

NAKUSP ARROW LAKES BRITISH COLUMBIA Trail Maps



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Box Lake Nature Trail

Distance: 1.3 km
Trip Time: 0.5 hour hiking
Surface: forest trail
Rating: easy
Modes of Use: hike, bike

Description
Box Lake Nature Trail provides excellent introductory hiking for children and an interesting walk for all ages. In the fall, look for fish spawning in the creek beside the trail.

Access
From Nakusp, drive SE on Hwy 6 towards New Denver for about 10 km. After passing Box Lake on the right, a brown sign marks the Box Lake Recreation Site. Follow this road for 2.2 km.

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Kuskanax Mountain Trail

Route 1, Turner Road
Distance: 2.4 km one way to summit
Trip Time: approx 3 hours return (hiking)
Rating: moderate
Modes of Use: hike
Elevation gain: 357 m

Route 2, Kuskanax Mountain Road
Distance: 4.4 km one way to summit
Trip Time: approx 5-6 hours return (hiking)
Rating: challenging
Modes of Use: hike
Elevation gain: 930 m

Choose one of two hikes to the summit or hike over the top and have a vehicle pick you up at the other trailhead. Find detailed access directions to the two trailheads at nakusptrails.ca.
High-clearance AWD vehicle required.
Route 1- drive N on Highway 23 for 9 km turn R on Turner Road.
Route 2- drive N on Highway 23 to the Hot Springs road turn right drive 3.5 km to Kuskanax Mt rd sign.

Vicky's View

Distance: 1.5 km
Trip Time: 1 hour one way (hiking)
Surface: gravel road, and forest trail
Rating: variable (AWD), moderate (hiking, biking)
Modes of Use: AWD, hike, bike, snowshoe
Elevation gain: 340 m

Description
Vicky's View is a spectacular viewpoint close to town. After driving or hiking up Kuskanax Mountain Road (Mac's Road), a very short walk leads you to awesome views of Upper Arrow Lake, the village of Nakusp, the Valhalla Range and the Monashee Range.

Access
Off Hot Springs Road, 3.5 km from Hwy 23. See nakusptrails.ca for details.

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Kimbol Lake Trail

Distance: 4 km one way
Trip Time: 5 hours return
Surface: compact dirt
Rating: moderate
Modes of Use: hiking
Elevation gain: 482 m

Description
Kimbol Lake Trail is a great low elevation hike. The beginning of this hike winds through cedar and hemlock forests, then starts to climb up the Kimbol Creek Valley with steep pitches (40% max) in some areas. This is prime bear habitat - bear spray and a noisemaker are highly recommended.

Access
From Nakusp, drive N on Hwy 23 towards Revelstoke, turn right onto the Hot Springs Road and drive 12 km to the Nakusp Hot Springs and park there. Follow the signage to the wooden bridge and cross over Kuskanax Creek. Keep right and follow the trail that goes up the rock steps. When you come to a Y in the trail, keep left and follow the signs to the hot springs source. The Kimbol Lake trail head is on the far side of this clearing.

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More information on these trails and activities in Nakusp and Arrow Lakes is available from the Nakusp Visitor Centre 92-6th Avenue NW.
Telephone +1 250-265-4234, or 1-800-909-8819 FREE
Email nakusp@telus.net
www.nakusptrails.ca and nakusptrails@gmail.com

Peter Roulston Trail

Distance: 4 km one way
Trip Time: 2 hours (hiking)
Surface: compact dirt
Rating: easy
Modes of Use: hike, bike, X-country ski, snowshoe

Description
Old logging roads on a south-facing slope offer a gentle ascent/descent. Excellent X-C ski and snowshoe trail.

Access
From Nakusp, drive N on Hwy 23 towards Revelstoke, turn right onto the Hot Springs Road. The main trail heads are at 6 km gravel pit (#1 on map) or 10.8 km Kuskanax Forest Service Road (#2 on map).

