




## Things to Do

 Two rustic vehicle-accessible campgrounds; on Loomis Lake and Deepelt Lake. Pit toilets and picnic tables only.

 Nazko Lake is popular for rainbow trout. Visitors planning to fish should refer to the *Freshwater Fishing Regulations Synopsis*. A valid license is required.

 There is a car top boat launch at Nazko Lake (power boats are permitted on Nazko Lake).

## Wildlife

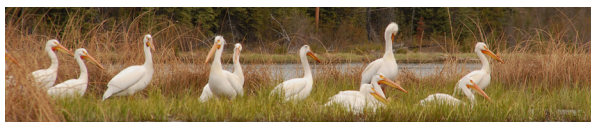
The park protects a wide variety of ecosystems and wildlife is plentiful and diverse. Watch for American white pelican, moose, mule deer, black bear, beaver, river otter, belted kingfisher, common loon, greater yellow legs, golden and bald eagle and sandhill crane.

### American White Pelican

The American White Pelican has been legally designated an endangered species in B.C. These spectacular waterfowl feed in Nazko Lake Park, but do not nest here. There is only one nesting site in B.C. Pelicans feed on fish, amphibians and crayfish by dipping their bills into the water while swimming. During the nesting season they fly up to 164 kilometres from the nest site to find food.

These magnificent birds have wingspans of up to 3 metres, and weigh 7 kilograms. Their plumage is snowy white with black wing tips. The huge bill and pouch are yellow-orange and there is a plate on the upper mandible of both sexes during breeding.

Although male and female pelicans are similar in appearance, the females are slightly smaller. These pelicans spend winters in California and Mexico. Please do not disturb the pelicans (or any wildlife) by getting too close.



## Canoe Chain

 The park features a chain of lakes, ideal for a two-to-four day canoe trip. The 20-kilometre chain spans six lakes.

There are four designated campsites on the canoe chain; one at the north end of Nazko Lake, two on Tanikul Lake at both the north and south ends, and one at the south end of Tzazati Lake. To protect the park's ecosystems, visitors are required to camp only at these designated sites.

White reflective markers make the short portages between lakes easy to spot.



**Deepelt Lake** - A small scenic lake, Deepelt Lake is the staging area for the Nazko Lake Canoe Chain. It is recommended that canoeists park here and access the lake chain from the campground. A short paddle takes you to the 50-metre portage over to Nazko Lake.

**Nazko Lake** - Nazko Lake is popular for fishing and powerboats are permitted here, unlike the remaining lakes in the chain. An 800-metre portage (the longest on the chain) leads from Nazko to Tanikul Lake.

**Tanikul Lake** - Extending about 5 kilometres, Tanikul Lake is the longest in the chain. Rock cliffs border most of the lake, creating a wonderful sense of isolation. Near the north end, two waterfalls tumble down the cliffs during the spring runoff. A short portage leads from Tanikul Lake to a small unnamed lake. A 200-metre portage leads onto Tzazati Lake.

**Tzazati Lake** - Tzazati Lake has a forested shoreline, with marshes near the lake's inlets and outlet.

**Nazko River/Tchusinilti Lake** - This is the final section of the canoe chain, with on 450-metre portage where the river narrows. You may see mule deer along the steep rocky hillsides and narrow wetlands border the river.

## Access

Travelling west on Hwy 20, turn right on the Alexis Lakes Road, shortly after Bull Canyon Park. The road will pass two Recreation Sites then turns left onto the 4600 Road. The access road to Loomis Lake and the Canoe Chain is on the right, 11.5 km from this junction (past the 45 km marker). In spring and fall, the route can be very muddy and slippery. Take the alternate route during wet weather.

**Alternate Route** - Recommended during wet weather.

Travelling west on Hwy 20, turn right on the 1300 Alex Graham/Raven Lake Forest Service Road for about 45 km, staying left at the junction of the 1500 Road. Turn left on the 4600 Road. The access road to the Canoe Chain is on the right, just past the 45 km marker.

*Note: Active logging roads - use headlights at all times.*

## Maps

### 1:50,000 topographical maps:

93 B/5 Loomis Lake      93 B/6 Stum Lake  
93 B/12 Clisbako River      Available at map retailers.

## Visitor Information

Park regulations protect the natural state of the park and ensure a quality experience for all visitors.

- Black bears live in the park. Store food out of reach of bears and keep a clean campsite. **All garbage must be packed out of the park.** Garbage left at campsites attracts bears. The park is a wilderness area and is not regularly serviced or patrolled.
- Camp in designated sites only. Use a portable stove for cooking and boil or filter all drinking water.
- Pets must be kept under control at all times.
- Firearms are prohibited, except during hunting season. Please check hunting regulations.

Visit [www.bcparks.ca](http://www.bcparks.ca) for more information!

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# Nazko Lake Provincial Park

## Park Map and Information Guide



The park is 7,918 hectares and is located 167 kilometres northwest of Williams Lake in the Chilcotin Plateau.

Nazko Lake Park was recommended for protection under the Cariboo-Chilcotin Land Use Plan in 1995 because of its value as a canoeing destination and habitat for species such as the endangered American white pelican. Much of the upper watershed of the Nazko River is protected in the park, including the extensive wetland complexes around Goering Lake that empty into Nastachi Lake. The river flows northward, connecting a series of long thin lakes, and incising a wide canyon into the plateau.



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# NAZKO LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

## LEGEND

- Vehicle Accessible Camping
  - Portage
  - Designated Campsite
  - Marsh
  - Park Boundary
  - Road—Loose surface
- Scale in kilometres  
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