















THE SCENIC ROUTE HIGHWAY #263





(paved, no shoulders)






1 Shady Lake Trail  
1.7 km loop, stairs span a vertical of 45 m
Start: 8 km from  on highway #263
Hike down towards the lake in a counter-clockwise direction. East of the lake, a 1 km spur trail brings you to the 15 m high Height-of-Land Tower.

2 Height-of-Land Tower  
Staircase, 60 m one way
Start: 8.5 km from  on highway #263
Climb the 15 m tower for a view of Shady Lake and the mixed forest canopy. This tower sits on the divide between the Churchill and Saskatchewan River systems.

3 Spruce River Highlands Trail   
8.5 km loop
Start: 29 km from  on highway #263
Ascend the path for 0.7 km and climb to the top of a 10 m tower. Below, the Spruce River meanders through a characteristically glacial landscape. The hills of the aspen parkland are radiant in their fall foliage. The trail then passes through rolling terrain providing the hiker with great viewing opportunities of Anglin Lake.

4 Freight Tait Springs Trail   
2 km one way
Start: 29.5 km from  on highway #263
Early freighters stopped at this natural spring to rest and replenish water supplies. The spring water spills over its banks and flows onward to the Spruce River. The iron-rich springs are interesting to explore but take care not to harm this sensitive area.





5 Kinowa Trail   
5 km one way
Start: 34 km from  on highway #263
The hilly landscape through which the trail passes is covered with open forests of trembling aspen and patches of fescue grasslands. The trail ends on the shores of Anglin Lake.





6 Elk Trail    
39 km one way
Start: 40 km from  on highway #263
Rolling hills and long grass make this a challenging route. Some of the grades are steep, especially around Hunters Lake.






COOKSON ROAD





(gravel, narrow, no shoulders, hills & curves)

7 Hunters Lake Trail    
12 km one way
Start: 16 km west of South Gate on Cookson Road
Similar to parts of the Elk Trail, this trail offers a challenging experience including some steep hills and exposed rocks along the trail.

8 West Side Boundary Trail    
25 km one way
Start: Sturgeon Crossing
This trail provides access to the fescue grasslands and the Sturgeon River Lookout.





9 Sturgeon Lookout Trail    
0.8 km one way
Start: 10.9 km from Valleyview Day Use Area along the West Side Boundary Trail
This trail travels through an aspen forest before opening up to a hillside grassland with breathtaking views of the Sturgeon River valley.



10 Valleyview Lookout Trail     
200 m one way
Start: Valleyview Day Use Area
This short hike brings you to the Valleyview picnic site. Enjoy beautiful views of the Sturgeon River valley.




11 Amyot Lake Trail    
15.5 km loop
Start: Valleyview Day Use Area
Explore sedge meadows where free roaming bison range and return via the West Side Trail.

THE NARROWS ROAD

(gravel, narrow)

12 Mud Creek Trail    
2 km loop
Start: 4.5 km down the Narrows Road, access at South Bay day-use area
The trail skirts the lake and then follows Mud Creek. An active beaver lodge and dam can be seen on the creek. In the spring, spawning fish attract black bear to the area.

13 Ice Push Ridge  
150 m one way
Start: 11 km down the Narrows Road
See evidence of the force of winter ice on Waskesiu Lake described by an interpretive exhibit at the lakeshore.

14 Treebeard Trail   
1.2 km loop
Start: 17.6 km down the Narrows Road
Ascend the steep, winding trail through a white spruce and balsam fir forest. The trees along this path are among the oldest and largest in the park. As you descend, watch for a spur trail to the right. It leads to a small, fern-edged creek, dark and cool.





KINGSMERE ROAD

(first 15 km paved with narrow shoulders, last 17.5 km gravel, no shoulders)

15 Waskesiu River Trail    
2.5 km loop. The first 0.5 km is wheelchair and stroller accessible
Start: 6 km from  on Kingsmere Road
From the parking lot, walk towards the river and across the pedestrian bridge. Special displays are on exhibit along this boardwalk. The trail parallels the rock-filled river for 0.5 km before leaving the river's north shore to loop through aspen and spruce forests and a sedge meadow.






16 Narrows Peninsula Trail  
3 km loop, staircase
Start: 22 km from  on Kingsmere Road
This trail passes through a variety of habitats following the shore of Waskesiu Lake. Of particular interest is a spectacular fern bed, luxuriant and green in the early summer. In the 1880's a fur trade post was set up on the point by an independent trader.






17 Kingsmere River Trail   
1.5 km one way, staircase
Start: 32.5 km from  on Kingsmere Road
The trail crosses the river and follows a rail portage, then passes through a spruce forest and ends on the east side of the Southend Campground on Kingsmere Lake.



18 Grey Owl Trail   
20 km one way
Start: 32.5 km from  on Kingsmere Road
The trail follows the eastern shoreline of Kingsmere River until you reach a junction at 0.3 km. The trail to Grey Owl's cabin branches to the right. Kingsmere Lake becomes visible 1.5 km from this junction. From there, the trail follows the lake's eastern shoreline.

HIGHWAY #264



(paved with shoulders)

19 Boundary Bog Trail    
2 km loop
Start: 4.5 km from  on Highway #264
Boundary Bog is an excellent representation of the many black spruce bogs that exist in the Park.





20 Red Deer Trail   
Three loops totalling 19 km
Red Loop  
Start: At Rendez-vous located on the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Lakeview Drive by the "big rock".

The Red Loop takes you 8.1 km through a variety of habitats from townsite to lakeshore through the rolling hills south of Waskesiu.
Yellow Loop  
Start: At Rendez-vous, located on the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Lakeview Drive by the "big rock".

The Yellow Loop takes you 5.8 km through a variety of habitats from townsite through the Community Fuel Break and back along the lakeshore.












Blue Loop  
Start: At the corner of Waskesiu Drive and Ajawaan Drive or from the Beaver Glen Road on the east side of the campground.

The Blue Loop takes you 5.2 km around Beaver Glen Campground, through the rolling hills north of Waskesiu, then back along the shore of Waskesiu Lake. If you are walking, you may choose to leave the trail and walk on the beach from Kapasiwin Bungalows to Orchid Street.

21 Fisher Trail   
7.2 km loop
Start: 1 km from  south on highway #264*

* From parking lot, walk 250 m to the first trailhead or an additional 50 m to the second trailhead.
Scenic and close to Waskesiu, this trail is great. Hike or bike this trail clockwise, through mixed woods, aspen stands and black spruce muskeg. Special winter displays are on exhibit along the trail.

LEGEND:

-  Biking
-  Hiking
-  Horseback Riding
-  Lookout
-  Viewing Tower
-  Visitor Centre
-  Washrooms
-  Wheelchair Access
-  Self Guided Trail
-  Easy terrain
-  Moderate terrain
-  Strenuous terrain