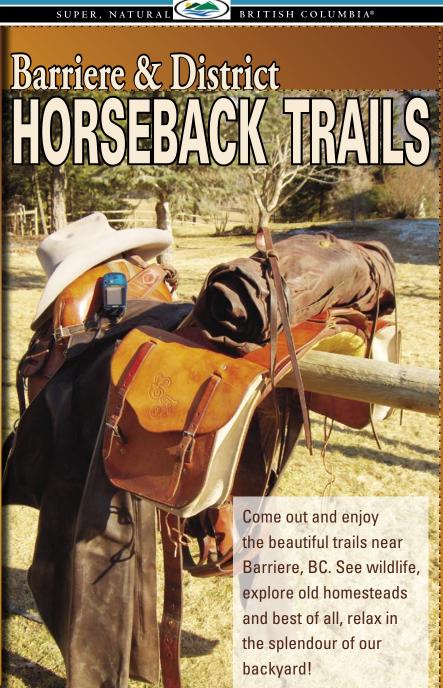
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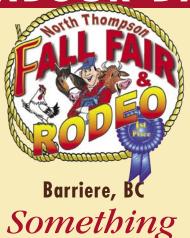
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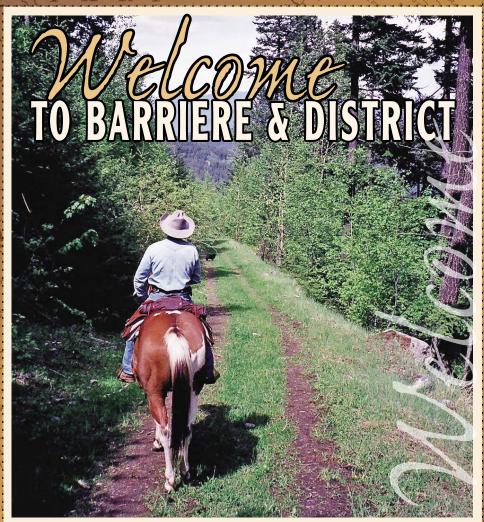


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- I. Logging trucks and other industrial traffic are commonplace on area roads.
- 2. Drive with your lights on.
- 3. Watch for variable road conditions particularly in early spring and late fall.
- 4. Obey all road signs, do not speed and do not block the road.
- 5. Carry emergency supplies.
- 6. In case of an emergency, stay with the vehicle. Generally, cell phones do not work in the area.
- 7. Do not leave garbage or litter behind.
- 8. Respect all wildlife.
- 9. Horses should be shod.

USING THIS HANDBOOK

Many logging roads have signs, for example km 42. Throughout this publication if the narrative reads 'km 42' it can be interpreted that there is a sign. If the narrative reads '42 km' it should be interpreted that odometer tracking will be necessary.

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OVERVIEW MAP

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Barriere & District HORSEBACK TRAILS

Each square is 1 square kilometre. GPS Coordinates are in LAD83.

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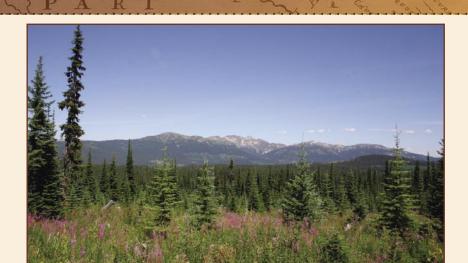
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BIRK-LEONIE LOOP

Map I

Activity Horseback and Hiking
Length
GPS Coordinates N51.31346 W119.94739
Time to Complete Minimum of I long day or overnight
Closest CommunityBarriere, B.C.
SeasonsMay-October
Trail difficultyModerate to Difficult

AREA DESCRIPTION

The Birk-Leonie Loop is a long trail with substantial elevation changes but worth the effort. This trail is suitable for the experienced rider or a good choice for an overnight or endurance ride.

There are a number of streams within the system, indigenous trees and plants and an opportunity to view wildlife. Travel on the Birk Creek leg of the trail to enjoy the spectacular vistas of North Barriere Lake.

BIRK-LEONIE LOOP

Map I

Access from Barriere

- Travel Barriere Town Road across the bridge over the Barriere River.
- Travel east on the Barriere Lakes Road.
- Travel 16 km on the Barriere Lakes Road to the junction of the roads to North and East Barriere Lakes.
- Travel 8 km on the North Barriere Lake Road to the Birk Creek Road turnoff marked with the sign '3300'.
- Travel 5 km to a good unloading and parking space. The trailhead is 6.5 km from the junction (#1 on Map 1).

