

Welcome to the corridor area of Wells Gray Park. The Clearwater Valley Road provides access to the central corridor area of Wells Gray Park. The following are some of the most popular special features and hiking trails found enroute to Clearwater Lake.

Spahats Creek Falls: Beautiful views of Spahats Falls and the Clearwater River valley make this a very popular day-use stop for tour buses. Old growth cedar and hemlock ensure this quiet park is cool on even the hottest summer day. Flush toilets and wheelchair accessible trails.

Trophy Mountain: The Trophy Mountain meadows are one of the most easily accessible sub-alpine meadows in British Columbia. They are a flush of gold when the glacier lilies bloom in late June or early July. The same meadows are transformed into a rainbow of colour when mountain daisy, Indian paintbrush, arctic lupine and a myriad of other flowers bloom in early August.

Moul Falls: Recent trail and parking upgrades have made Moul Falls more accessible than ever. This spectacular waterfall drains into a huge volcanic basin, you can walk to the base of the falls and experience the refreshing mist at close range.

Flat Iron: Watch for parking lot on west side of road at 30.6 km. This trailhead provides access to a network of trails including Trout Creek, Hoodoo Rim, West Rim Tote, Clearwater River and White Horse Bluffs. These trails are popular with horse riders and with hikers.

Park Info: Check the kiosk for info about Wells Gray Park.

Green Mountain Road: A 3.6 km steep and winding access to the viewing tower, with its panoramic view of the south end of Wells Gray, plus trails to Foot Lake and White Horse Bluffs. Road is very narrow; motorists proceed with caution. Watch out for mountain bikes.

Placid Lake: From the parking area at the base of the Green Mountain Road, enjoy a 8 km return hike through old-growth forest. Carry water and insect repellent. Good birding and the occasional moose.

Majerus Farm: From the trailhead at the warming hut, the hardy can hike or mountain bike a 32 km loop (in the winter this is a cross-country ski circuit). Carry water; insect repellent is essential.

Wells Gray Corridor Area Special Features and Hiking Trails

Dawson Falls: Two viewpoints overlook this spectacular waterfall on the Murtle River, one at the brink and one downstream, providing a photographer's view.

Helmcken Falls Rim Trail: A parking lot at 42.4 km for the hiker's view of Helmcken Falls. The trail is about 10 km return. There are no safety fences; please watch your children. Helmcken Falls viewing platform cannot be reached from this trail.

Mushbowl: A small parking area at 43.2 km enables visitors to access the Murtle River near the Mushbowl.

Pyramid Mountain/Horseshoe Falls: Park your vehicle in the lot at Pyramid Campground and hike to the top of Pyramid Mountain (5.5 km and spectacular views!), Pyramid Lakes, or Horseshoe Falls at 16 km. Carry insect repellent and water. Wilderness camping area at 7 km and at the top of Majerus Falls.

Helmcken Falls: Wells Gray's best known waterfall. Viewing platform is wheelchair accessible. Hiking trail along canyon rim. Picnic area at viewpoint. Limited safety fencing; please watch your children!

Redspring: Grassy picnic area with views of the Clearwater River. Named after the iron-oxide rich mineral springs in this area.

Deer Creek: Grassy picnic area with access to the Clearwater River. Anglers: Clearwater River is catch and release only! There is a no keep quota for trout/char/dolly varden.

Ray Farm – Mineral Spring Trail: Wells Gray's only family homestead where children were raised. A number of the buildings still stand, and both John and Alice Ray are buried here. Excellent birding with a good chance to see black bear, deer and other small mammals. Trail to the mineral springs can be hiked as a loop, coming back past Alice Lake. Please stay on the viewing platforms. They have been constructed to protect sensitive habitats around the mineral springs. The Horseshoe Trail offers access to the Clearwater River. Anglers please note the fishing regulations! Hikers and anglers should be aware that bears frequent this area during salmon migration in August through October.

Alice Creek/Mineral Springs Trail: Parking on the west side of the road for a picnic area between Alice and Lone Spoon Creeks, with hiking trail on the east side of the road leading to the mineral springs. Insect repellent essential.

