

Beauvais Lake Provincial Park



Avoid Wildlife Encounters

Wildlife is extremely sensitive to the stress of human activity. The following basic practices will help you avoid encounters with all types of wildlife such as bears, cougars, elk and moose:

- **Closures** due to wildlife are to prevent unnecessary people-wildlife conflicts. Respect all trail and area closures; closures are legally binding.
- **Never forget that all park animals are wild** and can become aggressive if they feel threatened.
- **All wildlife.** Respect these animals and give them their distance.
- **Keep your distance;** 30 m from most animals and at least 100 m from carnivores such as bears, cougars, wolves.
- **Make noise!** Let bears know you're in the area. Call out, clap hands, sing, talk loudly or shout "Yo bear!" so that you don't surprise them - especially near streams, dense vegetation and berry patches, on windy days, and in areas of low visibility. Some research shows that bear bells are not enough.
- **Watch for fresh bear sign.** Tracks, droppings, diggings, torn-up logs and turned-over rocks are all signs that a bear has been in the area. Leave the area if the signs are fresh.
- **Keep your dog on a leash at all times** or leave it at home. Dogs can provoke defensive behaviour in bears and other large animals.
- **Larger size groups** are less likely to have a serious bear encounter. We recommend hiking together in a group of four or more.
- **Never** let small or young children wander unsupervised.
- **Never** approach a bear.
- **Use** officially marked paths and trails and travel during daylight hours; avoid hiking at night.
- If you come across large dead animals, leave the area immediately and report it to a Conservation Officer.

Beauvais Lake is like a gem in the Crown of the Continent.

The montane subregion of the Rocky Mountain Natural Region protects rare and diverse ecosystems and wildlife, including species at risk like the northern leopard frog. The park provides opportunities for recreation, education and enjoyment of this amazing landscape. From summer birdwatching, to fishing, hiking and mountain biking, the 30 km of trails provide plenty of room to explore the park. The campground has both basic and powered sites available. In the winter ice fishing, limited camping, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are available.

Natural hazards from weather and rough terrain occur throughout the backcountry areas. Hikers should be aware of these hazards and accept these risks as part of their backcountry/outdoor experience.

All parts of Beauvais Lake Provincial Park and the surrounding area are prime wildlife habitat, frequented by large ungulates such as elk, moose, cougars, wolves, black bears and grizzly bears.

Stay Safe and Enjoy the Trail

Be Prepared

- All outdoor activities involve some risk. When you are in the backcountry, you must take responsibility for your personal safety. Find out about the natural hazards so you can avoid them and have a plan to deal with them if you need to.
- Weather conditions can change rapidly in this area. Make sure your plans are flexible in case severe weather or other natural hazards make it necessary to alter your schedule.
- Download from the web site, or ask staff for a copy of "Bear Smart" and "Living with Cougars" brochures.
- Advise someone at home of your route and when you intend to be home.

- Report any wildlife sightings, encounters or unusual observations to park staff.
- Find out more about wildlife in SW Alberta, go to albertaparks.ca, talk to park staff or read books on the subject.



Trail Descriptions

Aspen Trail

Aspen and grassland; level trail ends at North Shore day use.

Access: across from the boat launch; 930 m one way.

Baldy Trail

Steep forest trail, ending in high meadow at Mount Baldy viewpoint.

Access: where Conifer Heights Trail joins Homestead Trail. elevation gain = 110 m; 770 m one way.

- Leave a note on the dashboard of your vehicle or in your campsite noting your intended destination and expected return time.
- Take along a map, compass and a basic survival kit (flashlight, extra high energy food, water, warm clothing, first aid kit, rain gear, and a tool kit if skiing.) Bear spray is recommended.
- Firearms are not permitted in Beauvais Lake Provincial Park.

While on the Trail

- Stay on trails. Shortcutting between trail switchbacks damages the soil and plant life. This ruins the look of an area and makes it vulnerable to further damage by erosion. Staying on the trail is even more important when soils are wet and more easily damaged.
- Use bridges whenever possible. Streams can be dangerous.
- Stay off frozen lakes and streams in the early fall and late spring.
- Do not litter. If you pack it in — pack it out.

Pets

- Pets are **allowed in Alberta's Provincial Parks and Protected Areas.**
- Dogs must be **kept on a leash, no more than 2m in length**, in campgrounds and day use areas and on trails.
- Respect other trail users. Keep your dog under control at all times
- Please pick up after your pets.
- Please ensure your dog doesn't bark excessively.

