Camping Ethics

There are 86 campsites with pit toilets and water. Some disabled-access facilities are available.

A wilderness campsite with a pit toilet is located 2 kilometres along the west shore of the lake with walk-in or boat-in access.

Keep your campfires small and use the fire-rings provided. Never leave your campfire unattended. Campfire restrictions may be in effect when forest fire hazard is high.

A sani-station is located near the Service Area.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in provincial parks, except in your campsite.

Excessive noise is not permitted at any time.

Consider your neighbours and observe the quiet time from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Do not operate noisy equipment or generators at this time.

Non-registered visitors are welcome during the day but must leave the park before 10 p.m.

All pets must be kept on a leash and are not permitted in beach or picnic areas. Owners are responsible for disposing of pet droppings into garbage containers. There is a beach area designated where dogs are permitted. All other beaches are closed to pets.

Tents, trailers, vehicles and all equipment must be confined to the gravel portion of the campsite. Parking is not permitted on roadsides.

Dishwashing and personal hygiene activities at the water pumps may contaminate the water supply.

Dumping grey water in or near campsites may harm wildlife and vegetation. Please use grey water disposal units or dispose of grey water in the outhouses or at the sani-station.

Trails

Wilderness Trail: A 2-kilometre trail leads along the lakeshore and connects with the Birkenhead Lake Trail. This trail is used mainly by hikers.

Birkenhead Lake Trail: The 8-kilometre trail to Birkenhead Lake Estates at the south end of the lake joins up with Birkenhead Road and Tenas Valley logging road. This trail is used by both hikers and cyclists.

Goat Lookout Trail: This 1-kilometre rough and steep trail on the south side of the valley provides a view over the lake. In the spring and fall mountain goats may be seen on the cliffs above the campground.

Help Protect Our Environment

Trees, shrubs, plants and rocks are part of the park's natural heritage. Leave everything as you find it. Do not disturb spawning fish in the creeks throughout the campground and day-use areas.

There are First Nations archaeological sites within the park. Please do not disturb them. Archaeological and other heritage sites are legally protected under Section 13 of the Heritage Conservation Act.

Safety

The entrance gates are closed from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

This park is patrolled by a Park Facility Operator. In case of an emergency call 911 or contact the Park Facility Operator at the Service Area. A pay telephone is located at D'Arcy, 22 kilometres away on Portage Road.

Bicycles are permitted only on park roadways and the Birkenhead Lake Trail. Helmets are mandatory.

The use of unlicensed motor vehicles and ATVs is prohibited.

There are no lifeguards at the swimming area. Watch children at all times.

The lake is subject to sudden winds. Ensure your boat has the proper safety equipment.

Humans are one of many visitors to this park. Bears and cougars may pass through this area, usually skirting the campground to avoid contact with humans. To avoid bear and cougar encounters, use the bear-proof garbage bins, keep a clean campsite and store food in your vehicle. Only harm will come to these animals – and possibly yourself – if you encourage contact with them

Reservations

Campsite reservations can be made beginning April 1 for camping in the period mid-May to mid-September.

Reservations for campsites are available by calling Discover Camping toll-free at 1-800-689-9025 (689-9025 in Greater Vancouver). Or visit their website at www.discovercamping.ca.

For More Information

BC Parks

http://www.bcparks.ca

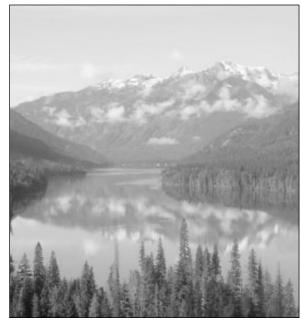


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Birkenhead Lake

PROVINCIAL PARK



View from Goat Lookout

Welcome. Birkenhead Lake Provincial Park was first established in 1963 to provide lakeside camping and other recreation experiences for travellers between Whistler and Lillooet. The park was expanded in 1996 from 3,642 hectares to 9,755 hectares, adding significant conservation values of the Sockeye Creek watershed.

The park protects important habitat for a variety of wildlife, including spotted owls, mountain goats, black bears and grizzly bears. Old-growth forests, subalpine and alpine environments, large and small lakes all contribute to the park's diversity.