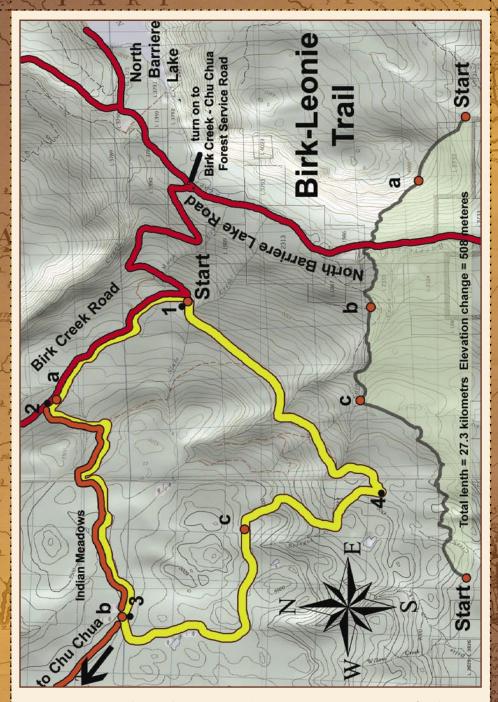
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Junction to Indian Meadows, where you can enjoy alpine meadows.

#3 on Map I

Junction to Chu Chua Simpcw First Nation





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MAYSON LAKE, BOGMAR LAKE, ALLAN LAKE & SCOTT LAKE TRAILS

Map 2

Activity Horseback and Hiking
LengthTotal trail system 31.4 km
GPS Coordinates N51.22784 W120.39390
Time to Complete Suited to more than a one-day trip
Closest CommunityBarriere, B.C.
Seasons
Trail difficultyEasy to Moderate

AREA DESCRIPTION

This system of trails showcases pristine wilderness with exceptional fly fishing lakes. Some trails are relatively short, but very worthwhile and scenic. The trails north of Mayson Lake are on solid ground and offer a nice view of Bonaparte Lake. The area can be boggy in spots so stay on the marked trails and be alert for marshy looking shorelines. Parking is limited in this area. Access roads are radio controlled.

FACILITIES

There is a Forest Service Recreation Site on Mayson Lake. Spruce Wilderness Lodge (www.sprucewildernesslodge.ca) with cabins and boat rentals is on the east end of Bonaparte Lake.

MAYSON LAKE TRAILS #1, #2 & #5 on Map 2

ACCESS

- Travel north from Barriere on Highway 5 for 18 km to Darlington Road.
- Travel Darlington Road 15.5 km to Powder Lake Road.
 Follow the Spruce Wilderness signs.
- There is a km 51 sign on Powder Lake Road. Travel on Powder Lake Road to approximately km 51.25 for Mayson Lake Trails access and a small pull-out for parking (#1 on Map 2).
- There is a km 50 sign on Powder Lake Road. Travel on Powder Lake Road to approximately km 50.25 for Mayson Lake Trails access and a small pull-out for parking (#5 on Map 2).
- Mayson Lake Trails are also accessible at km 57 on the Jamieson Creek Road (#2 on Map 2).

MAYSON LAKE TRAIL JUNCTIONS

#3 and #4 on Map 2 indicate junctions in the connector trail.

BOGMAR LAKE TRAIL #5 and #6 on Map 2

Access is near the km 50 sign on Powder Lake Road, at approximately km 49.75 (#5 on Map 2). This is a short 30-minute hiking or riding trail.

ALLAN LAKE TE	RAIL - #7 on Map 2
	.Allan Lake – Trappers Cabin
Activity	Horseback/Hiking
Length	5.3 km
GPS Coordinates	N51.21890 W120.34177
Time to Complete	1 - 2 hours
Closest Community	Barriere, B.C.
Seasons	June-September
Trail difficulty	Easy

ACCESS

- Travel north from Barriere on Highway 5 for 18 km to Darlington Road.
- Travel Darlington Road 15.5 km to Powder Lake Road.
- Travel on Powder Lake Road to Jamieson Creek Road.
- Turn east onto Jamieson Creek Road.
- Travel to km 42.
- Turn north on Gorman Lake Road. There are good facilities to unload horses at the livestock corrals at km 21, or travel 3 kilometres to km 18, where there is a grassy spot beside an unnamed creek that is suitable for parking.

