# Fires bring new life

The hot, dry summer of 2003 was Kootenay National Park's most active fire season in living memory. Two large, lightning-caused fires eventually merged and burned 12.6% of the park. Fire plays an important role in the life of a forest. It opens up dense old growth and turns branches, leaves and dead wood into instant fertilizer. Sun-warmed, nutrient-rich soil allows rapid re-growth of plants, providing abundant food for songbirds and wildlife. Burned but standing trees are havens for insects, which feed woodpeckers and many other small creatures. These snags also provide shelter, nesting sites and perches for a wide variety of wildlife species. Already, a new forest has been born within the blackened timber of the fires of 2003.

## LEGEND

- Park information centre
- Point of interest
- Warden office
- Exhibit
- Disabled access
- Viewpoint
- Hot springs
- Hiking
- Cross-country skiing
- Canoeing
- Campground
- Picnic tables
- Picnic shelter
- Hostel
- Accommodation
- Sani-dump
- Trail

**EMERGENCY - 24 hr**

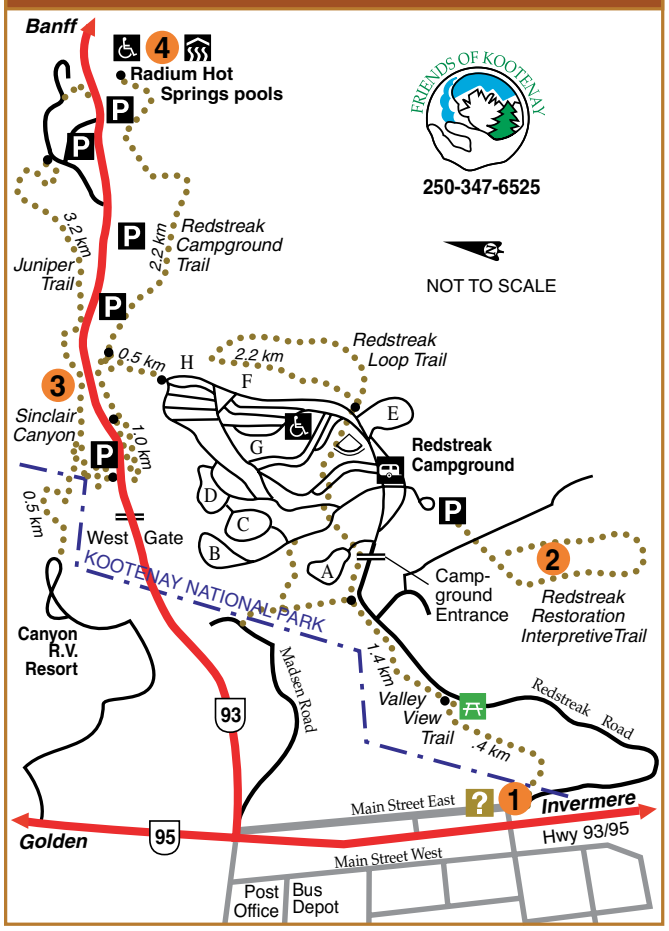
Ambulance, fire RCMP (Police) **911**

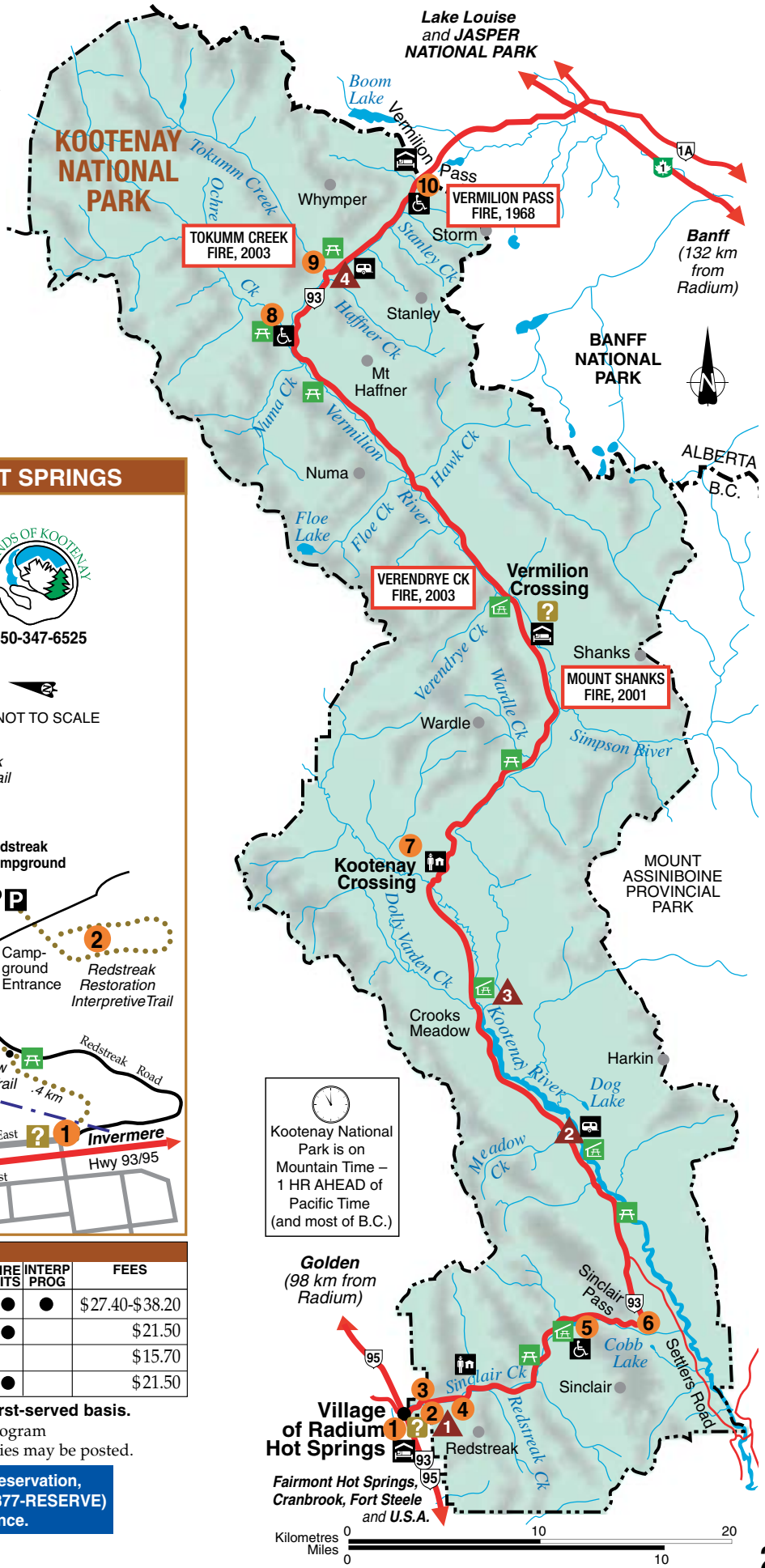
WARDENS 403-762-4506

**AREA CODE 250**

Warden offices 250-347-9361

