

Winter Activities

Winter Camping

Camping is available at the Marten River campground group site on a first come first served basis. Please notify the park office if you plan on staying at the campsite. Fireplaces and wood are available. Pit toilets are near the picnic shelter.

The Nest: A Boreal Hostel

This beautiful hostel accommodation is open year round and is available for individual or group bookings up to a maximum of ten people. The Nest provides a great room complete with fireplace and full kitchen facilities, large outdoor deck, firepit and private rooms with shared bathrooms. For more information or to book please call.

Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation

This education and research facility is located at kilometer 19 on Highway 88 and is open year round. Here you will find exciting displays in our exhibit hall as well as snowshoe and cross-country ski loans. Be sure to call ahead if you are planning on coming into the centre during the winter weekdays (Mon–Fri).

Northshore Day Use Area

Located just off of Highway 88 at kilometer 12, the Northshore Day use area is a great place to stage your cross country ski adventure. At the day use area you will find a fire pit and a winterized picnic shelter available for your use.

Snowmobiling

Snowmobiles may not be operated in the park or on the lake.

Cross-country Skiing

15 km of cross-country ski trails are not patrolled and skiers should be prepared for emergencies. We suggest you carry an emergency kit containing an extra ski tip, cord, wire, pliers, a pocket knife, cell phone, screw driver and screws.

Snowshoeing

There are no formal snowshoe trails, so snowshoers are welcome to explore the park in the open or forested areas. Please do not snowshoe on cross-country ski trails.

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 firepits 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, and
- use caution when approaching steep slopes and bridges.

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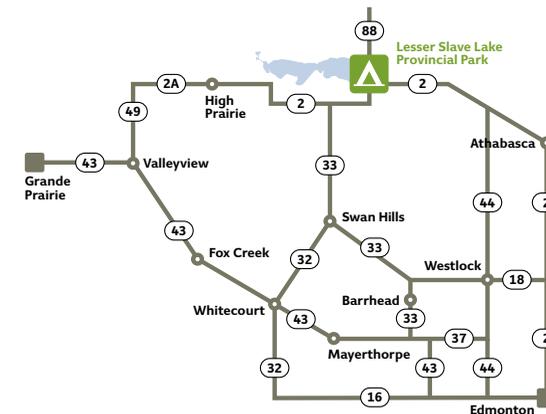
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WINTER TRAILS



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Cross-Country Ski Trails

Devonshire Beach to Northshore

■ Intermediate—4.8 km

Ski along the whispering sands trail to the beach road and the Trans Canada Trail to Northshore. Explore the south end of the park behind ancient sand dunes and through jack pine forests; crest the beach ridge and follow it to the Northshore Day Use Area. This trail has some small steep hills and descents.

Northshore to the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation

● Easy—8.4 km

Take the Trans Canada Trail through a mixed wood forest along the shore of Lesser Slave Lake. Bison at the Northshore Homestead Ranch can sometimes be seen along the fence line during the winter. This is one of the longest trails in the park with relatively flat and easy skiing.

Songbird Trail

● Easy—600 m

This flat and easy loop trail is just outside the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation and is a great place to learn and practice your cross-country ski skills. Keep an eye out for winter residents like the black capped chickadee, downy woodpecker and pine siskin.

Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation to Lily Creek Group Site

● Easy—4 km return

Plan for a round-trip, as the Lily Creek group site cannot be accessed by vehicle during



the winter months. When you reach the group site head down to the beach to look for the ice ridges, off the mouth of Lily Creek, that can pile up as high as 15ft. This trail is flat with easy skiing.