SCOTT LAKE T	RAIL - #8 on Map 2
	Scott Lake
Activity	Horseback/Hiking
GPS Coordinates	N51.2199 W120.31702
Length	8 km
Time to Complete	1 - 2 hours
Closest Community	Barriere, B.C.
Seasons	June-September
Trail difficulty	Easy

ACCESS

- Travel on Gorman Lake Road to km 13.
- Turn east onto the Scott Lake Road. Follow the road to the Forestry Recreation Campsite (#8 on Map 2) that provides for parking and camping.



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JOHNSON LAKE TRAIL SYSTEM

Map 3

Trail Name	.Johnson Lake Trail System
Activity	Horseback/Hiking
Length	58.4 km
GPS CoordinatesN	51.18652N. W119.71919
Closest Community	Barriere, B.C.
Seasons	May-October
Trail difficulty	Easy

ACCESSING JOHNSON LAKE TRAILS

- Travel south from Barriere on Highway 5 to the Agate Bay Road, approximately 3 km.
- Travel on Agate Bay Road 22 km, turn north onto Johnson Lake Road and follow the main gravel road up to the junction.
- Turn north onto the Johnson Lake Resort Road and follow the Johnson Lake Resort signs to the resort.

FACILITIES

Johnson Lake Resort is located at the west end of Johnson Lake. The resort offers horse-boarding facilities and is very central to the trails. Campsites, boat and cabin rentals are available at the resort (www.johnsonlakeresort.com). The lake is well known for scuba diving and trout fishing. The crystal clear, blue hues of the water are breathtaking. A Forest Service Recreation Site is located at the east end of the lake, providing public access to the lake.

SOUTH BARRIERE LAKE

South Barriere Lake is accessible via the trail system. It provides opportunities for canoeing, swimming and fishing, and has two Forestry Campsites on the north side of the lake.

FLUME TRAIL 'Camp 2' on Map 3

Flume Trail is a short hike accessed from Camp 2. In 1918 the Brennan Creek Log Flume was built by the Adams River Lumber Company to transport logs from the high plateau country to the Adams Lake. At its peak, over 18,000 logs were on the skid-way at any given time. Remains of the flume can still be seen. This heritage trail provides an easy stroll around the meadow with Brennan Creek running through it.

JOHNSON LAKE LOOP TRAIL – 22.4 KM #2 on Map 3

Johnson Lake Loop Trail is the longest of the trails in the Johnson Lake Trail System. The area provides a variety of scenery from meadows and lakes to old growth forest. The area hosts a variety of wildlife including bears, deer, small animals and birds.

HAGGARD CREEK TRAIL – 8.7 KM #3 on Map 3

Haggard Creek Trail is a nice ride or walk along a grasscovered road that loops back to Camp 2. This area has an abundance of flora, fauna and wildlife.

JOHNSON VIEW TRAIL – 3.4 KM #4 on Map 3

This trail offers a panoramic view of the valleys below.

SOUTH BARRIERE LAKE – 5.9 KM #5 on Map 3

The trails join at #5 at the west end of South Barriere Lake.



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SOUTH BARRIERE-JOHNSON CONNECTOR – 3.6 KM #6 on Map 3

The trail connects South Barriere Lake to Johnson Lake. The trail follows Johnson Lake to the Camp 2 Road and loops back to South Barriere Lake.