Garbage

- By law, you are responsible for everything you take into the backcountry and this includes garbage. Litter in the backcountry is unsightly and hazardous. Animals may be injured by scavenging on garbage left lying around.



- Do not dispose of garbage in composting toilets—it may attract animals.
- We appreciate your help in packing out any litter you find along the trail.

Collecting Natural or Cultural Objects

- It is unlawful to disturb, damage or remove any natural or cultural resources within a provincial park. Leave rocks, fossils, horns, antlers, wildflowers, nests and all other natural or historical objects as you found them for others to enjoy.

Christy Mines Trail

Rolling, steep sections, nice views.

Access: along South Shore Trail and Mount Albert Trail junction; 2 km one way.

Cutline Trail

Steady climb towards Piney Point.

Access: east loop of Mount Albert Trail or just north of Piney Point Viewpoint; 615 m one way.

Elkwoods Trail

Some steep sections, gradual climb, in trees.

Access: Beaver Creek day use. 830 m one way.

Conifer Heights Trail

Hilly forest trail.

Access: 600 m west of playground in campground, along north loop of Homestead Trail; 935 m one way.

Chipman Creek Trail

Level walking to boardwalk and South Shore Trail at SE end.

Access: Scott's Point parking; 1.8 km one way to boardwalk.

Homestead Trail

Partially rolling, steep sections, past Beaver Ponds and historic homesteads.

Access: playground in the campground. 4.3 km loop.

Piney Point Trail

Switchbacks, steep walking in forest and grassland to viewpoint.

Access: Beaver Creek day use; 1.39 km one way.

Mount Albert Backcountry Loop Trail

Steep sections, rocky, scrambling, natural surface.

Access: Beaver Creek day use; elevation gain 250 m; 7.0 km loop.



Be Wildlife Smart

Beauvais Lake contains important habitat for many species. You may encounter grizzly and black bears, cougars, moose and elk. All wildlife can be unpredictable and precautions should be taken when in their habitat.

- Store all attractants, such as food, garbage and pet food, in a secure bear/wildlife proof container.
- Stay well back from bears and other large species.
- Avoid surprise encounters on trails by making noise.
- Keep children close to adults.
- Carry bear spray and learn how to use and store it safely.
- Pets must be kept on a leash (2 metres) or in a cage, supervised and under physical control at all times. Please clean up after your pet.



Contact

Campsite and Group Camping

Reservations
Web: shop.albertaparks.ca
Phone: 1-877-537-2757

Provincial Parks Visitor Information

Web: albertaparks.ca
Phone: 1-877-537-2757

Illegal Activity/Public Safety (24/7)

Phone: 310-LAND (5263)

Fire Bans in Alberta

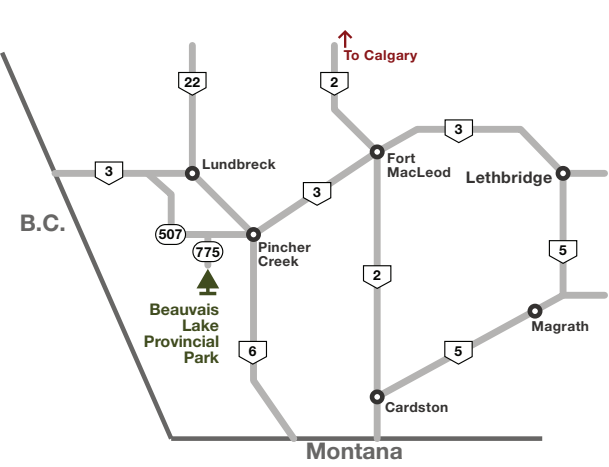
Web: albertaparks.ca/firebans

Report a Forest Fire

Toll Free: 310-FIRE (3473)

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

Phone: 911



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Roller Coaster Trail

Steep through forest ending in high meadow, great view (joins Homestead Trail at top).

Access: outhouse next to campsite 63 in campground; 265 m one way.

Scott's Point Trail

Level walking.

Access: Scott's Point parking; 1 km loop.

South Shore Trail

Level, narrow trail, shade and lake view, some wet areas at SE end.

Access: Beaver Creek day use; 3 km one way.

