Smithers offers miles of trails on various terrain for hiking and mountain biking. Spectacular scenery, wildlife and space to explore to your hearts content. There are routes suitable for children as well as alpine flowers. Explore to your hearts content.

**Dennis Lake Recreation Site**

**Access**
At 12 km on the Hudson Bay Mountain Road turn onto McDonnell Lake Forest Service Road. Turn off to Dennis Lake Recreation Site, left at 13 km.

**Description**
This compact forested site offers 4 tenting sites and good access to the lake, a boat launch & dock. Great views of Hudson Bay Mountain. A trail along the lakeshore leaves from the campsite. Nearby is the Silver Lakes Recreation Trail (at ~9km on the McDonnell FSR), which traverses up to the south side of Hudson Bay Mountain, ending at Silver Lakes.

**Crater Lake - The Prairie**

**Access**
From Highway 16 east of Smithers, take Tatlow Road, and turn right on Pacific Street. Then follow the signs to the Bulkley Bay Mountain Resort. Drive to the end of the road. Summer parking is available at the base of the Prairie T-bar. Driving distance is about 622 km.

**Description**
Walk uphill past the T-bar and follow the old road up to the “Prairie” trail leaves road on the left. Stay on the trail until you arrive at Crater Lake. Walk down to the lake, or explore the Prairie. You may glimpse mountain goats on the ridge above. Alpine flowers make great photos from late June – early August. Allow 3 hours for this hike. For experienced hikers, the ridgeline trail to the south peak of Hudson Bay Mountain is accessed from the Crater Lake trail (moderate to difficult rating).

**Piper Down Mountain Recreation Site: Mountain Bike Trails**

**Access**
Hudson Bay Mountain Resort
- Piper Down/Piper-Cross Trails - near the Prairie T-bar. Hike your bike up to the left toward the top of the knoll and mark. Start your decent on this 3km track, loaded with table-tops and burns. All trails end in a cutblock parking lot (1st road on left after McDonnell FSR going up to HBMR).
- Machine-built double-track - from upper (2nd) parking area start your decent on this 5km trail, loaded with table-tops and burns.
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**Description**
Piper Down is probably the best named trail in the valley, as it is best known for its gap jump over the crash site of a “Piper” airplane. Piper Cross diverges to the left from Piper Down once you reach the rock slab in the clearing. This includes fast single track, steep rock slabs and technical gullies. The 2nd rock slab has a ride around - look for it on the right. This trail has some exposure so ride within your limits. These trails are managed by the Smithers Mountain Biking Association www.smithersmountainbike.ca

**Twin Falls/Glacier Gulch**

**Access**
Take Lake Kathlyn Road, just northwest of Smithers, to the Glacier Gulch Road. This Recreation Site is at the end of the road. From Smithers, it is approximately 15 min. by vehicle. Note that this 2-wheel drive access road is unpaved and in some spots is narrow with low visibility.

**Description**
An easy walk to spectacular views of the twin waterfalls plummeting from Kathleen Glacier above. The falls come together to form Glacier Gulch creek, which flows through the Site. Trails lead to the creek and to a viewing platform. This is mainly a dry use area, but there is limited camping available. RV accessible (no water or sani-dumps).

**Smithers Community Forest Recreation Trails**

**Access**
At 9 km on Hudson Bay Mountain Road turn right into the BV Nordic Centre and continue to the second parking lot, near the day lodge. Alternate access is at 7km on the Hudson Bay Mountain Road, entering at the Seymour Ridge Trail.

**Description**
These recreation trails (50km+ network) are multi-purpose serving as walking and biking trails in the summer and cross-country ski trails in the winter. Maps are posted throughout the trail system and in the day lodge. The Nature Trail (no bikes please) leaves from the BV Nordic Centre and loops around Goldeneye Lake, providing abundant interpretive features and wildlife opportunities.

**Smithers Perimeter Trail**

**Access**
The Perimeter Trail has several access points, including from near Canadian Tire on Hwy 16 East; or from Riverside Park at the east end of Main St; or at the statues on Hwy 16 West, as you leave Smithers.

**Description**
This is a 13 km loop around Smithers, suitable for walking, jogging and cycling. It blends gravel and paved sections, connecting parks, riverside and neighbourhoods.

**The Bluff Recreation Site: Trail Network**

**Access**
- Duthie Trailhead: Railway Avenue/ Pacific Street to Clallagh Road, turn right from Hudson Bay Mountain Road (left after tracks). 
- Bluff Trailhead: from south end of Zobnick Road (turn left after tracks).
- Simpsons Gulch Trailhead: from north end of Zobnick Rd. at bottom of Trail To Town.

**Description**
The Bluff is a network of trails of varied difficulty. The lower trails can be walked or jogged, and have extensive boardwalks. Upper trails are suitable for experienced mountain bikers and hikers. These trails are managed by the Smithers Mountain Biking Association www.smithersmountainbike.ca

**Malkow Lookout**

**Access**
Take Hwy 16 east and turn left immediately after the Bulkley River Bridge onto the Old Babine Lake Rd. After 4.7km turn left onto McCabe Rd. and follow it for 2.5km. Look for a sign for the “Logpile Lodge” on the right hand side and a parking lot on the left. The gate is the start of the trail.

**Description**
Malkow Lookout is an excellent family hike with a picnic table at the top. The trail leads to an old forestry lookout with great views of the valley and surrounding mountains.
### Difficulties Levels

- **Easy**
- **Moderate**
- **Difficult**

### Recreational Features

- Beach
- Boat Launch
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Horseback Riding
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Nature Study
- Swimming
- Picnicking
- Viewing
- Walking

### Smithers Area Recreation & Trails

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### Babine Mountains Provincial Park

- **McCabe Trail**: 8 km one way
- **Silver King Basin Trail**: 11a one way

#### McCabe Trail

- Length: 8 km one way
- Access: From the junction of Hwy 16 and the Babine Lake Road just south of Smithers, travel 38 km north (0.5 km markers on road), turn left for another 2 km north on the Upper Fulton Forest Service Road.

#### Silver King Basin Trail

- Length: 11a one way
- Access: Between Smithers and Houston on Highway 16 (19 km south of Telkwa, in the community of Quick)

### Chapman Lake Recreation Site

- **Description**: This is a medium-sized open grassy site on the southwest shores of Chapman Lake. There is a boat launch, dock and several campgrounds with overflow space. RV and trailer accessible. Good site for angling and boating.

### Other Nearby Recreation Sites

- Morin Lake, 12 km past Chapman Lake Site on Upper Fulton FSR.
- Tangleclaw Lake, 48 km past the Babine Lake Road (10 km past the Chapman Lake turn).
- Doris Lake, at 50 km on Babine Lake Road.