

Welcome to the Park

Tyhee Lake Provincial Park is situated in the beautiful Bulkley River Valley. To the west are the Telkwa and Bulkley Ranges of the Hazelton Mountains and to the east is the Babine Range of the Skeena Mountains.

Back from the 200 m sandy beachfront on Tyhee Lake is a forest consisting primarily of trembling aspen. These trees are second-growth, replacing the original cover that was destroyed by fire 50 to 60 years ago. Trails connect the campground with the beach area.

The viewing platform, located near the boat launch, provides a lookout over a marsh that harbours numerous species of birds, mammals, small reptiles and fish.

Things to Do



There are no lifeguards on duty at provincial parks; stay in designated swimming areas.



The lake offers an excellent setting canoeing and beginners' kayaking.



An appropriate licence is required to fish for the lake's native cutthroat and stocked rainbow trout.



A boat launch allows for waterskiing and boating activities adjacent to the swimming area.



Children have access to an adventure playground in the day-use area.



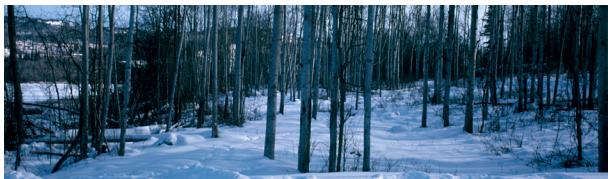
The 2.5 km Aldermere Trail goes along the shoreline, through the forest, connecting the campground and the beach area.



The viewing platform is an excellent vantage point to observe wildlife in the marsh.



Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating and ice fishing are popular winter activities in the park.



Visitor Services



There is a reservable group campsite as well as vehicle accessible campsites.



The day-use area features picnic tables, most with fire pits, as well as a picnic shelter with a wood stove.



Showers are in the campground and day-use area.



A sani-station with a \$2 per discharge fee is located along the entranceway into the park.



Some facilities and hiking trails in the park are wheelchair accessible.



There are pit toilets throughout the park and a flush toilet in the campground.



Cold water taps are located throughout the park.

Enjoy Your Stay

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

- Fires are permitted in designated fire rings only. To preserve vegetation and ground cover, please do not gather firewood in the park.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times and are not allowed in beach areas or park buildings. Please be responsible for their behaviour and waste.
- Firearms are not permitted in the park. Tyhee Lake is closed to hunting.

