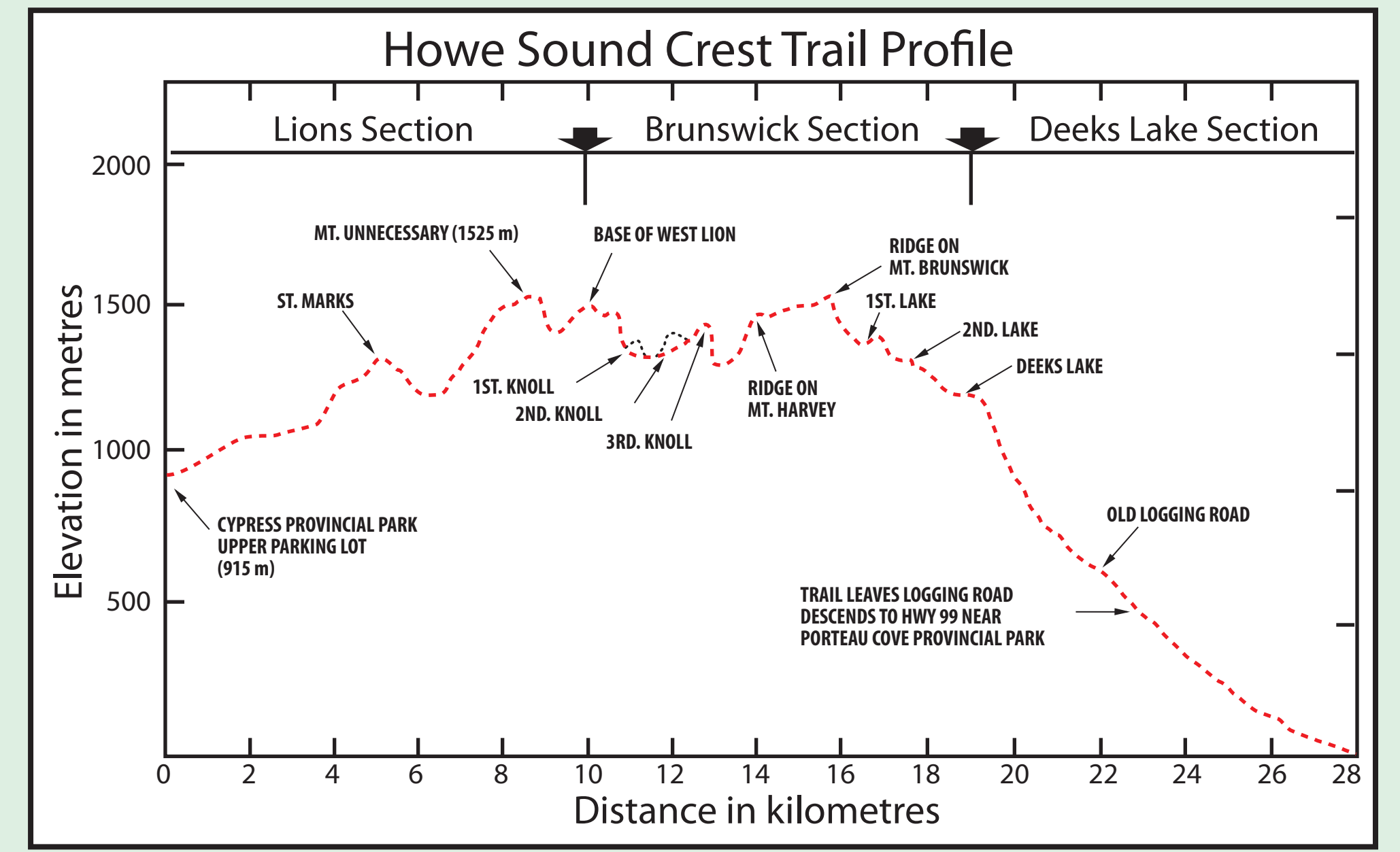


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The Howe Sound Crest Trail is a remote and rugged wilderness trail that should be used by experienced and self-sufficient hikers only. Winter travel along the trail is strongly discouraged. Hikers should always carry the ten essentials, create a trip plan, and let someone know where they're going and when they'll be back. Many hikers underestimate the time and energy required for traveling on this trail.

Weather and conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should expect cold, foggy and wet conditions, even in the summer. Cell phone reception is unreliable on the trail. The trail is marked by orange markers and flagging, but markings can be intermittent at times. Hikers should have alternative means of communication and navigation.

Many unmarked hazards and technical terrain features exist along the trail. Hikers will encounter cliffs, scree slopes, exposed ridgelines, and more. There are no reliable water sources between Strachan Meadows (Montizambert Creek) and Magnesia Meadows, so hikers should plan accordingly. Water should always be treated before drinking.

Smoking, vaping, campfires, feeding wildlife, drones, dogs off-leash, alcohol, bikes, and entering the Capilano Watershed are all prohibited.

Wilderness camping is permitted beyond the alpine ski area along the Howe Sound Crest Trail. There are no designated camping areas, but appropriate camping areas include Magnesia Meadows, Brunswick Lake, and Deeks Lake. Campers should choose locations carefully to avoid environmental damage.

Practice 'Leave No Trace' principles, pack out everything you pack in, and secure all food and odorous materials in bear hangs overnight. Where pit toilets don't exist, excrement must be disposed of in a hole and covered. This must occur at least 100 metres away from the trail or a water source.



Hat Pass

