

Getting There

From Prince George/McBride:

Access is possible via the Walker Creek Forestry Road, 135 kilometres east of Prince George, or 70 kilometres west of McBride on Hwy 16.

- Kilometre 0.0** Junction of Hwy 16 and Walker Creek Forest Road.
- Kilometre 5.2** Walker Creek Forest Road crosses the Fraser River.
- Kilometre 32.0** The road meets the McGregor River and follows the river upstream.
- Kilometre 43.0** The road starts to get rough from this point. In wet conditions a four-wheel drive vehicle is required.
- Kilometre 73.0** The road meets Bastille Creek. Beyond here sections of the road can get very rough.
- Kilometre 85.0** Public road ends at Buchanan Creek. No motorized vehicles past this point (snowmobiles exempt).
- Kilometre 85.0** Entering Kakwa Provincial Park.
- Kilometre 100.0** Right fork to campsite and Park Headquarters. Left fork to Old Tote Road.
- Kilometre 103.0** Kakwa Lake campsite and Park Headquarters.

From Grande Prairie:

Take the Kakwa River Forest Road, 112 kilometres to Sherman Meadows, then an additional 24 kilometres to Dead Horse Meadows. This last section is very rough. Alberta regulations prohibit vehicles over 365 kilograms (800 pounds) past this point. From here, the Kakwa Lake trail travels 32 kilometres to the north end and an additional 11 kilometres to the south end of Kakwa Lake. Motorized traffic (except snowmachines) is not permitted within the boundaries of Kakwa Provincial Park. Violators will be prosecuted.

Visitor Information

Wildlife species found in Kakwa Provincial Park include grizzly and black bears, caribou, moose, deer, wolves, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goats, wolverine and marten.

Currently, two access routes are available. One route follows the Walker Creek Forest Road, east of Prince George in British Columbia. A gate to restrict motorized traffic has been installed where the road crosses Buchanan Creek and visitors must travel by foot, horse or mountain bike beyond this point. The second route follows the Kakwa River Forestry Road from Grande Prairie in Alberta. Except for snowmachines in winter, no motorized means of ground transportation is allowed in Kakwa Provincial Park. There may be some industrial traffic accessing a quartzite quarry on Wishaw Lake. Visitors are asked to follow safe driving practices along the Walker Creek Forest Road to Buchanan Creek.

Volunteer Hosts

Campground Hosts and Backcountry Hosts are available in many provincial parks. Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer Host should contact BC Parks.

For More Information

BC Parks

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>



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Kakwa

PROVINCIAL PARK



Welcome. Located approximately 70 kilometres north of McBride in British Columbia, Kakwa Provincial Park encompasses an area of 170,890 hectares. Showcasing ice-clad mountains, alpine lakes, extensive alpine meadow systems and a section of the Continental Divide, it is truly a wilderness jewel. Kakwa was designated as a provincial park in July of 1999. Main physical features include Mount Sir Alexander at 3,270 metres, Mount Ida at 3,189 metres and Kakwa Lake.

Upper Fraser

Summer Recreation

Summer activities in Kakwa Provincial Park include camping, hiking, fishing, photography, wildlife viewing and horseback trips.

An area at the south end of Kakwa Lake has been designated for camping. This site provides pit toilets and fire circles. All garbage must be packed out of the park. Cabins located within Kakwa Provincial Park are used by BC Parks staff for periodic patrols. You are advised to enter Kakwa Provincial Park fully self-contained and prepared to camp out.