## VILLAGE OF RADIUM HOT SPRINGS




## KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK CAMPGROUNDS

| | OPEN DATES | # SITES | FULL H-U | ELEC ONLY | FLUSH TOILET | DRY TOILET | SHOW-ERS | SANI DUMP | DIS ACC | FIRE PITS | INTERP PROG | FEES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Redstreak | May 9 - Oct. 8 | 242 | 50 | 38 | ● | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | $27.40-$38.20 |
| 2 McLeod Meadows | May 30 - Sep. 5 | 98 | | | ● | | | ● | ● | ● | | $21.50 |
| 3 Dolly Varden (winter) | Sept. 3 - May 18 | 7 | | | | ● | | | ● | | | $15.70 |
| 4 Marble Canyon | June 20 - Sept. 5 | 61 | | | ● | | | ● | | ● | | $21.50 |

**Open dates are weather dependent. Arrive early - sites assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.**
**FULL H-U** = full hook-up • **DIS ACC** = disabled access • **INTERP PROG** = Interpretive program
**FIRE PERMIT REQUIRED** where fireboxes and firewood are provided. Boil water advisories may be posted.

**CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS** can be made for the BLUE campgrounds. To make a reservation, visit the 24-hour web service at www.pccamping.ca or dial toll free 1-877-737-3783 (1-877-RESERVE) (12 hr/day) TTY: 1-866-787-6221. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.