Hot Springs Trail

Distance: 8.5 km one way
Surface: compact dirt
Trip Time: 3 hours one way (hiking)
Rating: hiking moderate
Modes of Use: hike, horseback, snowshoe
Elevation gain: approx. 150 m

Description
The Hot Springs Trail meanders along a side slope above Kuskanax Creek, following the pioneers' original packhorse route of 1912. It is a fantastic day hike from Alexander Road to the Nakusp Hot Springs or start at the Nakusp Hot Springs and hike down to Alexander Road.

Access
Start at the Hot Springs or start at Alexander Road. Directions to Alexander Road; from Nakusp, drive SE on Hwy 6 towards New Denver for 2.6 km. Turn left onto Alexander Road and drive for 2.3 km to the Hot Springs Trail sign on the right. Follow this logging road for 1.4 km to a fork, and veer right. Bump along to the next fork and veer left. Park at the logged area and follow a path to the trailhead.

Cedar Grove Trail

Distance: 0.5 km
Trip Time: 0.5 hour (hiking)
Surface: compact dirt
Rating: easy
Modes of Use: hike

Description
Cedar Grove Trail is a gentle 0.5 km loop through a stand of majestic old growth Western Red Cedar trees. Hikers of all abilities can access superb interior rainforest habitat here. The trees in the grove, some with a diameter of over 2 metres, are hundreds of years old and they tower over 30 metres high.

Access
From Nakusp, drive N on Hwy 23 towards Revelstoke, turn right onto the Hot Springs Road and follow the road for 10.8 km. Turn left onto the Kuskanax Forest Service Road and drive for 4.2 km - look for the "Cedar Grove Trail 0.8 km" sign. Veer left at this sign and follow the road for 1 km; here the road branches onto a spur road. Go straight on the spur; don't take the uphill turn. A yellow sign at this branch says "0.3 km to trail". Park a few hundred metres ahead. The trailhead is 100 metres up the road. AWD recommended.

Respect the Trails

Living with wildlife
Nakusp and Arrow Lakes is home to deer, elk, caribou, cougar, wolves, grizzly and black bear along with several other species of wild animals.
Be Wildlife aware: Wildsafebc.com

Be responsible for your own safety

- Travel on existing trails and share trails with other users
- Use campsites that appear to be frequently used, rather than impacting undisturbed habitat
- Be prepared for erratic mountain weather - even in summer
- Carry GPS or a compass, water and food
- Leave your itinerary with a friend
- Roam meadows with your eyes, not your boots
- Avoid building fires; pack out everything you pack in
- Keep lakes and streams pristine
- Access roads may be steep, narrow, winding or on steep side hills
- Please report trail conditions to nakusptrails@gmail.com
- Please use the sign-in kiosks, and feel free to leave comments.

#	Trail Name	UTM coordinates		Nakusp to Trailheads (km)
		x	y	
1	Box Lake Nature Trail	449292	5561572	10
2	Cedar Grove Trail	454675	5572881	17
3	Halfway Hot Springs	444038	5594873	28
4	Kimbol Lake Trail	451944	5571988	14
5	Kuskanax Mtn Trail			
5a	- KM Road Trailhead	444132	5568925	11
5b	- Turner Road Trailhead	443966	5579334	27
6	Hot Springs Trail			
6a	- Alexander Road Trailhead	445897	5568865	6.5
6b	- Hot Springs Trailhead	451648	5571836	14
7	Nakusp to Summit Lake Rd Trail			in village
8	Saddle Mountain Trail	438011	5558410	38
9	Galena Bay Trail	438700	5608625	48
10	Wansley Creek Trails	446954	5585642	6
10a	Jackrabbits Interpretive Trail	447177	5565315	6
11	Peter Roulston Trail	444118	5569089	9
12	Arrow Park Trail	438700	5550470	18
13	Burton Walkway	436290	5538028	35
14	Vicky's View	443308	5569606	6
15	Mount Abriel Bike Trails	438940	5573400	8
16	Wrap Around Nakusp Trail			in village

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Distance: 5.3 km one way
 Trip Time: 5-6 hours return (hiking)
 Surface: compact dirt, rock
 Modes of Use: hike
 Rating: moderate, challenging
 Elevation gain: 864 m

Saddle Mountain Trail and Lookout



Description

The first part of this winding trail takes you through a classic BC interior rainforest. Point #2 on the above map is an old helicopter landing pad and a forest transition phase to a subalpine zone. Work your way up the trail to a rocky bluff (#3) and enjoy the scenery of the valley below. You will pass a collapsed cabin (#4) just past the midpoint of the hike. From here the ascent begins to the top. You will have to carefully navigate through rocks and boulders before reaching the old fire lookout. Once on top of Saddle Mountain (#5), you will never forget the breathtaking views. Fire lookout building was restored as an overnight shelter in 2017. Cabin features historical and geographical displays.