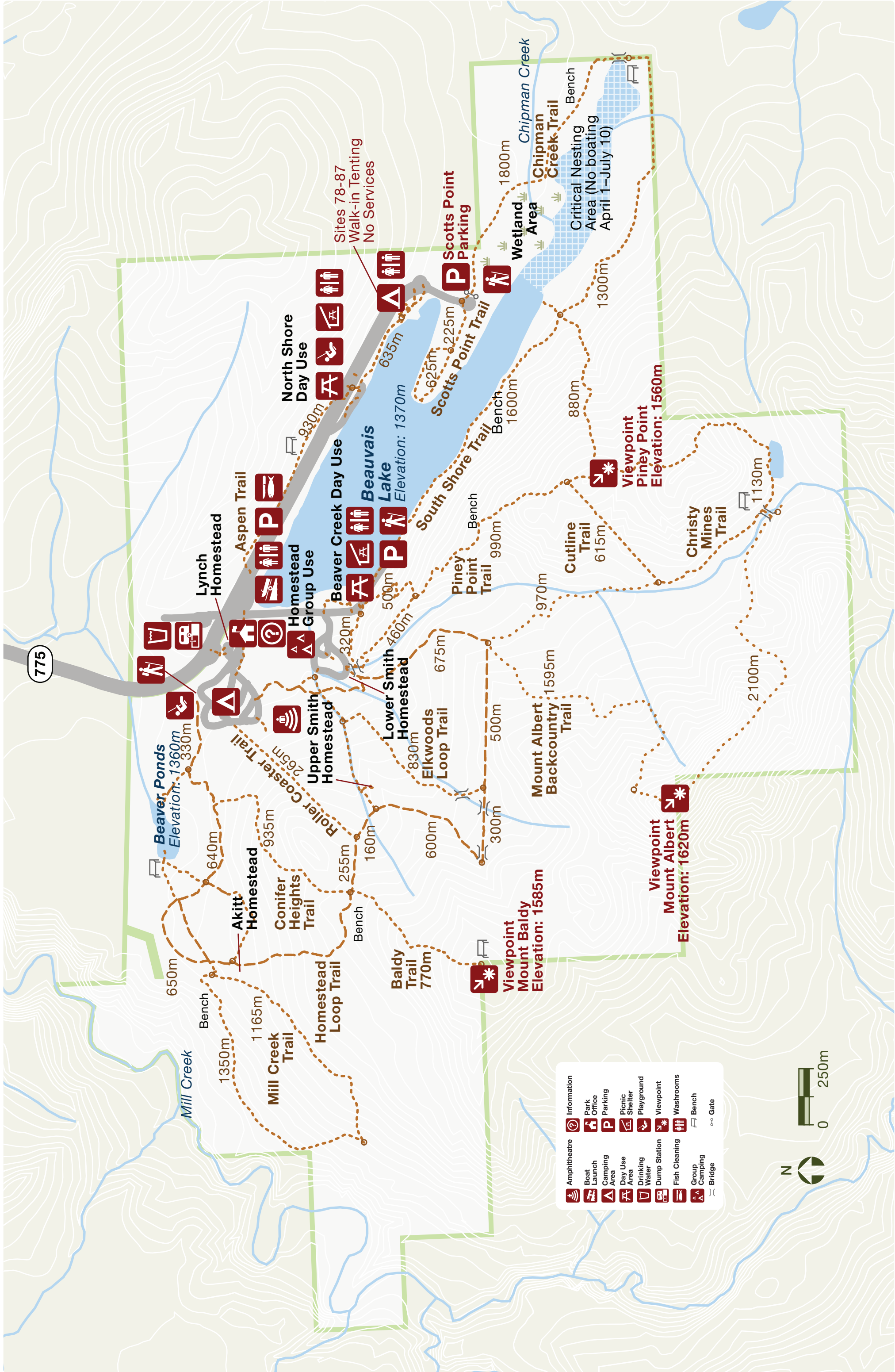
Camping

Beauvais Lake has walk-in tenting, a group camp, power and non-power campsites. All sites are reserved through reserve.albertaparks.ca or by calling 1-877-537-2757 during the peak season.

