

WELCOME

Established in June of 2000, Jackman Flats Provincial Park was created to preserve the unique sand dune landscape and the plant species which thrive in this dry environment.

The complex of sand dunes, thought to date from the last ice age, was long known as Starvation Flats because of the sparse vegetation. In the early 1990s, the development of the area for community recreational use intensified the realization that the ecosystem was very fragile and that protective measures must be established.

Jackman Flats covers a 615 hectare area of flat to rolling terrain with very sandy soils. Of the more than 100 dunes located within the park, some are stabilized and treed, but more than half of the dunes are subject to ongoing change.

Forest cover consists mainly of stunted lodgepole pine with the occasional spruce or aspen in moist depressions. While low moisture and nutrient levels impede forest cover growth, other plants have adapted to the environment. Species include dozens of lichens, mosses, mushrooms, grasses and other plants. Three species of lichen, one of which is not found in any other areas of the province, are considered endangered.

Jackman Flats Provincial Park is also home to mammals such as moose, deer, coyotes, and martens. Close to 40 species of birds have been positively identified in the park.

A number of hiking trails have been developed in Jackman Flats Park. Visitors have the opportunity to take short walks geared to viewing the unique plant species, or take longer hikes through a variety of sand dune terrains.

The fragile nature of the environment creates a challenge in the attempt to balance recreation and conservation within the park. With careful planning, education, and active participation by visitors in conservation efforts, Jackman Flats Provincial Park can be preserved for many future generations to enjoy.

ACTIVITIES



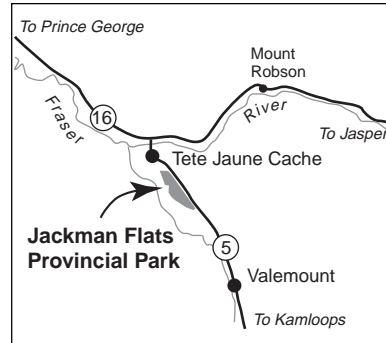
Summer activities include hiking, observing and studying flora, and photography.



Winter activities include cross-country skiing.

HOW TO GET TO THE PARK

Jackman Flats Provincial Park is located north of Valemount near the junction of Highway 5 and Highway 16. The parking area is located approximately 10 kilometres north of Valemount.



SPECIAL MESSAGE

Jackman Flats Park is a fragile and easily impacted ecosystem, so please help us protect it.

- ▶ Stay on existing trails only. Look, but don't damage natural objects.
- ▶ The harvesting of pine mushrooms within the park is prohibited.
- ▶ Keep your dog on a leash at all times.
- ▶ Motorized vehicles of any type are not permitted in the park.
- ▶ Camping is not allowed within this protected area; however, visitors will find a variety of motels and campgrounds located nearby.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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



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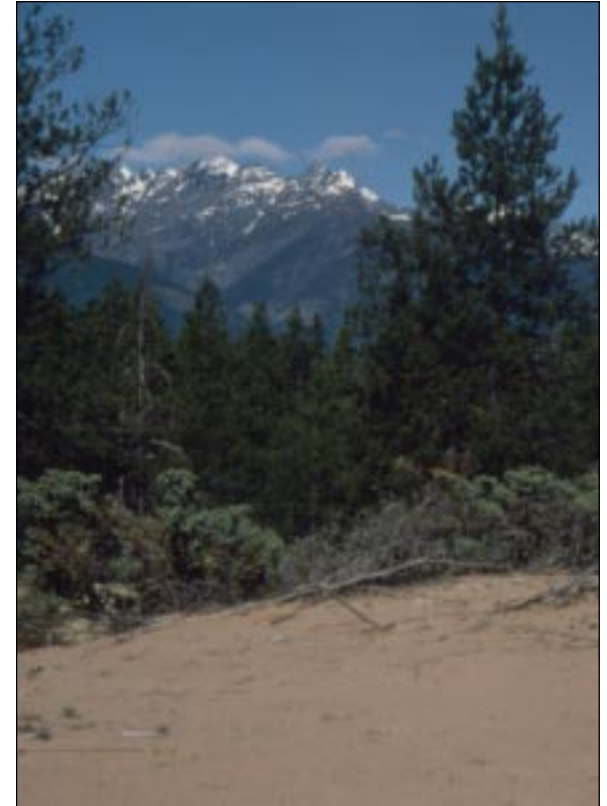


