



Park Background


Bowron Lake Provincial Park is a magnificent wilderness of 149,207 hectares. The park is famous for its unique six to ten day Canoe Circuit encompassing ten lakes, numerous waterways and connecting portages - a perfect adventure for outdoor enthusiasts!


Bowron Lake, established in 1961, was named for John Bowron, the first Gold Commissioner of nearby Barkerville. Closed to hunting since 1925, the park is a wildlife sanctuary.


Visitor Services

 Seven shared use cabins are located on the circuit and are intended for emergency use or for drying out. Always be prepared to camp.

 Pit toilets are located throughout the park and at each campsite on the circuit.


 Emergency radios and staff patrol cabins are strategically located around the circuit.


 Drinking water is available in the vehicle accessible campground. On the Canoe Circuit, drinking water must be packed in or collected from natural sources; water must be boiled, treated or filtered.


 A gravel boat launch is located at the north end of Bowron Lake near the private lodges. A canoe landing dock is available at the main campground.



Things To Do

 Hiking on the Canoe Circuit is limited to the portages and a short trail to view the impressive 24 metre Cariboo Falls.

 Many lakes on the Circuit have beautiful, sandy beaches, and a few of the smaller lakes are warm enough for swimming in the summer.

 Lakes and rivers have bull trout, kokanee, rainbow and lake trout. The best fishing is in June and September. Fishing licences are required.

Enjoy Your Stay

Park regulations protect the natural state of the park and ensure a quality experience for all visitors.

- One-burner gas stoves are recommended for all cooking on Canoe Circuit. Don't rely on open fire.
- Use designated camping sites only.
- Domestic pets are prohibited on Canoe Circuit.
- Commercial beverage containers (bottles and cans) are prohibited on the Canoe Circuit.
- Electronics with external speakers are prohibited on the Canoe Circuit.
- Firearms prohibited in the park.

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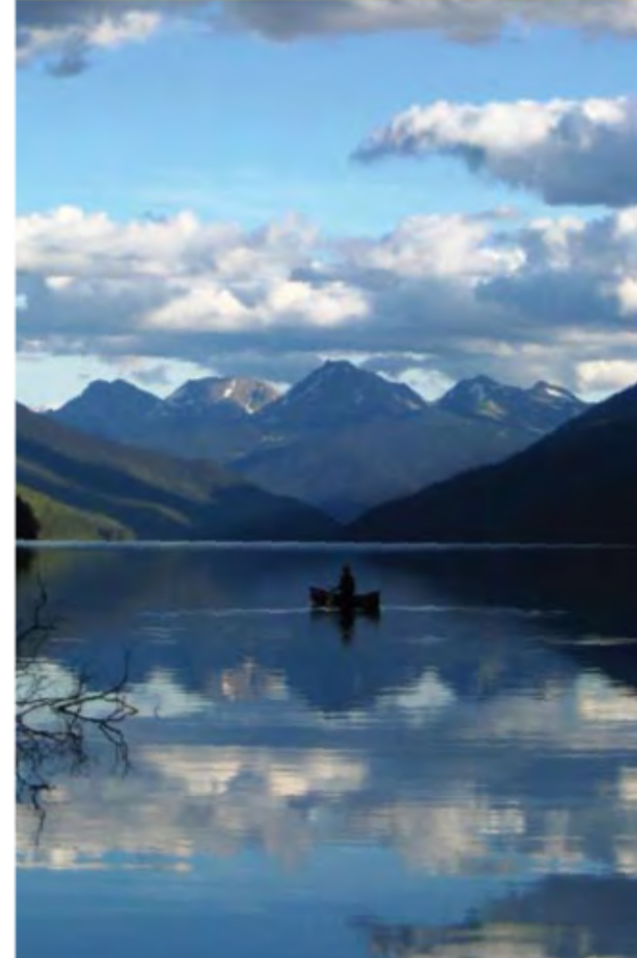
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Park Map and Information Guide



Welcome to Bowron Lake Provincial Park

Canoe Circuit Description

Registration Centre to Isaac Lake begins with a 2.4 km portage to Kibbee Lake. Followed by short paddle leading to the 2 km portage to Indianpoint Lake. The far end of Indianpoint Lake is marshy, but a marked channel leads to a slough and the 2 km portage trail to Isaac Lake.