Bailey's Chute/West Lake: A cool hike through old-growth forest to the first of a series of cataraacts on the Clearwater River. Watch salmon jump against the Chute in late August and early September.

West Lake Loop: From Markus Falls, take the West Lake trail and return to the original trail just past Bailey's Chute. West Lake provides excellent fishing from shore for small rainbows, and is a great place to take kids.

Shadow Lake: Roadside parking for boaters and anglers on this peaceful wilderness lake. Good birding, may see the occasional moose, black bear or beaver.

Norman's Eddy: A "catch-all" pool in the Clearwater River, popular with fly-fishermen. Remember that the Clearwater River is catch and release only.

Falls Creek: The campgrounds of Falls Creek and Clearwater Lake are on the river side, with the Chain Meadows trailhead on the east. This trail can be taken in short sections (to the Dragon's Tongue lava beds and Sticta Falls on Falls Creek) or the entire 17 km loop. The old Kostal Lake route has been decommissioned and is no longer passible.

Clearwater Lake: From the picnic area at the north end of Clearwater Lake campground, hikers can follow the lakeshore trail past the government wharf, skirting the lakeshore all the way to the public boat launch. This can be walked as part of the Chain Meadows loop trail.

Boat Launch/Easter Bluffs: Parking for marine users. Camping fees are paid via a self-registration system at the boat launch. This is also the trailhead for the Easter Bluffs trail, which is a section of the 12.8 km Chain Meadows trail.

Notices

Prohibited Water Craft: Any aquatic motor bike or jet powered personal water craft (i.e. Jet Skis/Sea Doo) are not allowed on Clearwater or Azure Lakes.

A Special Message About Bears

Provincial parks are some of the few places where wild bears are easily visible in their natural setting — wild and free.

Seeing bears is an exciting experience — the first time and every time! It's important to realize that wild bears can be dangerous. A passive bear is not a guarantee of safety. It only takes a running child, barking dog, honking car horn or an approaching person to trigger a bear's "fight or flight" instinct.

Bears come out of hibernation in April, ravenously hungry from a long sleep. At first they find little to eat except cottonwood buds, skunk cabbage or carrion. Later in May they feed on new grass and dandelions along the park road. This is the best time to view them on the pleasant drive to Clearwater Lake. Bears prey on moose calves and fawns at this time, so never approach a feeding bear as they are very possessive of a fresh kill.

During the summer, bears move away from the roads into the park, feeding on berries, insects and the occasional rodent. Chances of seeing a bear at this time are greatly reduced but the occasional one is seen around the Ray Farm and along the corridor road(s) sides. In autumn, bears join anglers on the Clearwater River to take advantage of spawning salmon. Watching the riverbanks in the late evening or early morning from August to mid-October will usually turn up a bear or two. Grizzlies may also be seen at this time, however, it is unusual to find them so near to humans. Watch all bears from a safe distance and noisily announce your approach if you travel the trail systems of Wells Gray.

For your safety and the bear's safety, please learn and follow the basic guidelines in this brochure when viewing, filming and photographing wild bears. You can be a good example for others while watching bears in their natural habitat!

Failure to follow the guidelines can lead to the destruction of a bear and a park ranger giving you an eviction from the park and/or fines.

Enjoy Your Stay

Welcome to Wells Gray Provincial Park! Explore alpine flower meadows, temperate rainforests, extinct volcanoes and a myriad of natural and historical features. From wildflowers to towering cedars, tiny toads to soaring osprey, with mountain caribou, moose and bears, Wells Gray is home to the best BC Parks has to offer.

Facilities

There are three campgrounds located along the Wells Gray Corridor: **Pyramid** (32 campsites) 8 km north of Hemp Creek entrance; **Clearwater Lake** (39 campsites) and **Falls Creek** (41 campsites) 32 km north of Hemp creek entrance; Wells Gray Provincial park is also made up of Mahood Lake (37 campsites, 5 double sites and 2 group sites) at the west end of Mahood Lake, 88 km east of 100 mile house; Murtle lake, 24 km west of Blue River; and North Thompson River, 5km south of Clearwater.

Rent canoes at Murtle Lake
www.murtlecanoes.com

For more information about Clearwater, Blue River and Wells Gray Park visit:
www.wellsgray.ca

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