wide variety of wildlife viewing opportunities, with big horn sheep dotting the roadside, or sometimes even a mama bear and her cubs. There are a number of historical and interpretive sites, as well hiking expeditions that range from one hour to multiple days. Check out the world-famous Maligne Lake and take a boat tour, or rent a kayak or canoe and cruise this beautiful waterway at your own speed!



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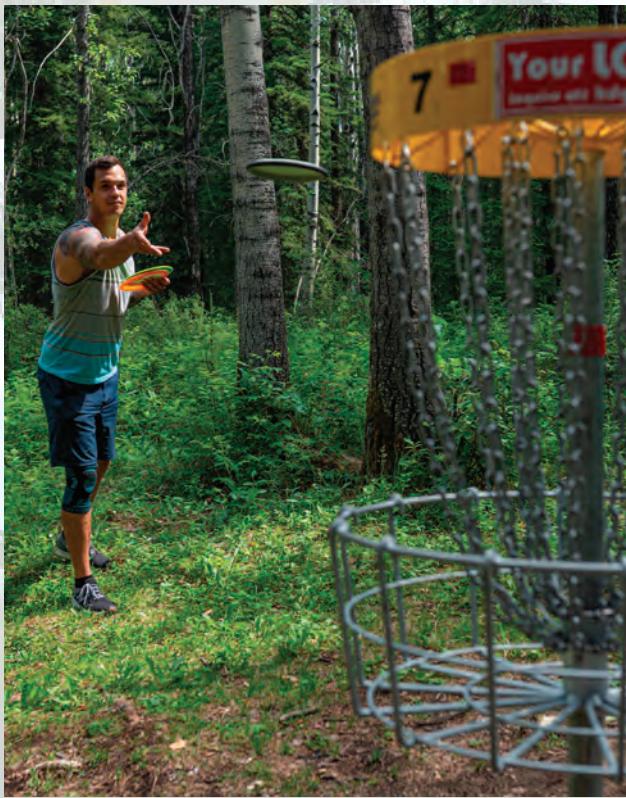
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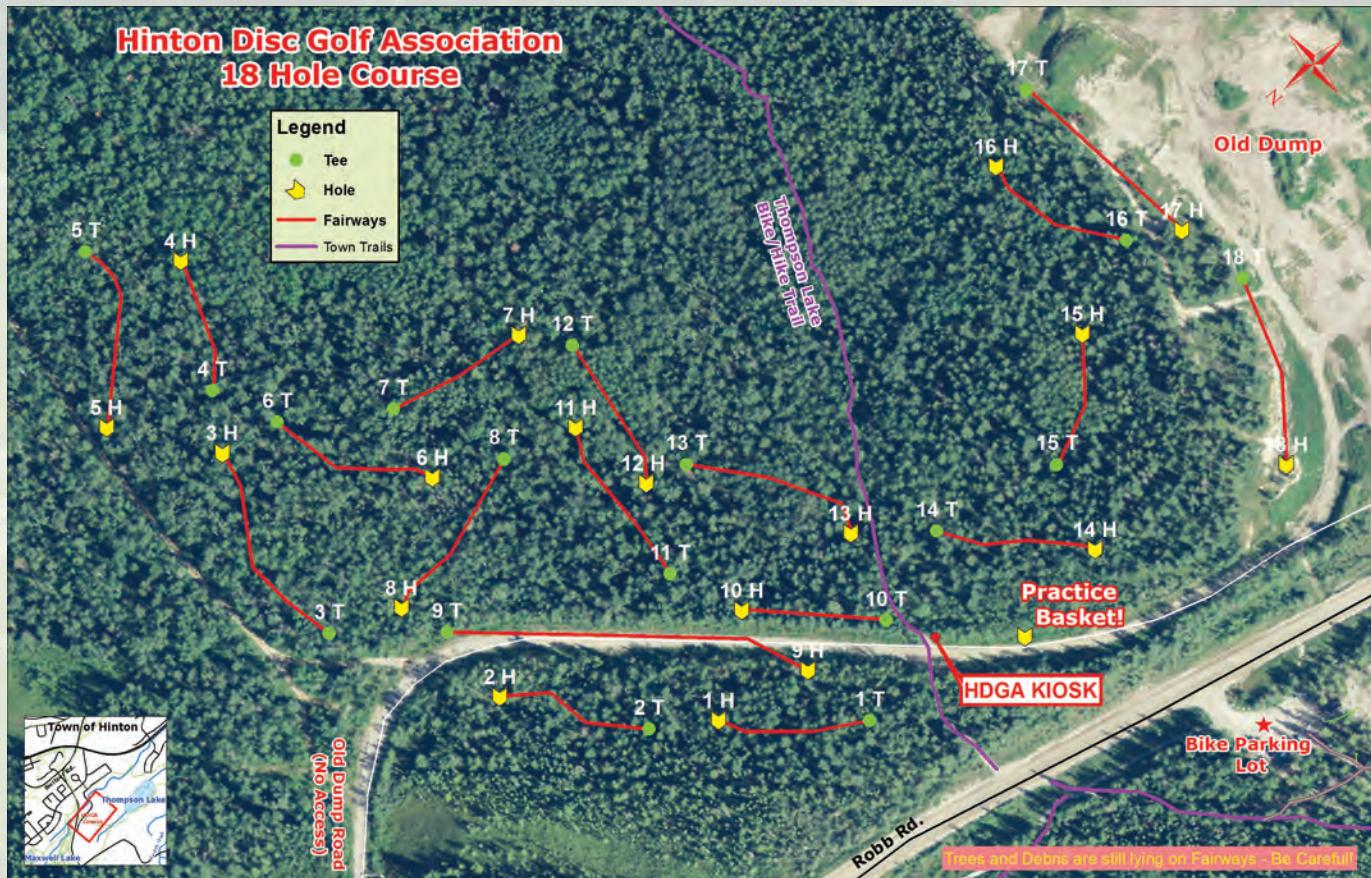
One of Hinton's newest attractions is the 18-Hole Hinton Disc Golf Course, opened in 2017 by the Hinton Disc Golf Association (HDGA). Disc golf is simple to learn, only requires an inexpensive disc to participate, and the course is free to play. A person can play nine holes in under an hour, but it varies depending on skill level and number of players. Disc golf is a great activity for families and anyone looking for an excuse to get outdoors.