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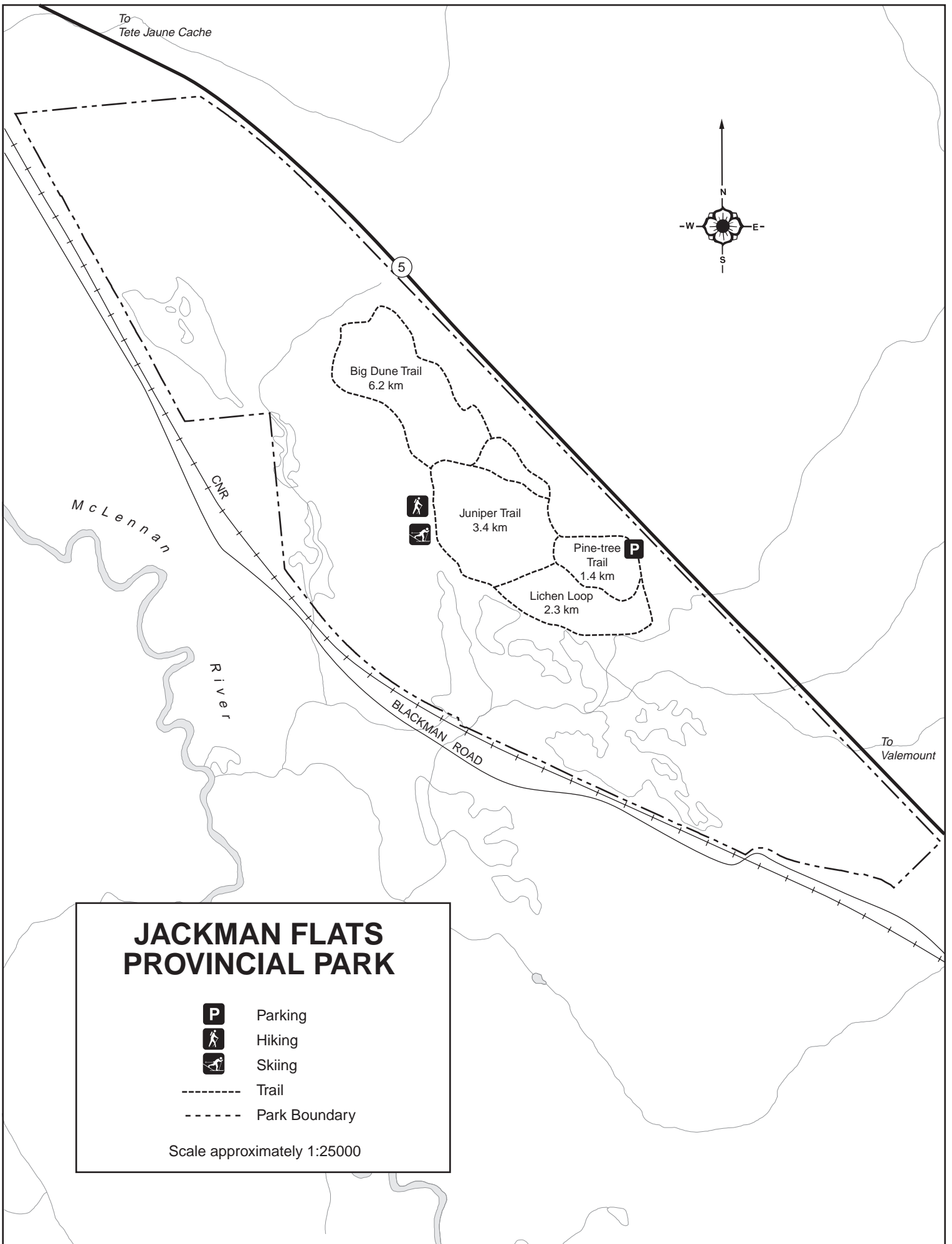
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PROVINCIAL PARK



Sand dunes, rare plant communities and provincially significant lichen colonies thrive in the dry landscape found in Jackman Flats Provincial Park. As one of Robson Valley's newest protected areas, the park offers excellent opportunities for observation and study of a wide variety of plant life.

Robson Valley



JACKMAN FLATS PROVINCIAL PARK

-  Parking
-  Hiking
-  Skiing
-  Trail
-  Park Boundary

Scale approximately 1:25000