Access

From Nakusp, drive SW on Hwy 6 towards Burton for 21 km. Take the Arrow Park cable ferry across the lake, making note of return crossing times. Once off the ferry, turn right and follow the good 2WD Saddle Mountain Road for 9 km. Turn left onto Lookout Road and follow the rough 4WD road for 8 km to the Branch 75 fork. Park (#1) to the side, as this road is well used. The trailhead is 20 metres further up the road.



Distance: 8.3 km of looped trails
 Time: depends on route
 Surface: forest trail
 Modes of Use: bike, hike, horseback, x-country ski
 Rating: easy, moderate

Wensley Creek Trails



Distance: 4 km one way
 Time: 1.5 hours (hiking)
 Surface: forest trail
 Modes of Use: hike, snowshoe
 Rating: moderate

Jackrabbit Interpretive Trail



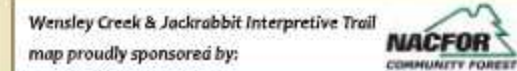
Description

The Jackrabbit Interpretive Trail and the Wensley Creek Trails share a trailhead and a warming hut. The Jackrabbit Interpretive Trail features species identification signage and wildlife interpretive signs along a forest trail. The Wensley Creek Trails feature: Whiskey Jack, Ptarmigan Loop, Hairpin Way and The Connector, for a total of 8.3 km. Detailed maps are available at NACFOR, Arrow Lakes Cross Country Club (ALCCSC). ALCCSC manages and maintains the trails for X-Country skiing from December 1st, to March 31st. Trails have signage posted at strategic locations.

For maps online, please go to nakusparrowlakes.com, for Jackrabbit: nakuspcommunityforest.com

Access

From Nakusp drive SE on Hwy 6 towards New Denver for about 3 km. Turn left on Upper Brouse Road, and follow this winding road for 1.5 km, until you reach the end of the road and an obvious parking area. The Jackrabbit Interpretive Trail can also be accessed from its southeastern end via Wilson Lake Road.



Distance: 5.0 km
 Time: 1 hour
 Surface: pavement, gravel, dirt
 Modes of Use: walk, bike, roll, push
 Rating: easy

Wrap Around Nakusp Trail



Description

This four-season trail circles the picturesque village of Nakusp, providing a 5 kilometer circuit for strolling, dog walking, jogging, or biking, with portions also accessible to wheelchairs, rollerblades, and strollers.

Access

Although there are many access points along the trail, the Nakusp Marina is a nice place to start. Located at the bottom of Nelson Ave., the marina has ample parking space and a covered picnic area and arbour garden.



Rating: easy, moderate

Description

In a forested setting right on Halfway River there are three pools to soak in and a campsite. Maintained by BC Rec Sites & Trails.

Access

From Nakusp, drive N on Hwy 23 towards Revelstoke for approximately 26 km to Halfway River Road. Just south of the bridge that crosses Halfway River turn right onto a FSR. At about 11 km you will come to a signed fork in the road. The left takes you down into the newly developed camping area, and a small amount of day use parking. The right will take you to the upper parking lot, which is the best place to park for day use, and access to the main pools. Watch out for Poison Ivy in the summer months, the surrounding area is covered with it! PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN, THERE ARE NO GARBAGE FACILITIES ON SITE.



