

Visitor Information

Located 130 kilometres north of Prince George on Hwy 97, this area was once admired by famous explorer Simon Fraser who established Fort McLeod on behalf of the North West Trading Company in 1805. Fort McLeod, just 10 kilometres north of here, was the first trading post established west of the Rocky Mountains.

The park is an ideal base from which to explore the Crooked River. Warm springs in the river make it a preferred haven for waterfowl, including a winter colony of trumpeter swans.

Facilities



The campground on this sandy point features 69 sites. Each contains a picnic table and a firepit. Some of the sites have tent pads. Flush toilets, water and wood are conveniently located nearby.



For swimmers and sunbathers, the sheltered sandy beach is perfect for tranquil outdoor relaxation. Nearby change houses, picnic tables and firepits make it easy to spend a full day enjoying this natural playground. A picnic shelter near the day-use area is ideal for covered activities. A playing field, horseshoe pitches, adventure playground and volleyball net provide something for every member of the family.



A 20-minute, self-guided nature trail offers a pleasant stroll near the beach, then loops back through the fragrant woods to the campground. Five interpretive signs guide you through this interesting trail and explain some of the special features in the park. Squirrels, coyote and black bear are among the forest residents. Many species of birds frequent the park, including bald eagles, osprey, tanagers and chickadees.



Boaters will find a convenient concrete boat launch complete with parking area.



McLeod Lake provides fishing opportunities for Dolly Varden and rainbow trout.

Park Hazards

- ▶ Safe swimming practices are a must. No lifeguards are on duty. Children should be watched at all times and solo swimming should be avoided.
- ▶ To avoid problems with nuisance animals such as bears, lock your food in your vehicle at night. Use the garbage containers provided. Maintain a clean campsite. Never feed or approach bears.
- ▶ Boaters are cautioned to keep a close eye on the weather as McLeod Lake is subject to sudden, heavy winds which can transform the lake surface into dangerous whitecaps. When proceeding along the lake watch for periodic shallow spots.

Commercial Services

The neighbouring communities of Bear Lake, (58 kilometres south), and McLeod Lake, (10 kilometers north), offer food, gas, phone and accommodations.

Special Regulations

- ▶ Help protect the parkland. Enjoy Whiskers Point Provincial Park but leave it as you found it so that future visitors may also enjoy the park.
- ▶ Be extremely careful with fire. Aluminum foil placed under campstoves and barbeques will help protect the tables.
- ▶ Smaller fires save trees. In an average year, 22,000 cords of wood of 235 hectares or forest are burned in our provincial campgrounds. It takes 2,000 logging trucks to carry this much wood to the parks. Lined up, end to end, they would stretch for 50 kilometres. By reducing your firewood consumption, you help preserve both our forests and our clean air.
- ▶ Flowers, trees and shrubs are part of the park's natural heritage. Do not damage or remove them.
- ▶ Licensed motor vehicles including motorcycles, trail bikes and similar vehicles are restricted to vehicle roads and parking areas. Keep vehicles and equipment on the camp pad or driveways. Damage can be done by careless vehicle parking or equipment location. Unlicensed vehicles are prohibited in provincial parks. All terrain vehicles and snowmobiles are not permitted in the park except with special permission.
- ▶ Pets are not permitted in the day-use area and must be on a leash in all other areas of the park. Liquor is prohibited in the day-use area.
- ▶ Valid provincial angling licences are required to fish in McLeod Lake.
- ▶ For safety reasons, no firearms are permitted in the park. Whiskers Point Provincial Park is closed to hunting.

Volunteer Hosts

Campground Hosts and Backcountry Hosts are available in many provincial parks. Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer Host should contact BC Parks.

For More Information

BC Parks

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>

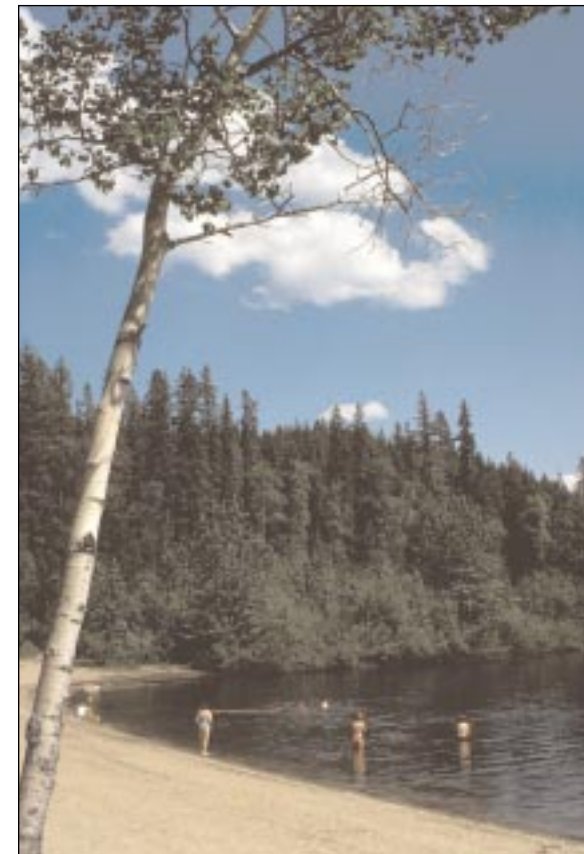


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Welcome. Whiskers Point Provincial Park provides a welcome stop-over point as well as a relaxing destination for an extended family retreat. The park lies on a peninsula reaching into historic McLeod Lake, creating seclusion and a sheltered southern exposure.

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