Registration to Kibbee Lake Portage	2.4 km
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Kibbee Lake to Indianpoint Lake Portage	2.0 km
Indianpoint Lake	6.4 km
Indianpoint Lake to Isaac Lake Portage	1.6 km

Isaac Lake and River to McLeary Lake

Isaac Lake is a large lake that is susceptible to high winds and rough water. Near the south end of Isaac Lake, land at the portage marker sign to carefully study the chute on Isaac River. It is fast moving and inexperienced paddlers should portage around it. This part of Isaac River is navigable for only about 400 metres; the portage is indicated by a sign on the left side of the large pool above the foaming cascades.

From the end of the Isaac River portage, paddle to a log jam above Isaac River Falls. The short portage to McLeary Lake starts on the right bank of the river above the log jam.

Isaac Lake (west arm)	6.8 km
Isaac Lake (main arm)	31.2 km
Isaac River Portage	2.8 km
McLeary Lake	1.2 km

Caution to Visitors

Wash dishes, clothes and yourself at least 50 m from lakes and streams. Dump used water into pit toilets. Out on the Canoe Circuit, you must use a reliable method of water purification, as no potable water is provided. Either boil drinking water for at least two minutes or use a commercial water filter effective against Giardia (beaver fever).

McLeary Lake to Unna Lake

After an easy paddle on McLeary Lake be alert that navigating the Cariboo River requires care and attention. Submerged dead heads and sweepers are the main hazards. Travel close to the north shore of Lanezi Lake where campsites provide safe landing spots in high winds.

Below Sandy Lake follow the Cariboo River and watch carefully on the left for the narrow entrance to Unna Lake.

Do not proceed down-river past this point. The 24-metre high Cariboo Falls entice most visitors to walk to the viewpoint along the trail that starts on the southwest shore of Unna Lake.

Cariboo River (see caution information)	5.2 km
Lanezi Lake	14.8 km
Cariboo River	1.2 km
Sandy Lake	4.8 km
Cariboo River to Babcock Creek	3.6 km
Cariboo River; Babcock Creek to Unna Lake	0.4 km



Unna Lake to Bowron Lake

From Unna Lake, backtrack about 400 m up the Cariboo River to a sign indicates the mouth of Babcock Creek. Use the 1.2 km portage trail along the west shore of Babcock Creek. Do not line canoes through the creek. The next two short portages are the last on the Circuit. At the north end of Swan Lake, follow markers to the Bowron River.

Babcock Creek Portage	1.2 km
Babcock Lake	2.8 km
Babcock Lake to Skoi Lake Portage	0.4 km
Skoi Lake	0.8 km
Skoi Lake to Spectacle Lake Portage	0.4 km
Spectacle/Swan Lake to Bowron River	12.8 km
Bowron River	4.0 km
Bowron Lake	7.2 km

Total Portages 10.8
Total Distance 116.4

Site #	*Tent Spots	Site #	Tent Spots	Site #	Tent Spots	Site #	Tent Spots
1	4	15a	4	28	6	41	G-5
2	G	16	3	29	G-5	42	G-7
3	6	17	2	30	2	43	3
4	4	18	2	31	1	44	5
5	3	19	2	32	2	45	2
6	6(4/2)	20	2	33	G-6	46	4
7	G-7	21	G-6	34	7	47	G-6
8	2	21a	5	35	1	48	9
9	2	22	2	36	1	49	3
10	2	23	5	37	2	50	G-6
11	2	24	3	37a	5	51	4
12	2	25	3	38	5	52	2
14	G-7	26	5	39	4	53	5
15	5	27	2	40	13	54	4

*Tent spots are approximate; G denote Group Camping.
All sites provide bear caches, pit toilets and fire rings.