Contact Information

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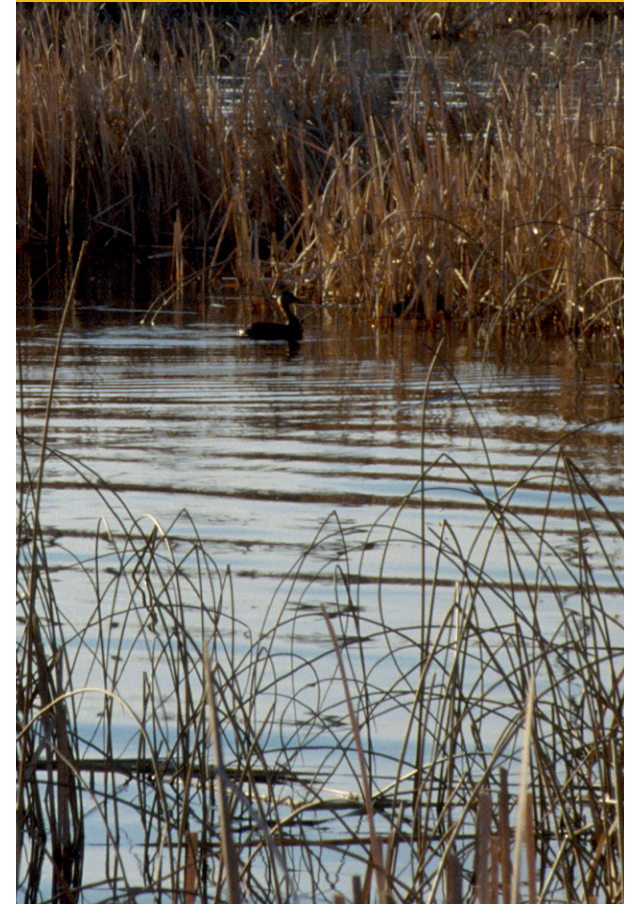
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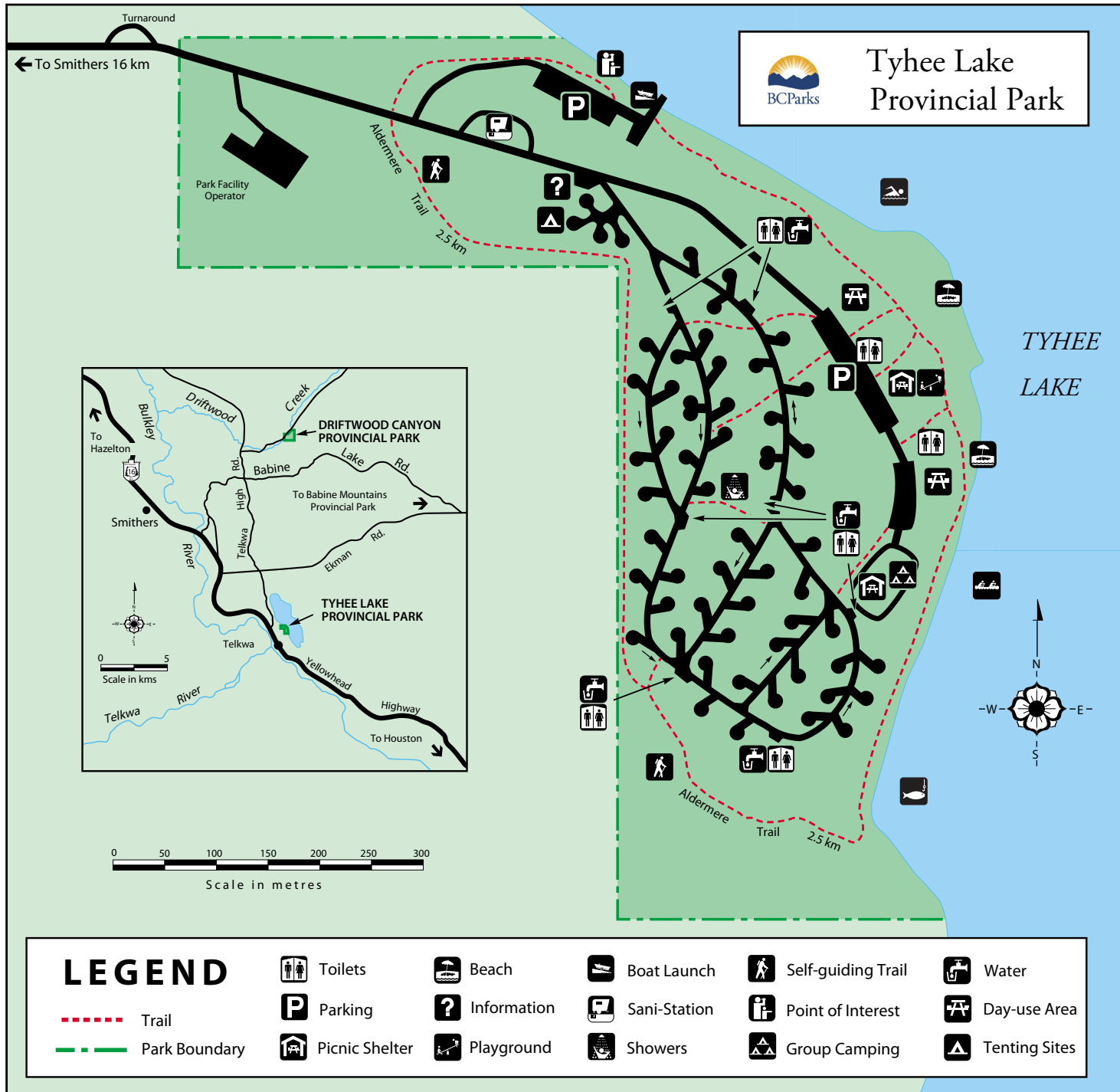
History and Cultural Heritage

The Bulkley Valley is steeped in history. The valley and the river were named after Colonel Charles S. Bulkley, U.S. Army, who was commissioned by the Collins Overland Telegraph Company to construct a line through B.C. to Alaska, which would then connect with the Russian system in Siberia by crossing the Bering Strait. This ambitious project was in a race with another telegraph line, the Trans-Atlantic Cable.

In 1866 the Trans-Atlantic Cable was successfully completed and consequently the Collins Telegraph Line was abandoned only two years after it began. Little remains of the Telegraph Line, but one of its legacies was the original name for the lake, Maclure, for the original surveyors of the Collins Telegraph Line. The present name, Tyhee, means fish in the native Gitksan language.

Another interesting historical feature of Tyhee Lake Provincial Park is the small town of Aldermere which was part of the "Old Caribou Trail" during the 1800s. The town was located on the height of land at the southwest end of Tyhee Lake, walking distance from the present town of Telkwa. The people used Tyhee Lake as a water source in the summer, filling barrels on wagons to bring to town, and to gather ice in the winter for use in cold cellars in the summer.

The town was quite prosperous when the Collins Telegraph Line pushed through the area. Aldermere consisted of a hotel, livery stables, and a post office, which neither Telkwa nor Smithers had. With the abandonment of the Telegraph Line in 1866, Aldermere was well on the way to dying out by 1914. In 1915 the hotel closed and Smithers and Telkwa became the more popular towns. Little is left of Aldermere except for some foundations and timbers, which are now on private land.



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Trail	Toilets	Beach	Boat Launch	Self-guiding Trail	Water
Park Boundary	Parking	Information	Sani-Station	Point of Interest	Day-use Area
	Picnic Shelter	Playground	Showers	Group Camping	Tenting Sites