Disc golf is played like traditional golf, but with flying discs instead of balls and clubs. One point (stroke) is counted each time the disc is thrown. The goal is to play each hole from tee off to metal basket in the fewest strokes possible.

The course is located across Robb Road from the HMBA Bike Park parking lot, the best place to park your vehicle. Follow the walking path north along Robb Road until you can cross the road on the Town Trail. The HDGA sign board is about 50 metres east of Robb Road, where you'll find a map of the course and more info.

Disc golfers recommend playing with specially designed "disc golf discs", but beginners can bring their own Frisbees to get started. The HDGA has club discs that are available to rent for a refundable deposit at the Hinton Visitors Information Centre. The course is situated in the forest, so it is highly recommended that you wear sturdy footwear, hiking clothes, and bug spray. Bring bear spray and noisemakers and play in groups to avoid an animal encounter.

More information can be found at www.hintondiscgolf.com or on the HDGA Facebook Page.



OFF ROAD ADVENTURES

Whether by machine or muscle power, there are options for getting away from it all, including the road.

The Big Machine

It's important to remind off-highway vehicle (OHV) users that their presence can have an impact on the natural landscape, vegetation, wildlife and waterways. Before you head out, please remember:

- Stay on trail and share it with other users.



- Yield to non-motorized trail users.
- Travel only where permitted.
- Wash your vehicle between uses to prevent weed transfer between areas.
- Wash your machines in a proper facility, not a creek, river or lake.
- Choose routes with a hard and durable surface.
- Avoid spinning your tires or skidding.

