

### Location map

There is a rustic backcountry shelter available to the public on Fenton Lake. It is available on a first-come first-serve basis at no cost.

Two commercial fishing lodges operate within the park.

There are several rustic campsites on Eutsuk Lake. Facilities are generally limited to pit toilets, fire rings, picnic tables and bear caches. The Sand Cabin Bay site has open-air picnic shelters for visitor use.

Bay Ranger Station is located at the rail portage connecting Whitesail and Eutsuk Lakes. This 550 m portage facilitates the transport of motorboats up to 8 m long between the lakes. Visitors have the option of providing their own chainsaw winch, using the hand winches provided, or paying to have their boat winched over by the park operator. The portage is staffed from mid June to early September, but staff are not always available during this period. Contact BC Parks for current information on portaging services and fees.

### Facilities



**Floatplane Access** - Visitors planning to access the park via floatplane should be aware that a letter of permission is required to land on Fenton Lake. This letter of permission is already in place for BC Floatplane Association Members. If you are considering chartering an aircraft to access the park, ensure you use a company with a valid Park Use Permit.

Little Andrews Bay Provincial Park boat launch to Chikamin Bay Ranger Station and Portage: 50 km.

**From Houston** - Head west on Hwy 16 and turn south onto the Morice Forest Service Road (the Huckleberry Mine Road). Follow this for 81 km (take a right at 56.5 km) and turn left onto the Shelford FSR. Follow the Shelford FSR for 21 km, turn left onto the Andrew's Bay FSR for 300 m, then turn right at the signed Little Andrews Bay Provincial Park entrance.

**From Burns Lake** - Follow Highway 35 south crossing Francois Lake by free ferry. Continue south on the main road from the ferry for 17.5 km, then right onto the Keefer's Landing Road (Ootsa-Nadina Road). Drive 42.5 km on this road and turn left on the Shelford #1 Road (Little Andrews Bay Forest Service Road (FSR)). Follow this for 22 km and turn left at the signed Little Andrews Bay Provincial Park entrance.

### How to get to the park

The lake and waterway-dotted Nechako Plateau forms most of the northern region of the park with the Quanchus Mountain Range, dominated by Mount Wells, and Tweedsmuir, Michel, Wells Gray, and Eutsuk Peaks, all more than 1,900 metres in height, covering much of its central area.

Wildlife is widespread and fairly prevalent. In summer and fall woodland caribou frequent the slopes of the Quanchus and Chikamin Mountain Ranges. In other areas mountain goats, mule deer, moose, black bear, grizzly bear, and wolves are in evidence. Around the Nechako Reservoir, dead trees provide nesting sites for fish-hunting ospreys.

Eutsuk Lake, which is derived from two words in the Ulkatcho Carrier dialect, "yu" meaning "very" and "tsu" meaning "low down", is the focal point of the water-oriented activities of northern Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. Eighty-kilometre-long Eutsuk, together with Ootsa, Whitesail and Tetachuk Lakes, form a system of waterways that was once a well-known circle boat tour. The waterways, with the exception of Eutsuk Lake, were markedly altered in 1952 with the building of Kenney Dam and the creation of the Nechako Reservoir.

Roughly triangular in shape, the park is bounded on the north and northwest by the Ootsa-Whitesail Lakes Reservoir, on the west and southwest by the Coast Mountains, and on the east by the Interior Plateau. The northern portion of the park is described in this publication.

North Tweedsmuir Provincial Park is primarily accessed via boat or floatplane. The Ootsa-Whitesail Lake Reservoir provides water access to the park. Boat launches on the north shore of the reservoir are accessible by secondary roads from Burns Lake and Houston.

### About the park

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### Activities

Anglers will find excellent fishing for rainbow trout, kokanee and mountain whitefish in many of the park's waterways. Anglers must observe current BC Fishing Regulations and have a valid BC angling licence.

Parts of the park are open to hunting during lawful hunting seasons, which are typically in the fall. Hunters must be in possession of a BC hunting licence and appropriate tags, and must observe the current BC Hunting Regulations. Non-residents must be accompanied by a licenced hunting guide with a valid Park Use Permit. **Firearms are prohibited in the park except during a lawful hunting season.**

Several trails leading from Eutsuk Lake to smaller lakes and higher elevation areas provide great opportunities for hiking.

Eutsuk and Pondosy Lakes are great for boating and canoeing. Pondosy Lake is entered by a short, narrow, shallow river. It may be necessary to line or pole boats through this waterway.

### Safety information

Boaters must use caution when travelling Ootsa, Whitesail, and Eutsuk Lakes. Windstorms rise very quickly so use caution if venturing far from shoreline on these large lakes in canoes, kayaks, or car-top-boats. At all times be alert for deadheads, submerged trees, and unmarked reefs. Visit [www.bcparks.ca](http://www.bcparks.ca) for a map of submerged hazards on Eutsuk Lake.

This is a remote park with no emergency services or cellular phone service. Visitors must be prepared to be self-sufficient and to deal with emergency situations. A satellite phone or personal safety beacon is recommended.

