





Welcome to Monkman Provincial Park


Things to Do

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A 3 km trail to the **Kinuseo Falls viewpoint** from the campground follows the Murray River.
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The 63 km (one-way) **Monkman Memorial Trail** provides the adventurous an experience of unspoiled splendour. This trail, which leads to Monkman Lake, features the spectacular **Monkman Cascades**, a series of 10 stunning waterfalls. The trail ends at Hobi’s cabin on the Herrick River, 10 km beyond the park’s southern boundary. Bikes are permitted to km 12. An easy 7 km (one-way) **day hike** follows the trail to the Murray River Crossing suspension bridge.
- The 4 km (round trip, 2hrs) **Stone Corral** trail leads past small caves, limestone formations, ponds, interesting and poisonous plants, fossils and magnificent viewpoints. Bring a flashlight for caves.
- The 2 km (round trip) Joan Lake trail is a moderately strenuous hike to a picturesque lake. The hike goes by a tiny sulphurous spring, Canary Falls, limestone cliffs, and through a densely forested gorge. Joan Lake is a peaceful spot to picnic and fish.
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Park waters have fish such as trout, char, grayling and whitefish. An appropriate licence is required.
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The north end of the park features **Kinuseo Falls** where the Murray River plunges 60 m. This thunderous cascade is higher than Niagara Falls, providing many visitors with a trip highlight. The viewing platform is wheelchair accessible.
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Caving opportunities exist on the Stone Corral trail; **Corral Cave**’s entrance is beneath the steepest cliffs. **Porcupine Cave** is where the trail leads away from the cliff-edge and crosses a gully. To enter, proceed to the second sinkhole just over the ridge; please do not enter the first sinkhole entrance.

Visitor Services

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The day-use area near Kinuseo Falls has tables, pit toilets and other recreational opportunities such as short hiking trails to scenic viewpoints.
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Kinuseo Falls campground has 21 sites, and accommodates RVs and tents. The campground is equipped with wheelchair accessible facilities, pit toilets, horseshoe pits and serves as a great base for backcountry adventures!
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Several designated backcountry camping sites with rustic facilities (bear cache, fire ring and pit toilet) are provided along the **Monkman Memorial Pass** trail. Look for sites at 7 km (Murray River crossing), 20 km (Cascades), 21 km (Devils Creek) and 24 km (Monkman Lake).
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There is a cold water hand pump; please note it may be removed during the off season.

Wildlife and Conservation

Countless animals, such as black bears, mountain goats, caribou and moose, inhabit Monkman Park. During the warmer seasons, deer, mountain sheep, grey wolves, martens, wolverines, marmots, hares, red squirrels, and numerous bird species including owls, ptarmigan, grouse, geese and loons have been spotted. However, the fierce winter climate forces most of the larger animals to seek more hospitable areas during those months.

Kinuseo Falls presents an impassable obstacle to migrating fish, creating unique fish habitats above and below the falls. The park is dominated by sub alpine fir, white spruce and lodge pole pine. The higher elevations also support the growth of Engelmann spruce. Above the tree line, due to the harsh weather experienced in the park, only plants adapted to the those conditions thrive.

This is Bear Country!

- All wild animals, especially bears, are potentially dangerous and unpredictable, and may be encountered at any time. Bears are extremely powerful animals that can cause serious injury or death. While the risk of an animal attack is low, BC Parks recommends heightening safety by following a few simple rules:
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- Don’t approach or feed wild animals. Animals that are not scared of humans, especially female bears with cubs, are very dangerous.
 - Cook and eat well away from your tent and securely store any food in the food caches provided.
 - Pack out what you pack in. Please keep your campsite clean and do not burn or bury waste.
 - Be alert for bear scat and tracks and don’t hike or camp in areas where these are common.
 - Make lots of noise when hiking.
 - Stay calm if approached by a bear. Move away slowly when possible.



History

Monkman Provincial Park was named after Alex Monkman, an individual who attempted to build a transportation route from the Peace River farming country down to the Pacific Ocean ports. In 1922, Monkman and a group of fur-trappers discovered what is now known as Monkman Pass. The pass inspired Monkman’s vision for a railroad, a direct route to the south. Failing to get government support for his venture, Monkman focused instead on building a highway as an alternative.



Over the next three years, many determined volunteers laboured to blaze the new trail; however, limited funding, harsh conditions and the outbreak of the Second World War eventually brought the project to a halt. A railway was later built to the northwest over the Pine Pass and Monkman’s “highway” slowly faded into history.


Today, only a few sections are visible along the Monkman Memorial Trail, a route that follows parts of the original road. The Monkman Memorial Trail was expanded another 38 km to stretch from Kinuseo Falls, past Monkman Lake, to Hobi’s cabin, totalling 63 km.



Monkman Provincial Park is nestled in the Hart Ranges of the Central Rocky Mountains and Foothills. Extensive alpine meadows, jagged mountain peaks, forested valleys, thundering waterfalls and clear alpine lakes are all significant natural features found in this amazing park.

How to Get to the Park

Monkman Provincial Park is located on the Murray River Forest Service Road, 60 km south of Tumbler Ridge. Several roads provide access to this community. Go south on Hwy 29 at Chetwynd or go south on Hwy 52, approximately 17 km west of Dawson Creek. Visitors travelling on Highway 2, to or from Dawson Creek, can also access Hwy 52 near the B.C./Alberta border.



Enjoy Your Stay

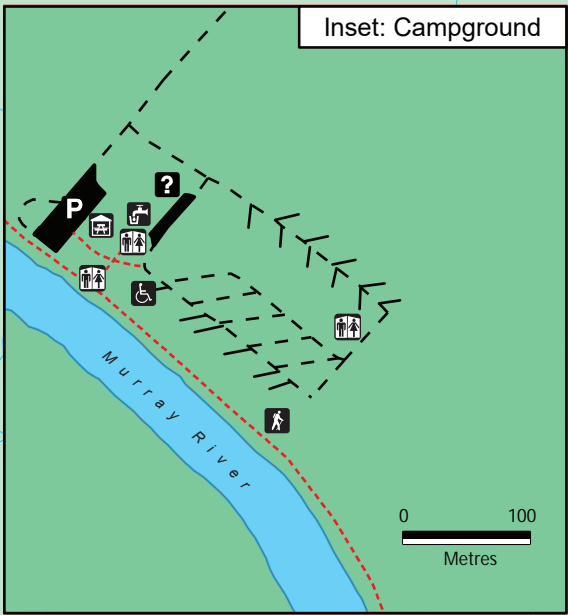
- Park regulations protect the natural state of the park and ensure the quality experience for all visitors.
- Do not litter. Place refuse in the receptacles provided.
 - Flowers, trees and shrubs are part of the park’s natural heritage. Do not damage them.
 - Fires are permitted in designated fire rings only.
 - To help preserve the park’s ecology, rock collecting is not permitted.
 - Keep pets leashed and under control at all times. Please be responsible for their behaviour and waste
 - Be considerate of wildlife. Use binoculars to view animals from a distance rather than approaching them closely.

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Legend

	Park Boundary		Vehicle/Tent Camping
	Road, gravel		Camping
	Trail		Hiking Trail
	Day-use Area		Point of Interest
	Parking		Information
	Picnic Shelter		Water
	Toilets		Fishing
	Wheelchair Accessible		

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