


# PARK MAP AND TRAIL DESCRIPTION

## THE SCENIC ROUTE HIGHWAY #263


(paved, no shoulders)

### 1 Kingfisher Trail

Moderate terrain, staircases, 13 km loop  
**Start:** 2.1 km from  on highway #263


The Kingfisher trail leads you along the southern edge of Waskesiu Lake before returning through the woods to Redwing Bay.

### 2 Shady Lake Trail

Moderate terrain, 1.7 km loop, stairs span a vertical of 45 m  
**Start:** 8 km from  on highway #263

From the viewpoint you can see Shady Lake and the Waskesiu Hills. 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.

### 3 Height-of-Land Tower

Easy/Moderate terrain, staircases, 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.


### 4 Freight Trail

Easy/moderate terrain

**Start:** There are four access points to the Freight Trail:

**4/4A:** 1.6 km down the Narrows Road and 1.4 km south on access road

**4E:** 15 km from  on highway #263

**4F:** 19 km from  on highway #263 and 1.6 km west on access road

**4G:** 29 km from  on highway #263

#### Length of Sections

**4 North Freight:** 8.6 km loop

**4A – 4B:** 4.2 km one way – East side of North Freight loop

**4B – 4C:** 1.5 km one way – This section is flooded and unmaintained

**4C – 4D:** 4.9 km one way – Beartrap Lake access: 1 km one way

**4D – 4E:** 3 km one way


**4D – 4F:** 4.2 km one way

**4F – 4G:** 10.3 km one way

From mixed woods and wild flowers to creeks and steep hills, this historic trail dates back to the late 1800s when furs and supplies were hauled between Prince Albert and La Ronge.

### 5 Spruce River Highlands Trail

Strenuous terrain, 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.

### 6 Anglin Lake Trail


Moderate terrain, 12 km one way

**Start:** 30 km from  on highway #263

An old gravel road guides you through the aspen and poplar forest and along the Spruce River.

### 7 Kinowa Trail

Moderate terrain, 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 prairie grasslands. The trail ends on the shores of Anglin Lake.

### 8 Elk Trail

Moderate/strenuous terrain, 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)

### 9 Fish Lake Trail

Moderate terrain, 12 km one way

**Start:** 11 km west of South Gate on Cookson Road

Pass several small lakes as you travel over gently rolling hills and through the aspen forest to the Fish Lake campground.

### 10 Hunters Lake Trail

Strenuous terrain, 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.

### 11 West Side Boundary Trail

Easy terrain, 37.5 km from Cookson Road to Sturgeon Crossing Picnic Area, 22 km from the picnic area to the north end of trail

**Start:** 17 km west of the South Gate on Cookson Road at Highway #240 junction

This trail provides access to the fescue grasslands and the Sturgeon Lookout Trail (1 km access) 25 km west of the Cookson Road/Highway #240.

### 12 Amyot Lake Trail

Moderate terrain, 15.5 km loop

**Start:** Sturgeon Crossing Picnic Area

Explore sedge meadows where free roaming bison range and return via the West Side Trail.

## THE NARROWS ROAD

(gravel, narrow)

### 13 Amiskowan Trail

Easy terrain, 1 km loop

**Start:** 2.3 km down the Narrows Road

The Amiskowan Trail winds through aspen forest to the edge of Amiskowan Lake. Past the lake, the trail heads up a steep hill.

### 14 Mud Creek Trail \*\*

Easy terrain, 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.

### 15 Ice Push Ridge

Easy terrain, 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.

### 16 Treebeard Trail \*\*

Moderate terrain, 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)

### 17 Waskesiu River Trail

Easy terrain, 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.

### 18 Narrows Peninsula Trail

Moderate terrain, 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.

### 19 Kingsmere River Trail

Easy terrain, stairway, 1.5 km one way

**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.

### 20 Grey Owl Trail

Moderate terrain, 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)

### 21 Boundary Bog Trail \*\*

Easy terrain, 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.

### 22 Red Deer Trail

Easy/strenuous terrain, three loops totalling 19 km

#### Red Loop

Moderate to strenuous terrain

**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

Easy terrain

**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


Easy with some strenuous terrain at the north end

**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.

### 23 Fisher Trail

Easy/moderate terrain, 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.

## FOR YOUR SAFETY:

- Register at the Visitor Centre prior to all overnight backcountry trips.
- Trails are not patrolled, ensure that you are self-reliant.
- Watch for slippery or broken boardwalk on trails.
- Respect area and trail closures.
- Wildlife encounters are possible, please use caution.

Contact the Visitor Centre for details on trails and backcountry routes.


 Washrooms

\*\* Self-Guided Brochure available at trailhead


## LEGEND:


 Hiking

 Biking

 Horseback riding

 Wheelchair access

 Viewing Tower

 Visitor Centre  
(See townsite map for location)