



Welcome to the provincial parks of the Shuswap. Recreational opportunities abound here – camping, swimming, boating and hiking attract thousands of visitors each year. The parks also protect a wide range of natural resources. Shady, cedar-hemlock forests, a great diversity of fish species, First Nations heritage features, abundant birds and waterfowl and clear, mountain streams comprise the beautiful parks of the Shuswap. Please treat these resources with care and respect!

The drier western part of the Shuswap has a forest dominated by Douglas-fir, poplar, birch and ponderosa pine. On the eastern side, greater rainfall supports a more lush forest of cedar and hemlock with varying mixtures of spruce, white pine, Douglas-fir and birch. The western yew may also be encountered – look for a small branching needleleaf tree with red berries and peeling purplish bark. In some parks in the Shuswap the forest ecosystem has been severely damaged by visitors. Refrain from cutting trees or gathering wood from the forest floor.

Wildlife is one of the special features you may encounter in the parks. All wildlife is potentially dangerous and may be encountered at any time. Animals that lose their fear of people and become habituated to human food and garbage are especially dangerous. Bears are particularly unpredictable. Never approach or feed bears or other animals. Store and dispose of your food and refuse so wildlife, especially bears, can't get it. Use facilities provided. Please don't leave garbage at isolated sites.

**A Special Message**

Help us protect your parkland. Enjoy your visit but please leave the parks as you find them so that future visitors may enjoy them too.

Firewood is not provided in marine parks but may be purchased at various sites on the lake. **Do not cut dead or living trees whether standing or on the forest floor. Chainsaws must not be used in the parks (for any purpose). Violators will face heavy fines.**

Forest fire suppression is difficult in these remote areas. Use extra caution during windy periods. Please refrain from putting glass in fireplaces. Picnic tables can be protected by placing plywood or similar material under campstoves or hibachis.

**Restrictions**

Fees are in effect for all overnight use including camping, beaching, docking, mooring and anchoring within 100m, May 1 to September 30. Boaters overnighing in marine parks must purchase camping permits in advance (except at Cinnemousun Narrows and Silver Beach). Permits are sold at most marinas and tourist information centres and at Cinnemousun Narrows and Silver Beach.

**Explosives (fireworks) are prohibited in British Columbia provincial parks.**

**Swimmers and effluent don't mix.** A pumpout station is located at Cinnemousun Narrows Park where sewage pumping may be arranged for a fee. Hours of operation: 10 am to 12 noon daily and 4 pm to 6 pm during peak season.

**Quiet Time** begins at 11 pm. Keep the parks peaceful. Visitors are required to be quiet after 11 pm, and not make excessive noise or play loud music at any time of day or night.

**Note special fishing regulations for Shuswap Lake.** You will need a British Columbia Angling license if you plan to fish.

**Dogs must be on a leash at all times.**

**Marine Restrictions**

**Cinnemousun Narrows Park and Marble Point -** Houseboats must not be beached between the signs on the southerly side of Cinnemousun Narrows or between the signs at Marble Point during the period of Canada Day weekend to Labour Day.

**Silver Beach Park -** Houseboats must not be beached between the signs indicating no houseboats.

FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES		ACCESS	VEHICLE	WILDERNESS	PICNICKING	CAMP-STATION	SWIMMING	FISHING	WATER SKIING	TOILETS	DRINKING WATER	SHOWERS	SOME WHEELCHAIR ACCESS	HIKING
		V	M	W	C	S	SW	F	W	T	DW	SH	SWC	H
ANSTEY-HUNAKWA	M													
CINNEMOUSUN NARROWS	M			28										
HERALD	VM	119												
RODERICK HAIG-BROWN	VM													
SHUSWAP LAKE	VM	272												
SILVER BEACH	VM	30												
SUNNYBRAE	VM													
YARD CREEK	V	65												
<b>SHUSWAP MARINE SITES</b>														
ALBAS	VM													
ALINE HILL	M	5												
ANSTEY ARM WEST	M													
ANSTEY BEACH	M													
ANSTEY VIEW	M	5												
BEACH BAY	M	5												
BUGHOUSE BAY	VM													
COTTONWOOD BEACH	M													
ENCOUNTER POINT	M	5												
FOUR MILE CREEK	M	7												
FOWLER POINT	M													
HERMIT BAY	M													
HORSESHOE BAY	VM													
HUNGRY COVE	M													
MARA POINT	M													
MARBLE POINT	M	16												
NIELSEN BEACH	M													
PARADISE POINT	VM													
RENDEZVOUS PICNIC SITE	M													
ROBERTS BAY	M													
SWALL	M													
ST. IVES	VM													
TILLIS BEACH	M													
TWIN BAYS	M													
TWO MILE CREEK	M	5												
WOODS LANDING	M													
WOODS LANDING SOUTH	M													
WRIGHT CREEK	M													

**For More Information**

BC Parks, Thompson Region  
<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>



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## Navigation & Travel Tips

The shoreline of Shuswap is not complicated and does not require refined navigational skills. Boaters should be able to use a chart and compass in the event of reduced visibility due to fog. As an aid in night sailing, permanent lights with distinctive colours and flashing rates have been placed at various points. BC Parks assumes no responsibility for unserviceable lights. For navigation purposes, all boaters should consult the most recent Canadian Hydrographic service chart, available at most marinas. Major shallows are shown on the map but others may exist. Use caution when running close to shore.

Approach slowly when coming ashore due to the presence of offshore sandbars. Lake levels can drop five to ten centimetres daily during the summer.

Wind and weather information can be obtained by tuning radio stations broadcasting from Kamloops (CHNL 610 Khz), and Salmon Arm (CKXR 580 Khz). The lake can be quite rough during high winds.