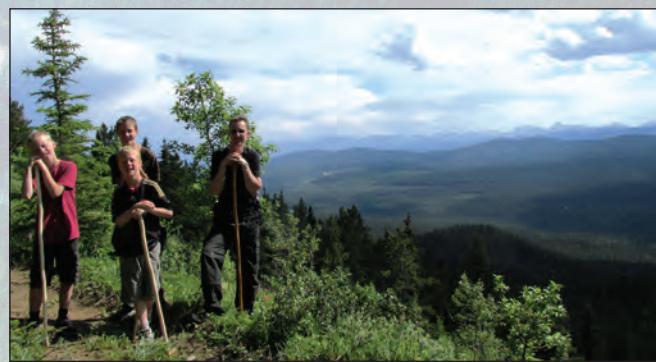


- Ride on dry trails and avoid riding after heavy rainfall or in wet areas.
- Use designated bridges and water crossings.
- OHVs on public land require a functional muffler and spark arrestor to help prevent wildfires.

The Bighorn Trail

The Bighorn Trail offers a rugged hike, mountain bike, or horseback ride through spectacularly beautiful Rocky Mountain scenery.

Gregg Cabin at the south trail head also makes a good starting or ending point for hiking the Bighorn Trail. The picnic shelter has a wood stove good for heating up food or just warming up.



North Trail Head

- Head south from town on Robb Road.
- Go 3.5 kilometres, and then branch off the Robb Road onto the Cold Creek Road.
- The trail head turnoff is 500 metres on the left.

South Trail Head

- Go south on Hwy 40 for 20.5 km.
- Turn left onto the Gregg River Road and follow it for 7.5 km, where, on the right side of the road will be the Gregg Cabin Day Use Area.
- Go 2.5 km past the Gregg Cabin Recreation Area to reach the south trail head.

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Recreational Fishing

Hinton has a remarkable variety of fishing on offer to the avid angler! There is no shortage of lakes to choose from when looking to land that "brag" catch. Of the 38 lakes nearby, locals prefer Jarvis Lake, Blue Lake, Cache Lake, Graveyard Lake, Kinky Lake, Wildhorse Lake, Obed Lake, Petite Lake and Rock Lake. You will require an Alberta fishing license – visit www.albertaregulations for more information.

For those anglers preferring to fish in rivers, creeks and streams, there are about 167 angling opportunities within 50 km. Some of these rivers include Gregg River, Athabasca River, McLeod River, Berland River, Wildhay River and Jarvis Creek.

Hinton offers a variety of fish to catch. Pick up the Fishing Regulations when you purchase your fishing license and try to catch any of the following fish Hinton waterways boast – Arctic grayling, bull trout, burbot, brook trout, lake trout, lake whitefish, pike, rainbow trout and Rocky Mountain whitefish..

Winter Fishing

During the winter months, ice fishing is great way to enjoy the outdoors. Make sure the ice is thick and remember that safety comes first. Around Hinton there are ice fishing opportunities at: Gregg Lake, Jarvis Lake, Kinky Lake, Wildhorse Lake.



Guided Fishing Tours

Guided Tours and Fishing Licences

Do you need some expert guidance and equipment? Not a problem, Hinton has you covered! Visit the local Hinton Visitor Information Centre for more information on where you can buy your fishing equipment or book a guided fishing tour with one of our local operators.

Heading into the National Park to fish? If so you'll need to have a National Park fishing licence, which can be purchased at the Hinton Visitor Information Centre.

Book your stay today.

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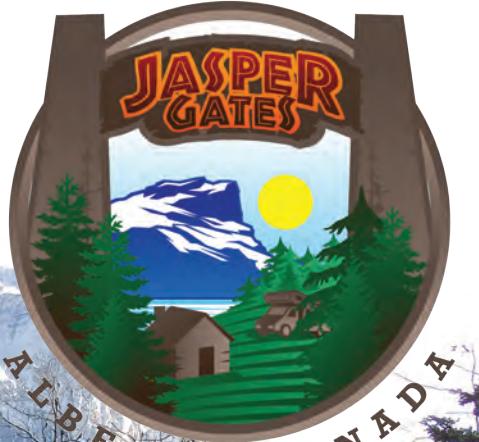
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CADOMIN From Hinton to the Cardinal Divide

