

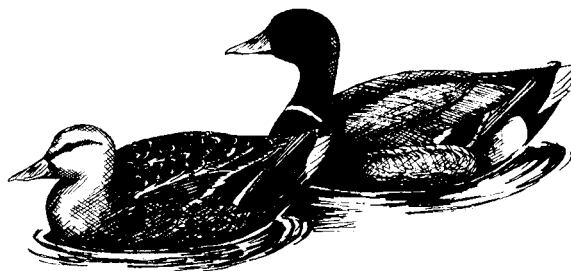
## Special Regulations

- ▶ Help protect the parkland. Enjoy Eskers Provincial Park but leave it as you found it so that future visitors may also enjoy the park. Help keep the park clean and pack out what you pack in. There are no garbage facilities in the remote areas of the park.
- ▶ Flowers, trees and shrubs are part of the park's natural heritage. Do not damage or remove them.
- ▶ Fires are not permitted except in designated fireplaces.
- ▶ Drinking water is available from the hand pump at Pine Marsh in the summer only.
- ▶ Mountain bikes and all other pedal bikes are allowed only in designated areas. Obey posted signs. Licensed motor vehicles including motorcycles, trail bikes and similar vehicles are restricted to vehicle roads and parking areas. Unlicensed vehicles are prohibited in provincial parks. All terrain vehicles and snowmobiles are not permitted in the park.
- ▶ Horses are not permitted in the park. Pets must be leashed and under control for wildlife protection. Keep dogs off ski trails.
- ▶ Valid provincial angling licences are required to fish anywhere in British Columbia.
- ▶ For safety reasons, no firearms are permitted in the park. Eskers Provincial Park is closed to hunting.



## Getting There

Just 40 kilometres northwest from Prince George, Eskers Provincial Park conserves a portion of the 40-kilometre long Stuart River Eskers Complex.



## For More Information

BC Parks

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>



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# Eskers

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**W**elcome. Eskers Provincial Park is a sanctuary from today's rapid pace. This area is developing into an exceptional day-use destination where visitors can find the solitude to relax, appreciate nature, pursue a wide range of recreation interests or simply enjoy being outdoors.

Upper Fraser

## Visitor Information

Eskers Provincial Park encompasses more than 3,979 hectares of gently rolling terrain with many small lakes. The unique landforms for which the park is named, are long, sinuous ridges. They were created when sand and gravel were deposited in the meltwater channels of ancient glaciers that once blanketed this northern region. The thick layer of soil left in the wake of the glaciers supports a mixed forest of aspen, lodgepole pine, and Douglas-fir with some spruce in the southern reaches of the park.

Eskers Provincial Park is an ideal “outdoor classroom” for those who wish to study the array of birds and mammals that make their home in the wetlands among the eskers. One of the most prominent residents is the beaver, whose industry is obvious along most of the lakeside trails. The park’s diverse forest and numerous lakes also provide excellent habitat for a wide variety of wildlife such as moose, deer, black bear, squirrels, grouse and abundant waterfowl.

## Park Hazards

- ▶ To avoid problems with nuisance animals such as bears, lock your food in your vehicle. Never feed or approach bears.
- ▶ For your safety, and the protection of the park’s resources, keep to marked hiking and skiing trails. It is easy to lose your bearings in the rolling terrain.



## Facilities



Those who enjoy walking and hiking can explore the rolling topography and diverse landscapes of Eskers Park on 10 kilometres of marked trail linking **Pine Marsh, Camp Lake and Kathie Lake**. The trail to **Pine Marsh** is wheelchair accessible and features a picnic shelter, two wildlife viewing platforms and interpretive signs. An interpretive brochure, available at the trailhead, or from BC Parks, has been designed to enhance visitor’s appreciation of this scenic area.



Camp, Kathie, Bow and Butterfly lakes provide excellent angling opportunities for rainbow and brook trout.



Mountain bikes are allowed on all park roads and designated trails. The trails that are designated for cycling enthusiasts are the 2.3 kilometres gated service road to Camp Lake. Another 3.2 kilometres along a hilly trail will bring you to Kathie Lake. Bicycles are not allowed on any of the other trails within the park.



Circle Lake is an ideal setting for families to learn flat water canoeing. The canoe launch provides easy access to the lake. Those willing to carry a canoe into Camp Lake will find several portage trails connecting some of the smaller, more remote lakes between Camp and Kathie lakes.



All facilities at Circle Lake are built to special needs standards and are suitable for wheelchairs and the elderly. Access via the service road is available to those groups requiring vehicle access to the lake. Contact BC Parks for admittance. Wheelchair accessible toilets are located at both Circle Lake and Pine Marsh.



With the arrival of the winter’s snow, summer hiking trails are transformed into an excellent network for crosscountry skiing enthusiasts. A 4 kilometre beginners trail is located just off the Pine Marsh parking area. A gated 2.3-kilometre service road from Pine Marsh Road to Camp Lake is ideal for skiing or a brisk trek on snowshoes. For additional challenge and exercise, skiers can enjoy the 6-kilometre trail to Kathie Lake. At the close of the day, the picnic shelter at Pine Marsh is the perfect place to rendezvous for warmth and a snack before heading home. For your safety and enjoyment, obey all signage while in the park.

## Commercial Services

Full services are available at Prince George. Emergency supplies may be available at nearby private resorts.