## Mooring & Float Use

Some sites do not have protected beaches. During stormy weather, it is advisable to beach your boat stern first and secure it with long ropes from the bow to pegs on the shore. This will prevent waves from breaking over the stern and filling your boat. Houseboats should be beached according to instructions provided by the rental companies.

Docks are provided in some areas for small craft only. Please do not tie houseboats to these structures.

## Water Safety

An approved life jacket or personal flotation device must be carried for every person onboard. All passengers and crew should familiarize themselves with the characteristics and methods for use of this equipment. Prolonged immersion in cold water causes hypothermia or a lowering of the internal body temperature. This condition will result in death unless reversed. Familiarize yourself with modern techniques to revive victims. Never give alcohol to a victim of hypothermia. Use blankets and, if the person is conscious, administer warm liquids and warm, moist air for breathing.

## Garbage

Please take your garbage with you from the lake to an authorized disposal site.

**If you spot a Forest Fire dial 1-800-663-5555.**

## Site Descriptions

The accompanying chart indicates the facilities you will find at each site.

### MAIN ARM

**Cinnemousun Narrows Provincial Park** - Located where the four arms of Shuswap meet, this park is one of the most popular stopping places for all lake users. On the northern side of the lake there is a small camping area containing 4 sites and a docking wharf. On the southerly side is a camping area with several shelters and a beach suitable for swimming or sunbathing. A 1.5 km hiking trail leads from the campground to a vantage point overlooking the lake.

**Horseshoe Bay** - A sheltered site near Anglemont.

**St. Ives** - Beach, pit toilet.

**Roderick Haig-Brown Provincial Park** - A site on both sides of the Adams River from Adams Lake to Shuswap Lake, dedicated to the conservation of salmon. Mooring boats overnight is not permitted.

**Shuswap Lake Provincial Park** - An excellent swimming and sunbathing beach, play areas and a boat ramp. About 2 kms offshore is Copper Island where there is a pleasant hiking trail. Mooring of boats overnight is not permitted at Shuswap Lake Park, including Copper Island.

### SEYMOUR ARM

**Albas** - There is a small campground south of Blueberry Creek (boat access only) and an undeveloped site near the mouth of Celesta Creek. A trail follows Celesta Creek upstream about 1.5 km, then crosses the creek and returns to the lake. A series of beautiful waterfalls may be seen as well as some interesting features from early logging days. CAUTION! This trail has some steep, rough sections with sharp drop-offs. Children should be closely supervised and pets kept on a leash. Serious injury and deaths have occurred in this area due to adjacent waterfalls, changing water levels, fast currents and cold water.

**Beach Bay** - Wide, sandy beach for picnicking. Exposed to southerly winds.

**Bughouse Bay** - Sheltered beach, no amenities. Watch for shallow water

**Cottonwood Beach** - Small beach, no amenities.

**Fowler Point** - Small, sandy beach. Pit toilet.

**Nielsen Beach** - Wide beach, no amenities.

**Silver Beach Provincial Park** - This park rests in an attractive setting of Douglas-fir and aspen at the head of Seymour Arm. Supplies are available nearby and there is vehicle access. CAUTION! Shallow sand bars occur in front of the main beach. A safer, deeper area for approach and mooring is to your right along the shore towards Bughouse Bay.

**Encounter Point** - Has a pleasant bay with camping facilities.

**Two Mile Creek** - A south-facing camping area set in a lush forest of Douglas-fir, hemlock and birch.

**Woods Landing** - Beach, no amenities.

**Woods Landing (South)** - No beach or amenities.

**Wright Creek** - Gravel beach, pit toilet only.

### ANSTEY ARM

**Anstey Arm (West)** - No beach or amenities.

**Anstey Beach** - A south-facing camping area at the mouth of the Anstey River. CAUTION! Shallow sandbars require cautious approach. In late summer boats cannot reach the shore.

**Anstey-Hunakwa Provincial Park** - This large park protects peaceful Hunakwa Lake and stands of old-growth cedar, as well as the northern part of Anstey Arm. A 2.5 km trail leads from the end of Anstey Arm to Hunakwa Lake. Beaching at the trailhead is difficult (shallow and rocky) — only small boats should attempt it.

**Anstey View** - An excellent view up Anstey Arm can be had from this pleasant site set in Douglas-fir, western white pine and birch.

**Four Mile Creek** - A sparkling creek and a cedar-hemlock forest combine to give this site a special appeal.

**Rendezvous Picnic Site** - Small bays, pit toilet only.

**Roberts Bay** - Small, sandy beach. No amenities.

**Twin Bays** - Small bays, no amenities.

### SALMON ARM

**Aline Hill** - No beach or amenities.

**Herald Provincial Park** - Campground, picnic area, sandy beach and a boat launching ramp. Margaret Falls is reached by a short walk over a wooded trail. Mooring of boats overnight is not permitted.

**Hermit Bay** - Small beach, pit toilet only.

**Hungry Cove** - Small beach, pit toilet only.

**Marble Point** - Unique, marble outcroppings are visible from the lake. A hiking trail linking the north and south camping areas leads past an abandoned mine shaft, a relic from past explorations.

**Paradise Point** - Gravelly beaches, close to Herald Park.

**Swall** - Small, sandy beach.

**Sunnybrae Provincial Park** - A popular picnicking, swimming and sunbathing spot on the northwest shore of Salmon Arm. Mooring of boats overnight is not permitted.

**Tillis Beach** - Small pocket bays.

### MARA LAKE

**Mara Point** - Rocky point with pit toilets.

## Marine Park Boundaries

The boundaries of all marine parks on Shuswap Lake are marked with blue and white signs on the beach. Fees apply anywhere within the park boundaries, including the 100 metre foreshore.