

## Town Trails

### Riverside Park Trail

From the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre, travel 1 km north on Burrard Avenue, turn left into Riverside Park.

- Trailhead is found beside the bird viewing tower in Riverside Park.
- It is a pleasant walk beside the river and under the bridge. The trail goes further into the woods on the east side of the bridge and ends on View Street.
- You can follow the trail back through the woods, or walk back through town to Riverside Park.
- Climb the steps to the top of the tower for a panorama of the Bird Sanctuary, a known migratory path for many kinds of birds.

### Evelyn Dickson Trails

Located on Fifth Street, 2 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

- Trailhead is located behind Evelyn Dickson School.
- Nice, quiet, scenic trail with dips and turns. Also very good condition for biking.
- Circles back behind Blue Spruce Restaurant. There is the choice of connecting with Highway 16 East or Kenney Dam Road.

### Hospital Trails

Located off Hospital Road, 2 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

- Trailhead is found at the end of Hospital Road.
- There are various loops up and down steep hills into the forest.
- Circles as far back as the Vanderhoof Airport..



### Greer Creek Falls Trail

Turn south off Highway 16 at Nechako Ave (which turns into Kenney Dam Road); travel 25 km and turn left onto the Kluskus FS Road; continue another 18km to the trail head, just past the 37 km marker. Trail is on the right side, the sign is back from the road a few meters.

- The trail is 1.2 km long and takes approximately 30 minutes to hike.
- The trail weaves through the trees to the base of an impressive 8 m waterfall. The hill beside the falls can also be climbed to follow the creek above it for a longer hike.
- A pool at the bottom of the waterfall is suitable for swimming; a picnic table offers an ideal setting for a summer picnic. Outhouse also on site.
- To return to the parking lot, follow the same trail back. Be prepared for a few steep inclines on the way out.

### Fraser Mountain Trail

This trail is located off Hwy 16 on the southeast end of Fraser Lake, 45.5 km west of the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

- The trail is 4.1 km long (one way) and takes approx. 4 hours to hike. There are orange hiking diamonds to follow along the way.
- The first 0.5 km of the trail is an old abandoned ski hill. This part of the trail is quite steep. At the 1 km mark is the first viewpoint of Fraser Lake; another at 3 km.
- When the summit is reached, follow a small road to a fire lookout tower. Climb the tower for an unbelievable view of Fraser Lake and the surrounding area.

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## Vanderhoof Area

## Hiking Trails

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## Mouse Mountain Trail

Located in Fraser Lake on Highway 16, a distance of 59.3 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

- The trail is 2.8 km long and takes approx. 1 hour to hike. It is marked by green diamonds.
- This trail goes through a 250 year old Douglas Fir stand. At the top of the mountain there is a picnic area with a magnificent view of Fraser Lake.
- Halfway down the back of the mountain is a tree with an orange marker, which marks the beginning of White Swan Trail. Take the route to the right to stay on the Mouse Mountain Trail and continue back to the parking lot.

## White Swan Park Trail

Located in Fraser Lake on Highway 16, a distance of 59.3 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

- The trail is 2.5 km long and takes approx. 1 hour to hike. Follow the green diamonds at first, but then follow orange circles.
- The first part of the trail is along the Mouse Mountain Trail. Halfway down the backside of the Mouse Mountain Trail, there is a tree with an orange circle on it. Take the path to the left to continue on to White Swan Park Trail.
- Hike through the beautiful mossy side of Mouse Mountain and stop at various lookout points to view Fraser Lake. This trail ends at White Swan Park.
- Either hike through the streets in town back to the parking lot or follow the route previously taken, to return to the parking lot.

## Ormand Creek Canyon Trail

Located 82.1 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre, 16.2 km down Stella Road, just past Fraser Lake.

- The trail is 2.2 km long and takes approx. 1 hour to hike. There are hiking triangles to follow on the pathway.
- There is a fork in the trail at the 2 km point, with a sign in the middle; keep left to stay on the trail.
- To return, either follow the trail back, or continue on and follow the Ormand Lake Trail. This trail is 13.2 km long and traces the edge of the Fraser Lake. It meets up with the Canyon Trail, leading back to the parking lot.

## Cutoff Butte Trail

Approx. 22 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre to the Kenney Dam/ Telegraph/ Kluskus Intersection; turn left on the Kluskus FSR; trail is 87.9 km from the intersection.

- The trail is 1.3 km long and takes approximately 30 minutes to hike.
- This trail is very steep, so be prepared. The hike goes to the top of Cutoff Butte, which is the site of an ancient volcanic landmark. There are spectacular views of the surrounding area and is great for picnicing.
- Follow the trail back down to return to the parking lot.

## Cheslatta Falls

Travel down Kenney Dam Road, crossing the Dam, and turning right onto the Holy Cross FSR (approx 97 km). Go another 11 km and follow the signs to the Falls. Approximately 108 km from the Visitor Centre.

### OR

From the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre drive approx. 50 km west on Hwy 16. Turn left onto the Holy Cross FSR.; continue approx. 55 km to Falls. *(CAUTION: During summer, fall, & winter, watch for loaded logging trucks on the Holy Cross FSR.)*

- A campground is located about 500 metres from the trailhead on the opposite side of the road. There are outhouses and picnic tables, and it is situated right beside the Cheslatta River.
- The trail is 1.2 km long (one way) and takes approx. 2 hours to hike. There are hiking diamonds along the pathway.
- The trail goes through a peaceful pine forest on a ridge overlooking the roaring Cheslatta River below. It winds around and finally stops at the edge of a cliff directly beside Cheslatta Falls allowing for a spectacular view.

**WARNING:** The trail and the cliff by the falls can be slippery when wet. It is not suitable or safe for young children or pets.



## Waterlily Lake Trails

Located 2.4 km down Smedley Road off Sturgeon Point Road, 13 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

- The trail has 7 loops from 1.2 km to 11.9 km, all of which are marked by orange diamonds, and well maintained. There are two lakes to hike into: Homestead and Waterlily. There is also a trapper's cabin to see along many of the loops.
- Some areas have been logged, thus the trails continue through the logged patches. Bears and moose are often spotted here.
- To return to the parking lot, simply follow the looptrails back.
- A detailed map of the trails is available at the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

## Omineca Trail

Located down Striegler Pit Road, east off Northside Road, 19 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

- The trail is 15 km long (one way) from the trailhead located on Striegler Pit Road to the Old Ferry Crossing on Stuart River.
- This trail is an ancient Carrier trail route from Noonla to Stuart River and Stuart Lake. It was the main pack trail to the Omineca Gold Fields in the 1870's.
- There are also side trails to McLeod Meadow, Wonder Lake and Expected Lake. All trails are marked and excellent for horseback riding and mountain biking.

## Home Lake Trail

Access from Kluskus Forest Service Road, 43.3 km from the Vanderhoof Visitor Centre.

- The trail is 6 km long (one way) and takes approx. 2.5 hours to hike.
- This trail is well marked and maintained all the way into Home Lake. Many small animals can be seen.
- Once at the lake, there is a small Forest Service cabin that can be used for further enjoyment of the sunset in the evening.
- Follow the same trail back to return to the parking lot.