

Winter Activities

Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation

This education and research facility is located at kilometer 19 on Highway 88. Here you will find exciting displays in our exhibit gallery as well as snowshoe and cross-country ski loans. During the winter months, the Centre is open Mon-Fri from September to December and Mon-Sat from January to March. Be sure to call ahead if you are planning to come to the Centre Mon-Fri during the winter, as staff may be busy with school programs and ski and snowshoe equipment may not be available on these days.

Cross-country Skiing

There are nearly 40 km of cross-country ski trails. The trails are not patrolled and skiers should be prepared for emergencies.

Snowshoeing

There are no formal snowshoe trails, but snowshoers are welcome to explore the park in the open or forested areas. Please do not snowshoe on groomed cross-country ski tracks, although you are welcome to snowshoe next to them.

Walking

All cross-country ski trails are groomed with a single track, leaving packed snow next to them for walkers. Please do not walk or allow your dogs to walk on the groomed cross-country ski tracks. Dogs must be on leash at all times.

Snowmobiling

Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles may not be operated in the park.

Visitor Guidelines

Frostbite and hypothermia are real dangers in winter. Be sure you are prepared before you head outside. Dress in layers and wear a hat. Carry extra socks and a sweater.

Please respect wildlife and other visitors by following these guidelines:

- Keep your dog on a leash and off the ski track.
- Obey all signs.
- Use the fire pits and stoves provided at shelters and picnic areas.
- Pack out all your garbage and leave no trace of your passing.
- Alcohol is not permitted.

When cross-country skiing:

- Ski on the right, pass on the left.
- Step off the trail to the right when stopping.
- Downhill traffic has the right of way.
- Use caution when approaching steep slopes and bridges.

For information on conditions, especially after heavy snow or severe weather, please contact the Alberta Parks office.

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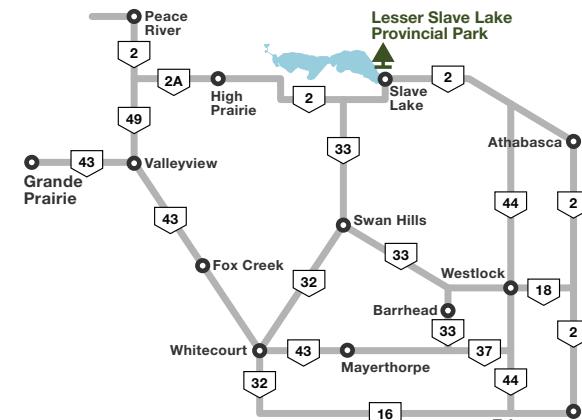
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Winter Trails Guide



Cross-Country Ski Trails

North Shore Loops

- Easy – 3.3 km total on three trails; 72 m elevation change

A series of three trails provides you with longer or shorter skiing options through mixed woods and along the lakeshore.

North Shore to the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation

- Easy – 8.4 km; 15 m elevation change

Follow one of the longest trails in the park through a mixed wood forest and along the lake.

Boreal Centre Loops

- Easy – 2.8 km total on two trails; 36 m elevation change

A pair of loops accessible from the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation takes you north or south along the lake and through the forest. A steep hill ending in a T-intersection at the bottom of the Boreal Centre lawn may be tricky for beginners.

Songbird Trail

- Easy – 0.6 km; 13 m elevation change

Just outside the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation, this short trail is a great option for learning how to cross-country ski.

Lily Creek Group Use to Marten River

- Easy – 8.5 km; 15 m elevation change

The second longest trail in the park takes you along the Freightier Lakeshore Trail through mixed woods and along the shore of the lake.

Marten Mountain Road

- ◆ Difficult – 11.8 km; 341 m elevation change

This vehicle road is closed all winter long so it's groomed for cross-country skiing and can also be used for snowshoeing.

Marten River Campground Loops

- Easy – 2.4 km; 13 m elevation change

With the campground closed for the winter, the campground loop roads are turned into cross-country ski trails. The roads are generally flat with very gradual slopes.

Jack Pine Trail

- Easy – 1.8 km; 42 m elevation change

Ski through an old-growth jack pine forest.

Marten River Campground

- Snowshoe Trail – 1.6 km; 30 m elevation change

Enjoy snowshoeing this pretty trail through a mixed woods and across a woodland stream. This trail is generally flat with some small gentle slopes

Whispering Sands Trail

- Easy – 2.7 km; 24 m elevation change

This trail is not groomed for skiing. It's a popular trail for walking dogs but please remember that dogs must be on leash at all times.



Lesser Slave Lake winter trails park map