Approximately 10 minutes west of Hinton, there is a sign that indicates Highway 40 South and the road to Cadomin. This travel route is well known for wildlife spotting – Grizzly, Black Bear, Moose, Elk, Deer, Wolves and Cougars. You will find herds of Elk and Big Horn sheep right along the side of the road on the mining land of Cardinal River Operations - Teck Coal Limited, which includes the Luscar and Cheviot mines (42 km south of Hinton). The paved road ends, but a wide gravel road will take you the rest of the way to the hamlet of Cadomin.

Cadomin is located 50 km down Highway 40 South. It is known for its mining history and there are some great mining displays right in the centre of town. The name – Cadomin – is an acronym of “Canadian Dominion Mining.” Don’t forget to check out Cadomin’s own little Beaver Pond... it’s a great place to pull up and stretch the legs and take in Cadomin’s beautiful mountain views! Cell service has recently been brought to the area.

Continue out of town and you will come across the Whitehorse Creek campground and entrance to the Whitehorse Wildlands Provincial Park – see Page 44 for more information.

Another 10 km will bring you to the Ghost Town of Mountain Park, once a bustling coal mining town in the early 1900s, reaching its peak with a population of 1,000 people. It was hard hit by the great coal depression after World War II and ceased operations by 1950. All that remains of this thriving community is its cemetery which is lovingly maintained, to this day, by remaining residents still in the area. Please be respectful and careful if visiting this serene landmark.

Travel another 10 km down the road and you will finish your journey with a real natural treat – The Cardinal Divide Viewpoint. The Cardinal Divide is approximately 20 km from Cadomin along the Grave Flats Road. At Mountain Park the haul road veers right, while the Grave Flats Road crosses the McLeod River twice, and then begins its ascent to the Cardinal Divide. It’s worth the drive! Road conditions are weather dependent. The Cardinal Divide area is adjacent to the eastern side of Jasper National Park. It spans the continental divide; one side drains to the Arctic Ocean and the other to the Hudson’s Bay. High elevations of the Cardinal Divide are thought to have been a ‘nunatak,’ an area that remained ice-free during the last period of glaciation. This attribute would explain the diverse and unique population of plant and insect species found here. There are spectacular mountain views from the viewpoint, which is auto-accessible. There are two trails – Cardinal Divide East Trail and Cardinal Divide West Trail which start from the parking. Also available to the visiting public are Day use picnic sites and pit/vault toilets. This area is also well known for geocaching and spotting Marmots.

If you would like to know more about the history and sites in the area, visit the Hinton Visitor Information Centre to get your Coal Tour Map.