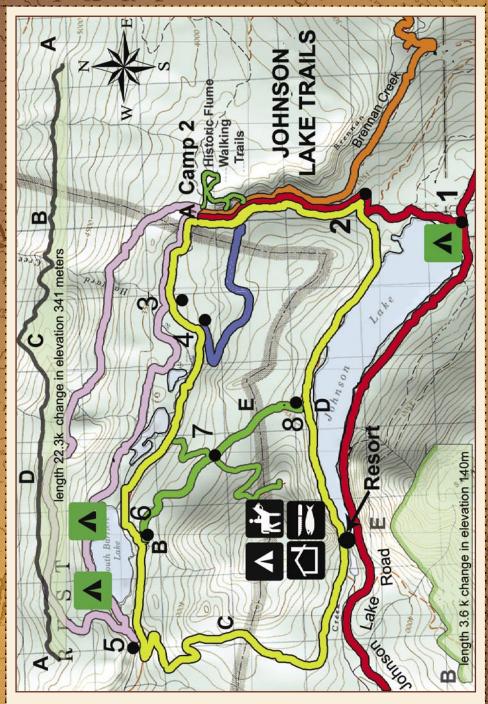
NORTH VIEW LOOP - 4.1 KM

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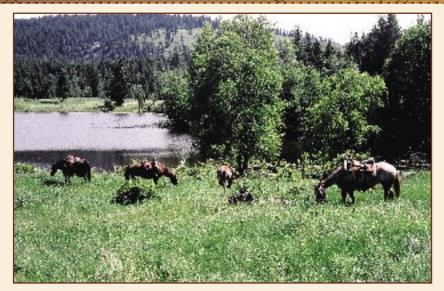
The North View Loop Trail follows the same route as the South Barriere-South Side which passes through clear cuts.

SOUTH BARRIERE TRAIL – 5.9 KM #8 on Map 3

This trail joins the north side of Johnson Lake to South Barriere lake. Some elevation gain is to be expected.



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SKULL MOUNTAIN TRAIL SYSTEM

Map 4

ActivityHorseback/Hiking
Length
GPS Coordinates N51.19247 W120.18447
Time to Complete
Closest CommunityBarriere, B.C.
Seasons

Trail difficulty – Generally, easy to moderate but very steep terrain can be encountered. This is indicated by broken yellow lines on the map.

NOTE: Sections of trails may become inaccessible at any time due to active logging.

AREA DESCRIPTION

This is a provincially designated Wildlife Management Area and therefore used for non motorized recreation only. For decades, Skull Mountain has been used for horseback riding. Since the 2003 wildfires, the burned wood has been removed, resulting in magnificent vistas of the North Thompson Valley to the north and south. The elevation in this area is relatively low and can be hot in the summer. There is an abundance of water on these trails.

FACILITIES

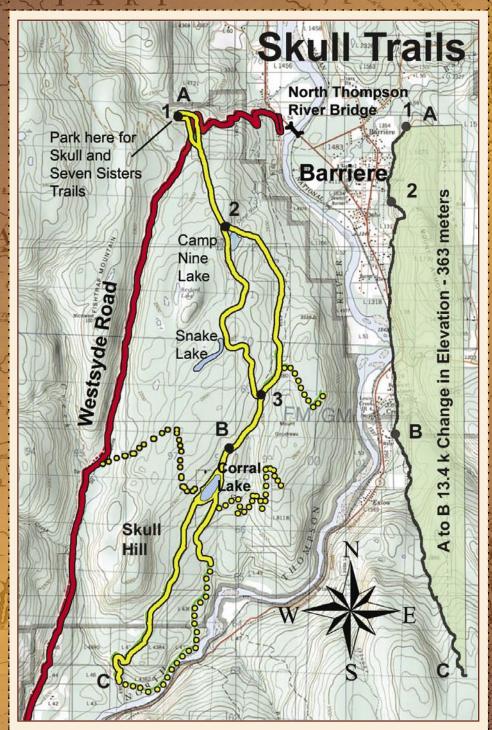
Chinook Cove Golf Course is located within the area. Visit Chinook Cove at www.chinookcovegolf.com for additional information. The River & Adventure Co. (www.simpcwetkwe.ca) is also located close by and provides North Thompson River guided tours. This area is close to many lakes, providing a variety of canoeing and fishing opportunities

CAMP NINE LAKE – 13.4 KM - #2 on Map 4 Access

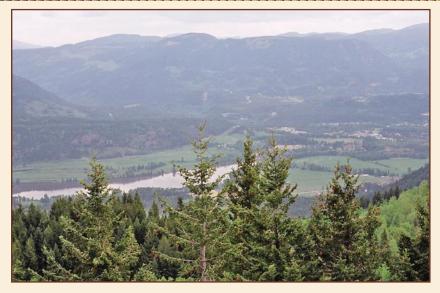
- Travel north from Barriere on Highway 5 across the bridge on the North Thompson River.
- Turn west on Westsyde Road .5 km north of the bridge and travel up several switchbacks for 3.5 km. There is a grassy pull-out for parking and access to the trailhead (#1 on Map 4). The trail starts and ends on a fiber optic line. This trail loops around Snake Lake, travels north of Corral Lake and loops to the trailhead.