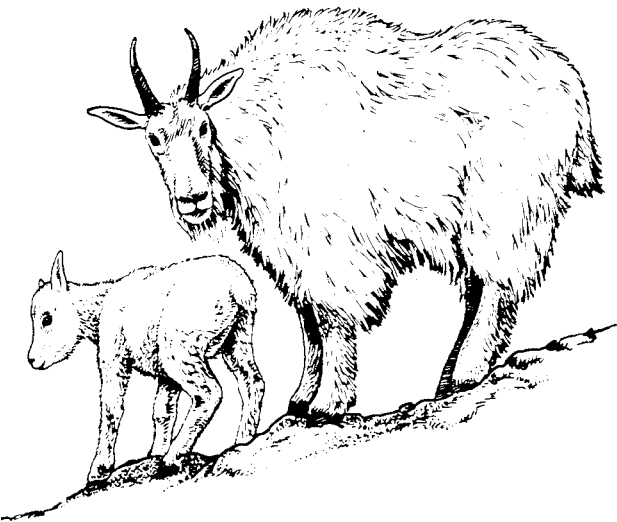
Park Rangers and Volunteer Hosts are periodically on duty in Kakwa Provincial Park year round.

A number of hiking routes exist within Kakwa, but these are unmarked and not maintained.

Anglers are asked to limit their catch in order to preserve angling opportunities for years to come. Special restrictions apply. Please consult the *British Columbia Fishing Regulations*.

The wide range of species diversity gives excellent opportunity for wildlife viewing. Visitors interested in photography will appreciate the incredible beauty of this remote wilderness area.

The park is open to hunting except in the "No Hunting" area marked on the map.



Winter Recreation

Winter activities include snowmobiling, wilderness ski touring and photography.

Cabins located within Kakwa Provincial Park are used by BC Parks staff for periodic patrols. You are advised to enter Kakwa Provincial Park fully self-contained and prepared to camp out. Remember, if you pack it in, pack it out. A pit toilet is situated at this site for your convenience.

Winter users accessing the recreation area via the Walker Creek Road should note that it is only plowed to the Fraser River bridge in the winter. From here it is a further 98 kilometres to Kakwa Lake. Bastille and Buchanan creeks must be crossed and difficulty varies with conditions and weather.

Users approaching from the Alberta access should note that the Kakwa River Forestry Road, 112 kilometres to Sherman Meadows, is not always plowed. It is a further 67 kilometres by snowmobile to the south end of Kakwa Lake. Both approaches require long trips with no facilities and are only recommended for the most experienced snowmobilers.

Show respect for wildlife. Avoid areas that animals are using and do not harass wildlife. Stress caused by snowmobiles can be fatal to wildlife.

Kakwa and Cecilia lakes are closed to angling from November 1 to April 30.

Note:

- ▶ There are special restrictions for snowmobiling and winter camping in the Wild Kakwa Provincial Park in Alberta.
- ▶ The Willmore Wilderness is closed to snowmobile use. Violators will be prosecuted.

Park Hazards

Kakwa Provincial Park is prime grizzly and black bear habitat. Practice bear safety at all times.

Visitors must be prepared for a variety of weather conditions. Trails are not marked or maintained and facilities are limited. All visitors should enter the park prepared to be totally self-sufficient.

Note: You are entering avalanche country. Avalanche beacons, probes, shovels and emergency first aid gear are recommended. Training in avalanche awareness/avoidance should be a part of every winter backcountry user's planning.

Porcupines will eat the tires, wiring, brake lines, undercoating or other parts of your vehicle if they have the opportunity. Protect your vehicle with a fence of chicken wire if you plan to leave it overnight.

Special Regulations

- ▶ Proper back country ethics are mandatory in order to enjoy a safe visit. Kakwa Provincial Park is a remote wilderness area located in prime grizzly and black bear habitat. Those using the park should be prepared to be totally self-sufficient.
- ▶ Anglers must be in possession of a current British Columbia fishing licence and British Columbia fishing regulations apply.
- ▶ Firearms are not permitted in the park unless hunting season is open and the hunter has a valid British Columbia hunting licence and appropriate species licence.
- ▶ Hunters should read the *British Columbia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis* carefully. The shaded area shown on this map and described in the *Synopsis* (within MU 7-19) is closed to all hunting. Other special regulations may apply.
- ▶ The *Park Act* applies. All natural features and man-made structures are protected under the *Park Act*.
- ▶ Cecilia Lake is closed to aircraft landing and takeoff.