### Trails

The following trails are maintained by BC Parks:

**Chikamin Ridge Trail:** 3 km long, 600 m of elevation gain. This trail departs from Blackwell Point Campsite and leads to an alpine ridge of Chikamin Mountain. Visitors will be rewarded with spectacular views of Eutsuk Lake and the surrounding mountains. Pay close attention to where the trail emerges into the alpine as it may be hard to find on your return.

**Surel Lake Trail:** 1.5 km, 50 m of elevation gain. A short 300 m trail from Eutsuk Lake leads to a 10 m waterfall on Surel Creek. The trail continues another 1.2 km to Surel Lake where there are scenic views of Surel Peak and Mount Musclow.

**Musclow Lake Trail:** 500 m long, 30 m of elevation gain. This short trail starts at Eutsuk Lake and follows the west side of Musclow Creek to the lake. Views are limited from the end of the trail but it is a good trail for portaging into Musclow Lake.

**Sand Cabin Bay Lookout Trail:** 600 m long, 90 m of elevation gain. A short, steep climb from Sand Cabin Bay on Eutsuk Lake to the tip of a rock bluff. Spectacular panoramas of the Nechako Plateau, Quanchus Mountains and the opportunity to view wildlife in the marsh below.

**Tetachuck River Trail:** 5 km long with minimal elevation change. An easy hike from the east end of Eutsuk Lake along the Tetachuck River to fishing spots in the lower Redfern Rapids and a commercial lodge on Tetachuck Lake.

Historic hiking routes, originally established by guide-outfitters, exist in the Quanchus Range. They are not maintained by BC Parks and are difficult to follow.

All terrain vehicles are not permitted in the park.

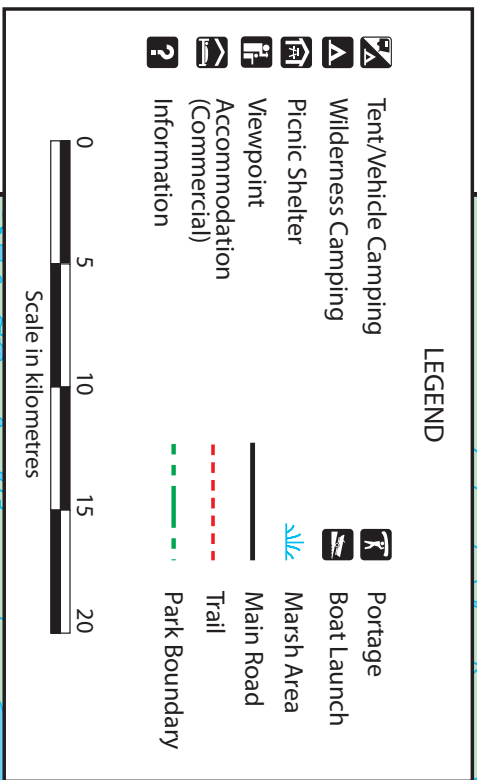
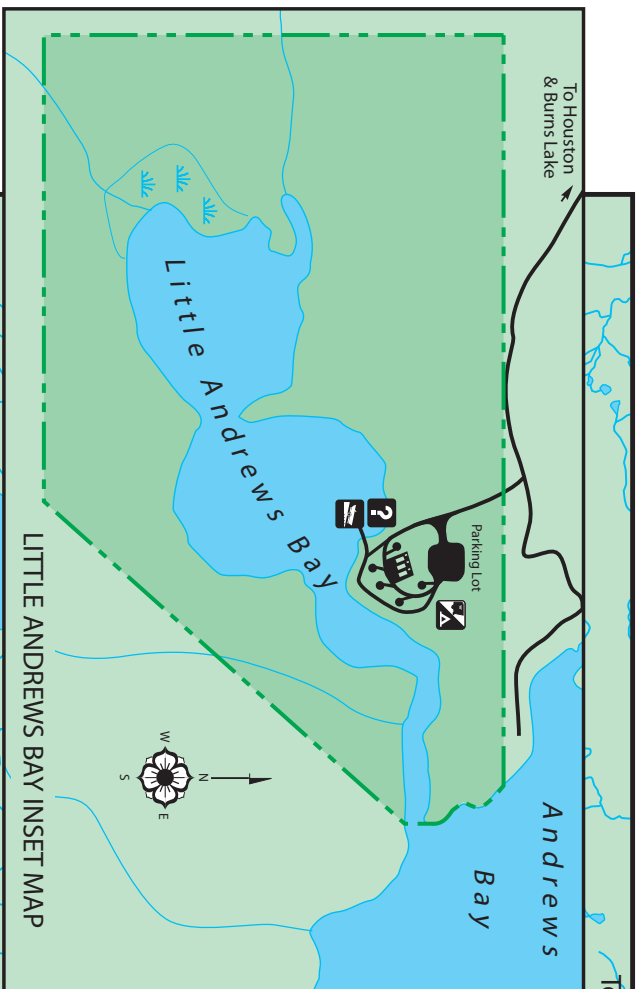
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### Park Map and Information Guide



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