

## Conservation

Flowers, shrubs, trees, wildlife and even rocks are part of the park's natural heritage. It is an offence to damage or remove these features. Please help our trees and other vegetation by avoiding indiscriminate use of axes, knives, nails, etc.

Imagine all our park visitors picking one flower each. It wouldn't take a lot of years to deplete the flower population. To protect these resources and others within parks, the *Park and Recreation Area Regulations* prohibit the removal of any natural resources from the park. Please leave the park for future visitors to enjoy.

## Spider Lake

One of the best picnic sites in the area, Spider Lake has a small sandy beach for swimmers of all ages. The lake also provides great opportunities for canoeing, kayaking and fishing for small mouth bass and trout.

## Horne Lake Caves

The Horne Lake caves area with its karst features provides easy access to one of BC Parks best known cave systems. Main Cave and Lower Main Cave are open for self-guided exploration. These caves can be fun to explore, but caution is advised. Proper equipment for cave exploration can be rented at the park during operating hours, or the nearby campground after hours. Call (250) 757-8687 for cave tour information.

Horne Lake cave's star attraction is Riverbend Cave. This cave was gated in 1971 to protect the delicate formations that decorate its interior galleries. Because of this, it is only accessible by guided tours. A 1.5-hour family-oriented tour takes place in the large and easy passages located in the first half of the cave. In the summer, tours leave on the hour from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The second half of Riverbend Cave is for the more adventurous. Using ropes and harnesses, novice cavers learn vertical cave techniques on a 5-hour expedition. The "extreme" expedition has a 7-story rappel down "rainbarrel" to the end of the cave. Two underground rope programs are conducted mid-June to October and reservations are a must. Participants touring the second half of Riverbend cave must be at least 19 years old and sign a liability waiver.

### Cave Safety:

- ▶ Caves are cool. Wear warm clothes. Wear good boots or running shoes.
- ▶ Have at least two sources of light before entering the caves.
- ▶ Helmets are recommended.

## Special Notes

Excessive noise, loud music, alcohol, and parties are prohibited. It is an offence to possess liquor in these parks.

Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle. All losses should be reported to park staff and the RCMP.

A good portion of these parks are surrounded by private property. Please do not trespass.

BC Parks staff and our contractor's staff patrol these parks. Please bring any problems to their attention, they will be pleased to assist you.

## Park Hours

These day-use parks are open for public use from 7a.m. to 11p.m. daily. It is an offence to be within the parks between 11p.m. and 7a.m.

## What You Should Know



Fires are not permitted in these parks.



Camping is not permitted in these parks.



Visitors are requested to exercise caution when swimming and to keep a close watch on children. There are no lifeguards on duty.



Domestic animals must be on a leash and are not permitted in the beach areas or caves.



The nearest public telephone is located at the Horne Lake Store on Hwy 19A.



Please check fishing regulations before fishing in the park.



Properly licensed motorcycles, trail bikes, and minibikes, operated by licensed drivers, are permitted on roads and parking lots, but in no other areas of the park. In the interest of safety, especially of small children, visitors are requested to keep the operation of all vehicles to a minimum.

## For More Information

BC Parks

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



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# Spider Lake & Horne Lake

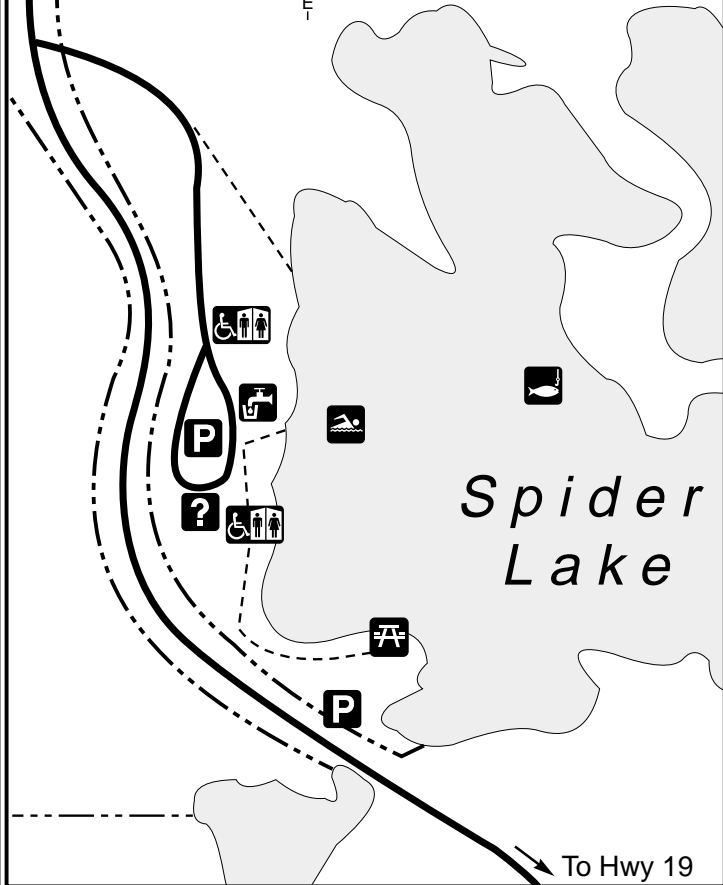
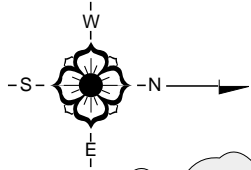
PROVINCIAL PARKS



Welcome to Spider Lake and Horne Lake Provincial Parks, located 60 kilometres north of Nanaimo, 55 kilometres south of Courtenay off the Island Highway 19 or 19A. Turn at the Provincial Park signs at the Horne Lake exit and follow the signs for 8 kilometres to Spider Lake and 12 kilometres to Horne Lake.

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