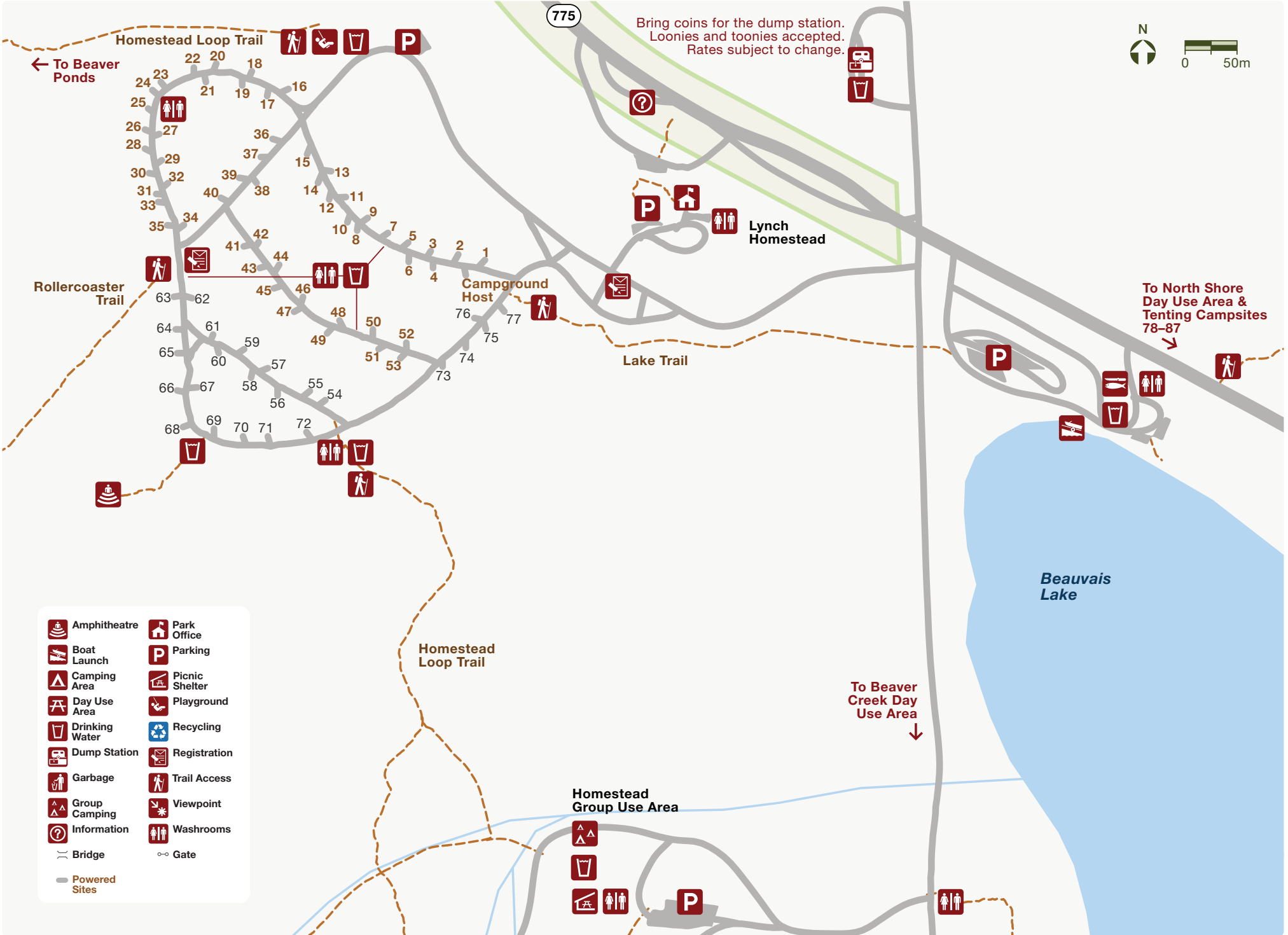
Walk-in tenting provides a more rustic camping opportunity where you can find lake view sites with a campfire pit, bear proof storage lockers and a picnic table at each site. Parking is found above the sites and a pathway leads down to the campsites.

The Homestead Group Camp is located by the Beaver Creek Day Use and can accommodate up to 21 units.

Winter Camping is available on a first come, first served basis with some power sites being available. Come prepared for all conditions.



Beauvais Lake Park Map



Beauvais Lake Campground Map

Winter Use

Beauvais Lake is a wonderful park for ice fishing, snow shoeing, cross country skiing , winter birding and camping. There are usually a limited amount of campsites available to those who want to brave the cold, access can not be guaranteed as we are not always able to clear the snow. Weather conditions are variable, so campers may need to be flexible with what recreation to expect in the winter. For information on winter camping, cross country ski and snowshoe trails, visit albertaparks.ca and type in "Beauvais Lake Provincial Park".



Education Programs

For information on field studies, video conferencing and winter recreational programs, check albertaparks.ca and click on "Education" or email swparks@gov.ab.ca.