Distance: 12 km one way
 Time: mode-dependant
 Surface: gravel railbed
 Modes of Use: hike, bike, dirt bike, ATV, horseback, X-country ski, snowshoe, snowmobile

Nakusp to Summit Lake Rail Trail

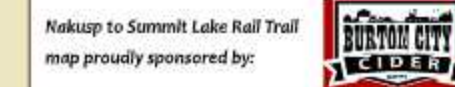


Description

Formerly the railbed for the Nakusp & Slocan Railway, this rail trail climbs gently from Nakusp to Summit Lake Hill. The rail trail is a shared use trail. Its surroundings are both stunning and soothing. From Nakusp, the railway climbs at a 2% grade up to Summit Lake. Note: Beyond the Summit Lake Hill, the old railbed continues towards Rosebery. Watch for future developments in this area by neighbouring trails groups.

Access

The rail trail may be accessed from points where it crosses local roads or Hwy 6 towards New Denver.



Mount Abriel Bike Trails



Drive 8 km from Nakusp on Hwy 23 North. Many kilometers of trails of varying difficulty in a park-like setting. Campsite maintained by BC Recreation Sites and Trails.

<https://www.trailforks.com/region/mt-abriel-19185/>

Distance: 2.1 km
 Time: mode-dependant
 Surface: forest trail
 Modes of Use: hike, bike, horseback, X-country ski, snowshoe

Arrow Park Trail

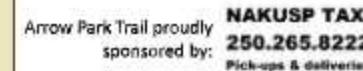


Description

Located on the eastern shore of Upper Arrow Lake, an easily accessible walking trail with beach access and picnic site for day use with access for boaters. The trail traverses through moderately rolling terrain and mature forest. Currently part of the community forest, the trail offers insight into the working forest. This area is also used for geocaching, and water-based recreation such as canoeing. (For more detailed information visit <https://nakuspcommunityforest.com/projects/recreation-trails/arrow-park-trail/>.)

Access

From Nakusp, drive SW on Highway 6 towards Fauquier approximately 18 km, or 5 km south of McDonald Creek Park. Parking located adjacent to the highway. Approaching from the south toward Nakusp, trailhead is 2 km past Rock Island Road.



AREA KEY MAP

- 1 Box Lake Nature Trail
- 2 Cedar Grove Trail
- 3 Halfway Hot Springs
- 4 Kimbol Lake Trail
- 5 Kuskanax Mountain Trail
- 6 Hot Springs Trail
- 7 Nakusp to Summit Lake Rail Trail
- 8 Saddle Mountain Trail
- 9 Galena Bay Trail
- 10 Wensley Creek Trails & Jackrabbit Interpretive Trails
- 11 Peter Roulston Trail
- 12 Arrow Park Trail
- 13 Burton Walkway
- 14 Vicky's View
- 15 Mount Abriel Bike Trails
- 16 Wrap Around Nakusp Trail

- Highway
- Logging Road
- Trails
- Ferry
- Campsite
- Washroom



Distance: 0.75 km main loop, plus side trails for total of 1.3 km
 Time: mode- and route-dependant
 Surface: dirt, rocks
 Modes of Use: hike, bike, snowshoe
 Rating: easy

Galena Bay Trail



Description

A short loop trail (750 m) with two beach accesses and a hill-top viewpoint. An excellent place for the whole family to explore while waiting for the ferry. Featuring interpretive signage from the Community Forest. The beach areas provide opportunities for water-based recreation. For more detail visit <https://nakuspcommunityforest.com/projects/recreation-trails/galena-bay-trail/>

Access

Located at the Galena Bay ferry landing on Highway 23, 48 km north of Nakusp. It's approximately 50 km South of Revelstoke, with a free ferry ride from Shelter Bay to Galena Bay.

Distance: 1 km

Surface: forest, shoreline
 Modes of Use: walk, bike, horseback, snowshoe
 Rating: easy

Burton Walkway

A picturesque 1 km trail that meanders along the shoreline of the Lower Arrow Lake in Burton. Established by the Burton Seniors in 2005, this four-season trail provides a pleasant stroll through wilderness and wetlands, suitable for all fitness levels and age groups. Primarily intended for walkers, and cyclists, it can also be used for snowshoeing and horseback riding (no motorized vehicles). Accessed from two entrances: Burton Historical Park Campground or on Lower McCormack Road, adjacent to the Burton Historical Cemetery.