RIVER TRAIL – 12.7 KM - 'C' on Map 4

The River Trail starts on the west side of Corral Lake and ends on the east side of Corral Lake. This trail offers panoramic views of the North Thompson Valley. It has a steep section by the sand slide, but otherwise an easy ride utilizing the fiber optic line and old logging roads.



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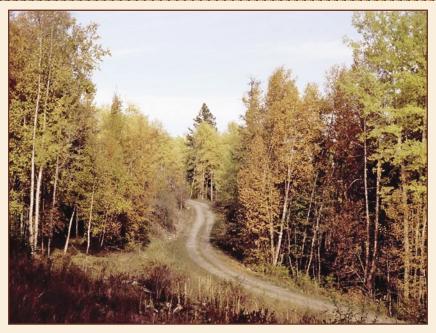
SEVEN SISTERS TRAIL SYSTEM

Map 5

Activity	Horseback/Hiking
Length	19.3 km
GPS Coordinates	N51.19247 W120.18447
Time to Complete	5 - 6 hours
Closest Community	Barriere, B.C.
Seasons	April-October
Trail difficulty	Moderate

AREA DESCRIPTION

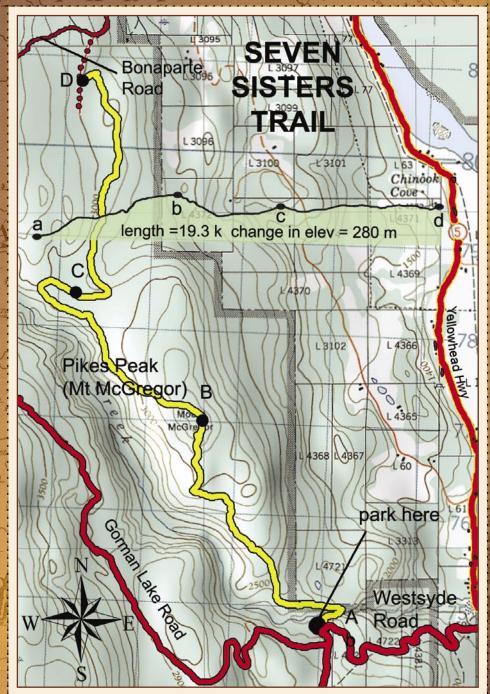
There is a panoramic view of Barriere and the North Thompson River from Pikes Peak (the local name for Mt. McGregor). This area offers examples of antler markings on aspen trees, old growth forests, landscapes affected by the wildfires of 2003, and wildflowers.



SEVEN SISTERS TRAIL SYSTEM Map 5

ACCESS

- Travel north from Barriere on Highway 5 across the bridge (Map 5) on the North Thompson River. Turn west on Westsyde Road .5 km north of the bridge and travel up several switchbacks to km 4, where there is a pull-over spot on the switchback.
- Access the trailhead at 4 km on Westsyde Road.
- Travel the dirt road north to Peterson Creek. Cross and travel north to Pikes Peak (Mt. McGregor).
- Ride to Pikes Peak and backtrack, or continue through.
 The trail comes out on the Bonaparte Road, which connects to the Boulder Mountain Road. No return loop. (See 'D' on Map 5).



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ORCHARD LAKE TRAIL SYSTEMS

Map 6

Trail Name	Orchard Lake
Activity	Horseback/Hiking
Length	24 km
GPS Coordinates	N51.02148 W120.18443
Time to complete	I - 2 days
Closest Community	McLure, B.C.
Seasons	April-October

AREA DESCRIPTION

Orchard Lake Trail System is an area of open forests and meadows particularly suited to spring riding. The meadows at the head of the trail provides an area to unload (see #1 on Map 6).

ACCESS

- Travel south on Highway 5 to McLure Fire Hall on Highway 5.
- From the Fire Hall continue another 3.2 km south to the Orchard Lake Road turnoff.
- Turn east on Orchard Lake Road to the trailhead at km5 (#1 on Map 6).

LOON LAKE TRAIL – 5.5 KM #1 on Map 6

Loon Lake Trail is an easy ride from the trailhead. It is relatively level and soft footing. The trail is located across the Orchard Lake Road and ends at Loon Lake. This trail connects to the Coyote Lake Trail.

