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The following recreation sites, trails and Parks are within easy driving distance of Smithers. They are 2WD accessible. All distances noted are one way.

**Tips for safe recreating in bear country**
- Bears feel threatened if surprised - hike in a group and make loud noises. Whistle, talk, sing, or carry noise makers such as bells or a can containing stones. In dense bush and near running water, don’t depend on your noisemaker being heard. Use extra caution and watch for evidence of bears. Most bears will leave if they are aware of your presence. Stay in the open as much as possible. Keep children close on hand trails. Be especially alert when traveling into the wind, a bear may not get your scent and be warned of your presence.
- When camping, keep a clean camp. Bears usually avoid people, but can be attracted to human food and garbage. Store all food and garbage properly and take all your garbage with you when you leave. Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

**Safety tips**
- Never hike alone.
- Before leaving on a hike, let a responsible individual know where you are going and when you will be returning. Always contact that individual when you return.
- Always take a map, compass, food, emergency gear and a GPS Unit.
- Assume you will be staying overnight.
- Drive with caution on all logging roads.
- In case of an emergency contact the R.C.M.P. Smithers detachment: 250-847-3233

**Forest fires:**
- Drive with caution on all logging roads.
- For more information regarding recreational opportunities in the Smithers area contact:
  - Tourism Smithers Smithers Visitor Centre 1411 Court Street Smithers, BC V0J 2N0 1-800-567-6633 www.tourismsmithers.com info@tourismsmithers.com
  - District Recreation Officer Recreation Sites & Trails BC Ministry of Tourism, Culture & the Arts 250-847-6300 www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca
  - BC Parks 3726 Alfred Ave., Smithers, BC V0J 2N0 250-847-7320 www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/

**Other resources:**
- BV Nordic Centre www.bvnc.org
- MTB Trails: BV Backpakers www.bvbackpakers.ca/Trail Maps
- Trails and general recreation, including fishing: McBike & Sport www.mcbike.bc.ca

**Recreational Features**
- Beach
- Boating
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Jogging
- Mountain biking
- Nature Study
- Swimming
- Viewing
- Walking

**Difficulty Level**
- Easy
- Moderate
- Difficult

**General information**

**Chapman Lake Recreation Site**

**Access**
- From the junction of Hwy 16 and the Babine Lake Road just south of Smithers, travel 38 km north (6m markers on road), turn left for another 2 km north on the Upper Fulton Forest Service Road.

**Description**
- This is a medium-sized open gravel site on the southwest shores of Chapman Lake. There is a boat launch, dock and several campsites with overflow spaces. RV and trailer accessible. Good site for angling and boating.
- Other nearby Recreation Sites:
  - Morin Lake, 12km past Chapman Lake Site on Upper Fulton FSR.
  - Tanglech Lake, at 48km on the Babine Lake Road (10km past the Chapman Lake turn).
  - Doris Lake, at 50km on Babine Lake Road.

**Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park**

**Access**
- Take Hwy 16 east from Smithers; turn left onto Old Babine Lake Road immediately after the Bulkley River Bridge. Follow the signs to Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park (10a).
- To access the Babine Mountains Provincial Park (10b), continue driving past Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park for 5 km (heading north) until you reach the parking lot and information map to the Babine Mountains Provincial Park. From there, the road is blocked and not passable to vehicle traffic.

**Description**
- Ten of many trails in the Babine are highlighted here. For more information contact BC Parks for current fee.

McCabe Trail: 8 km one way
- Recommended for family and novice hikers, the McCabe Trail offers relatively easy access to the alpine. The trail departs the Driftwood Creek Road just before the Sunny Point Bridge. After ascending a steep moving road for 500 m, the route narrows to an excellent trail on an easy grade. At the 3 km mark, the trail winds through a series of rockslides. Hikers should use caution for the next kilometre as the vegetation obscures the trail and can be slippery. The trail travels along the north slopes of Harvey and Pyramid mountains, and passes two small lakes at 6.5 km. It continues upward and eastward reaching “The Summit”.

**Bulkley River Recreation Site and Trails**

**Access**
- Between Smithers and Houston on Highway 16 (18 km south of Telkwa, in the community of Quick)

**Description**
- This is a 100-hectare Recreation Site (with 10 km trail network) featuring low elevation spruce and aspen/cottonwood forest and easy access to the Bulkley River. Trails and campsites are within walking distance of parking and there is a wide paved path that provides access to and from the river for canoers or anglers. This Site has 11 rustic campsites, including 2 large day use areas and boat launches, and a small chalet.

**Babine Mountains Provincial Park**

**Access**
- Take Hwy 16 east from Smithers; turn left onto Old Babine Lake Road immediately after the Bulkley River Bridge. Follow the signs to Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park (10a).

**Description**
- The McCabe Trail offers relatively easy access to the alpine. The trail departs the Driftwood Creek Road just before the Sunny Point Bridge. After ascending a steep moving road for 500 m, the route narrows to an excellent trail on an easy grade. At the 3 km mark, the trail winds through a series of rockslides. Hikers should use caution for the next kilometre as the vegetation obscures the trail and can be slippery. The trail travels along the north slopes of Harvey and Pyramid mountains, and passes two small lakes at 6.5 km. It continues upward and eastward reaching “The Summit”.

**Tyhee Lake Provincial Park & Aldermere Trails**

**Access**
- Telkwa High Road from Telkwa, to Tyhee Road to the Park.

**Description**
- A bird-viewing platform extends into the lake in the Park. You can circle the Park or connect to the Aldermere Trails, taking you to nearby Telkwa.