

## Special Regulations

- ▶ Help protect the parkland. Enjoy Purden Lake Provincial Park but leave it as you found it so that future visitors may also enjoy the park.
- ▶ Be extremely careful with fire. Aluminum foil placed under campstoves and barbeques will help protect the tables.
- ▶ Smaller fires save trees. In an average year 22,000 cords of wood or 235 hectares of forest are burned in our provincial campgrounds. It takes 2,000 logging trucks to carry this much wood to the parks. Lined up end to end, they would stretch for 50 kilometres. By reducing your firewood consumption, you help preserve both our forests and our clean air.
- ▶ Flowers, trees and shrubs are part of the park's natural heritage. Do not damage or remove them.
- ▶ Licensed motor vehicles including motorcycles, trail bikes and similar vehicles are restricted to vehicle roads and parking areas. Keep vehicles and equipment on the camp pad or driveways. Damage can be done by careless vehicle parking or equipment location. Unlicensed vehicles are prohibited in provincial parks. All terrain vehicles and snowmobiles are not permitted in the park except with special permission.
- ▶ Pets are not permitted in the day use area and must be on a leash in all other areas of the park.
- ▶ Liquor is prohibited in the day use area.
- ▶ Valid provincial angling licences are required to fish in Purden Lake.
- ▶ For safety reasons, no firearms are permitted in the park. Purden Lake Provincial Park is closed to hunting.



## Getting There

64 kilometres east of Prince George on the Yellowhead Highway (Hwy 16).

## Volunteer Hosts

Campground Hosts and Backcountry Hosts are available in many provincial parks. Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer Host should contact BC Parks.

## Reservation Service

A number of campsites in Purden Lake Provincial Park are available for reservation. To reserve a site call the *Discover Camping* Reservation Service toll free at 1-800-689-9025. Internet users can visit the website at [www.discovercamping.ca](http://www.discovercamping.ca) for further information. Note: the majority of sites remain on a first-come, first-served basis.



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## For More Information

BC Parks

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



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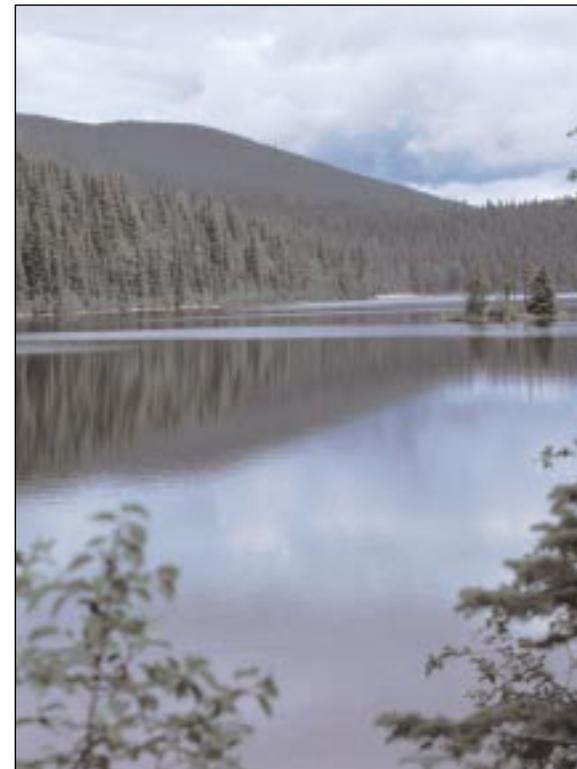


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Purden  
Lake

PROVINCIAL PARK



Welcome. Purden Lake Provincial Park encompasses 2,821 hectares on the north shore of its namesake lake. The park is dominated by the Cariboo Mountains to the south and the MacGregor Range of the Rockies to the north. Surveyors searching for a route for the Canadian Pacific Railway traversed the area in 1879 and named the lake for their supervisor, M.H. Purden Bell.

Upper Fraser

## Visitor Information

Purden Lake Provincial Park is situated within the Fraser Basin, an irregularly shaped depression of gently rolling hills and shallow lakes covering much of north central British Columbia. Visitors will find a remarkably diverse range of vegetation growing atop the glacial drift that blankets the landscape. White spruce and lodgepole pine can be found at lower elevations with Douglas-fir and sub-alpine fir higher up. Willow, alder and birch thrive along the lakeshore. Bunchberry (dwarf dogwood) and false Solomon's seal carpet the forest floor while indian paintbrush and lupine add a splash of colour to the roadsides in spring and early summer.

## Park Hazards

- ▶ Safe swimming practices are a must. No lifeguards are on duty. Children should be watched at all times and solo swimming should be avoided.
- ▶ To avoid problems with nuisance animals such as bears, lock your food in your vehicle at night. Be sure to use the garbage containers provided, and maintain a clean campsite. Never feed or approach bears.
- ▶ Boaters are cautioned to keep a close eye on the weather as Purden Lake is subject to sudden, heavy winds which can transform the lake surface into dangerous whitecaps.



## Facilities



The campground features paved roads to 78 sites, including seven double units and 12 tent sites. Visitors will find water, firewood and toilets conveniently located throughout the park. To enhance visitor enjoyment the campground includes an adventure playground and horseshoe pitches. This popular park fills quickly each weekend. Beat the crowds and come mid-week.



A sani-station is located at the campground entrance.



A large beach-side day-use area features 48 picnic tables and a log picnic shelter with a wood stove.



Swimming in Purden Lake's clear water and sunbathing on the sandy beach are favourites among visitors. Change houses are located in the day-use area.



A concrete boat launch with parking is situated near the campground. For boaters and waterskiers a separate beach has been developed adjacent to the swimming area.



For people who like to fish, rainbow trout are the most sought-after prize, but angling for burbot can also be productive.



Lakeside walking trails afford a panoramic view of this picturesque area. Visitors can stop at several spots along the trail to examine the diverse vegetation. Black bear and moose are year round residents of the park and surrounding area. Visitors may observe beaver, snowshoe hares, squirrels and porcupines. Bald eagles and ruffed grouse may be seen in the park and the haunting call of the common loon often breaks the evening silence.

## Commercial Services



Services such as gas, propane, boat rentals and a restaurant are located at Purden Lake Resort on Hwy 16 approximately five kilometres to the east of the park.