RANGE GATE TRAIL – 6.7 KM #2 on Map

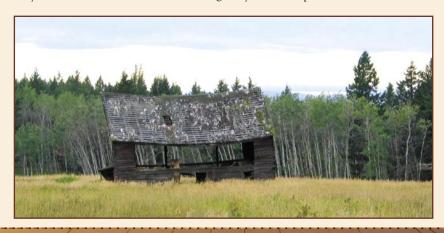
This trail is a continuation from the Orchard Lake Trail. It is a relatively level trail, with a grassy surface in most areas. There are viewpoints overlooking the North Thompson River Valley. There are 2 cattle guards on the trail with gates for access. This trail does not loop.

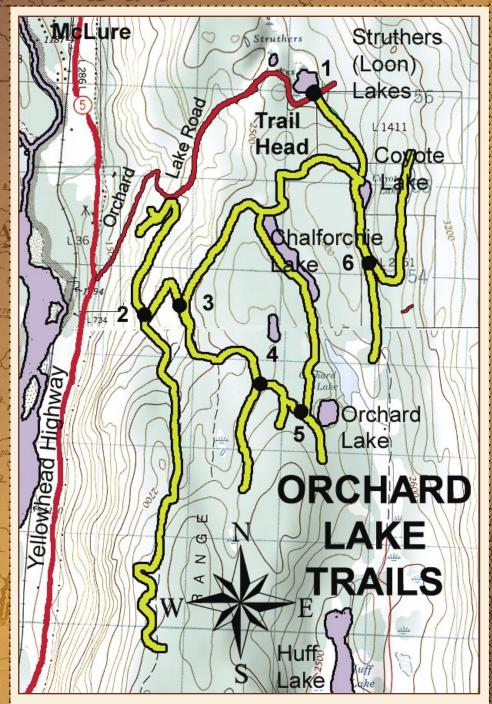
CHALAFORCHIE LAKE LOOP TRAIL – 7 KM #3 on Map 6

The Chalaforchie Lake Loop Trail is open forest, level and a firm grass, easy grade trail to Chalaforchie Lake. There is an open area at the end of the lake. #4 and #5 on Map 6 indicate junctions.

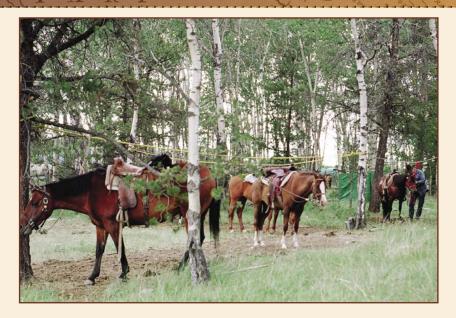
COYOTE LAKE TRAIL – 7.2 KM #6 on Map 6

The Coyote Lake Trail branches off the Chalaforchie Lake Loop Trail. Coyote Lake Trail is flat travel and grassy in most places.





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LOLO-HEFFLEY TRAILS

Map 7

Activity	Horseback/Hiking
Length	56.5 km
GPS Coordinates	N50.84085 W120.03569
Time to Complete	3 days
Closest Community	Heffley Creek, B.C.
Seasons	May-September
Trail difficulty	Moderate

AREA DESCRIPTION

The Mt. Lolo Trails have an elevation gain of 758 metres with open forest cover. There are a variety of trail types – including grass covered, gravel road, steep slopes and soft pack. The Heffley Lake Trails are heavy evergreen forest with very little elevation gain.

FACILITIES

Jandana Ranch (www.jandanaranch.com) provides a staging area for trails in this area. Jandana Ranch is a working guest ranch with cabins, horse boarding facilities and guiding available.