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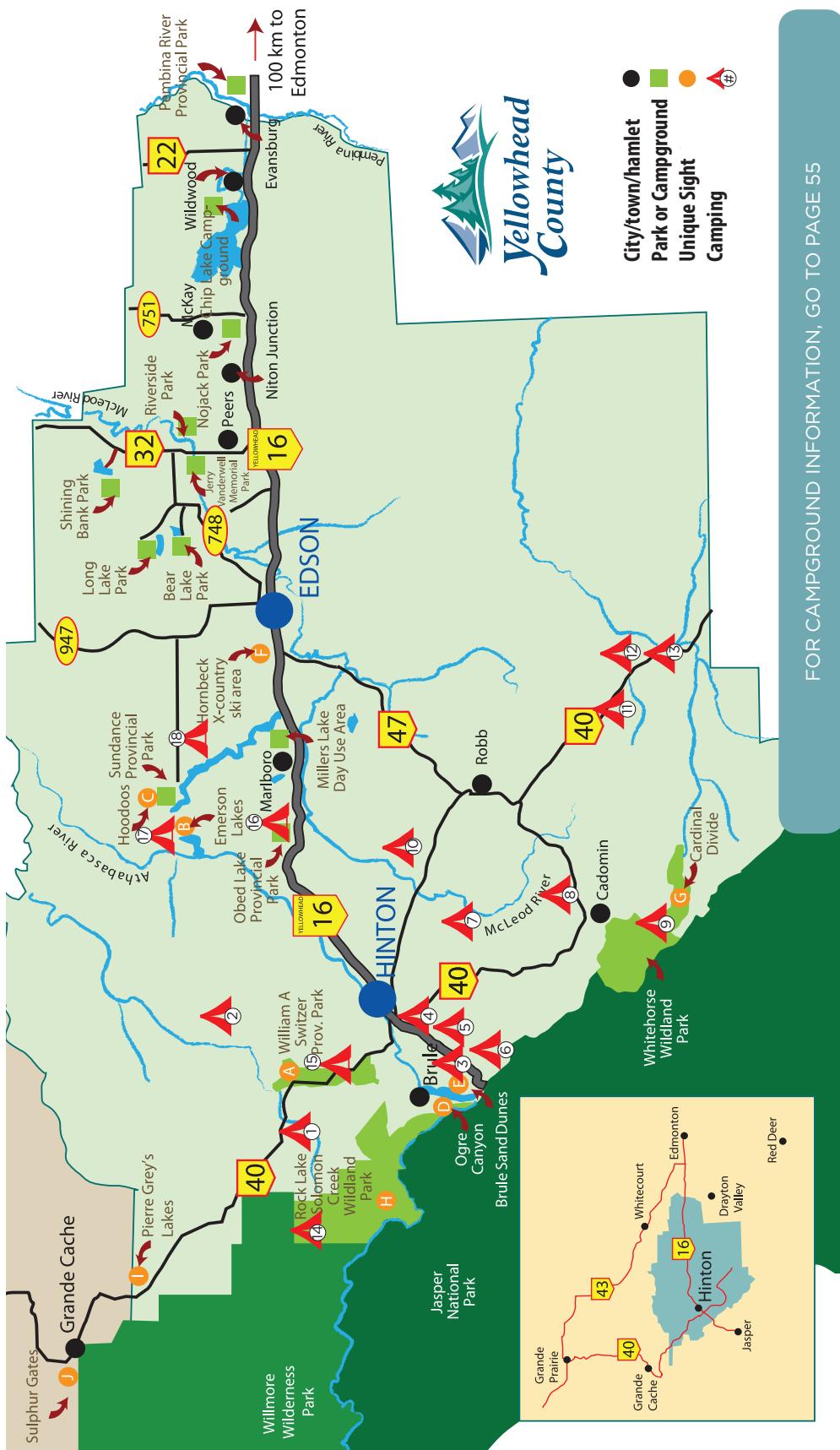
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The “Welcome to Our Backyard” campaign is brought to you the municipalities along the Alberta Northern Rockies Eastern Slopes and is a reminder that keeping a clean and well looked after recreation area will ensure safe and memorable experiences for many more generations.

ALBERTA NORTHERN ROCKIES and Yellowhead County



FOR CAMPGROUND INFORMATION, GO TO PAGE 55

Hinton is blessed with a beautiful backyard that encompasses neighbouring parts of Yellowhead County and the Alberta Northern Rockies.

The Alberta Northern Rockies encompass the massive system of provincial parks that neighbour Hinton to the south and north, as well as Jasper National Park to the west. Highlighted by an endless supply of trails, alpine terrain, forests and waterways – the Alberta Northern Rockies also boast a vast swath of untapped, pristine wilderness.

Nearby communities of Cadomin, Brule, Robb and Obed fall within Yellowhead County boundaries. These communities are rich in history, blessed with natural beauty, and act as gateways to the hiking, biking, camping, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and quadding adventures that lay beyond.

UNIQUE SIGHTS

- A. William A. Switzer Provincial Park
- B. Emerson Lakes
- C. Hoodoos (Wild Sculpture Trail)
- D. Ogre Canyon
- E. Brule Sand Dunes
- F. Hornbeck X-Country Ski Area
- G. Cardinal Divide
- H. Rock Lake Solomon Creek Wildland Park
- I. Pierre Grey's Lakes
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