HEFFLEY LAKE TRAILS - Map 7 ACCESS

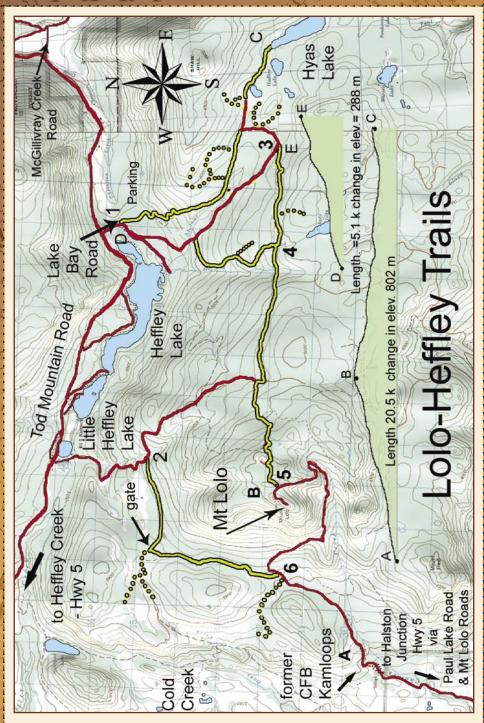
- Travel south from Barriere to Heffley Creek on Highway 5.
- Travel east on Tod Mountain Road following the signs to Sun Peaks Ski Resort for 18.53 km to Lake Bay Road.
- Travel west on Lake Bay Road, continuing for 1.23 km to a fork in the road. Park and ride from this point.

MT. LOLO TRAIL - Map 7

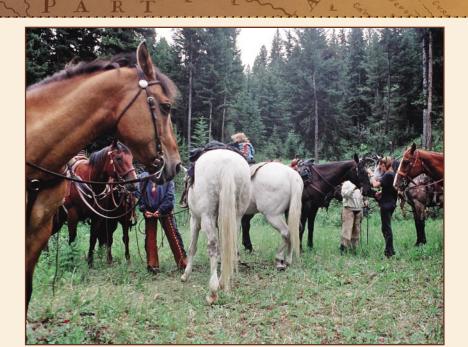
ACCESS

- Travel east on Paul Lake Road from Highway 5 at the Halston Street junction, just north of Kamloops, for 11.5 km.
- Travel north on the Mt. Lolo Road to the trailhead at the former Canadian Forces Base at km 6.0.





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EILEEN LAKE TRAILS

Map 8

Activity	Horseback and Hiking
Length	20.2 km
GPS Coordinate	N50.82869 W119.94358
Time to Complete	5 hours
Closest Community	Heffley Lake, B.C.
Seasons	May-September
Trail difficulty	Moderate/elevation 283 metres

AREA DESCRIPTION

Eileen Lake Trails have an elevation gain of 283 metres. The trails consist of grassy old logging roads. Some trails are connected by active logging roads — exercise caution on these stretches. This is a very scenic set of trails nestled at the base of Sun Peaks.

EILEEN LAKE TRAILS - Map 8

ACCESS

- Travel south from Barriere to Heffley Creek on Highway 5.
- Travel east on Tod Mountain Road for 25.6 km.
- Immediately before Whitecroft Village, turn south on Upper Louis Creek Road.
- Travel 6.5 km to the fork and stay to the right. There is a pullout at km 7 for parking (#I on Map 8).
- The trailhead is at km 7.5.

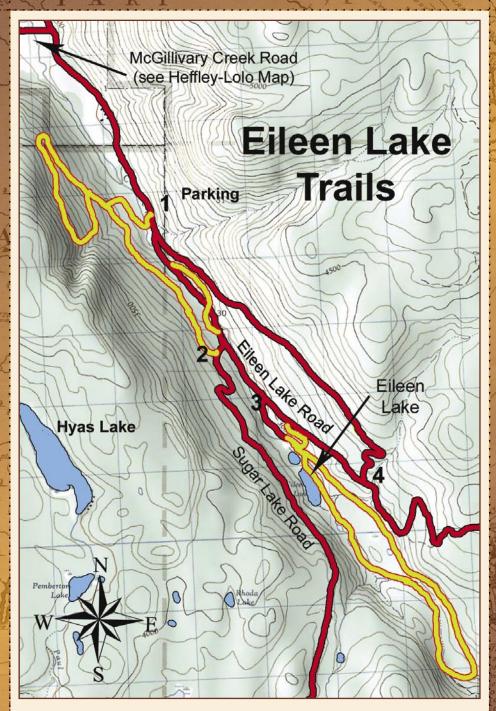
MEADOW TRAIL – 9.88 KM #1 on Map 8

Meadow Trail has soft footing with a small rocky area and creek to cross. The trail is in the shade most of the day. This trail is an old grassy logging road.

EILEEN LAKE TRAIL – 10.32 KM #2 on Map 8

This trail is an access to Eileen Lake. The trail is an easy walk into Eileen Lake, approximately 15 minutes. Travel alongside the lake to the trailhead for the remainder of the loop.





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