

Nation Lakes Park was established in 2004 as a result of the Fort St. James Land Resource Management Plan. The Park is located approximately 260 km northwest of Prince George. The chain of lakes connected by the Nation River provides a peaceful and remote wilderness canoe route for paddlers. The Carrier people have lived here and travelled this route for centuries, and continue to do so.

The park encompasses Tsayta and Indata lakes plus several small parcels of land on Tchentlo and Chuchi lakes. All four lakes are connected by the Nation River, and together provide a 120 km long wilderness canoe route. Facilities in the park and along the route are rustic, and on some lakes you will find both Provincial Park campsites and Forest Service Recreation campsites (FSR sites are also called British Columbia campsites), which are managed under separate jurisdictions. Tsayta Lodge is the only commercial operation currently providing accommodations in the park.

Canoe access by road is provided at four locations. These are at the northwest end of Tsayta Lake, the southeast end of Chuchi Lake, the north side of Chuchi Lake and the north end of Tchentlo Lake.

HOW TO GET TO THE PARK

Contact the local BC Forest Service office for information on logging activity and road conditions from Fort St. James. Drive with caution as you may encounter logging trucks and heavy equipment.

To access the northwest end of Tsayta Lake drive west on Highway 16 from Prince George and near Vanderhoof, head north on Highway 27 to Fort St James. Take the Tachie Highway for 40 km to the Leo Creek Forest Service Road (FSR), following the Leo Creek FSR for 68 km to the Driftwood FSR. Take the Driftwood FSR for 54.5 km to the Fall-Tsayta FSR. Turn right and drive approximately 5 km.

To access the southeast end of Chuchi Lake take the Germansen Landing North road from Fort St. James for 100 km and travel west at the junction before the Nation River bridge for approximately 10 km.

To access the north side of Chuchi Lake continue on over the Nation River Bridge and travel west on the Germansen-Indata Road for approximately 18 km.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Plan your trip carefully. Be self sufficient and be fully prepared for bad weather.

All campsites in the park and along the route are user-maintained. Please pack out your garbage and do not leave fires unattended. Visitors are encouraged to use one-burner gas stoves for cooking.

Be bear aware. Store food where bears cannot reach it, and do not keep food in your tent.

During summer months the river may not be accessible by motor boat due to shallow water. At any time of year there may also be hazards in the river associated with log jams and fallen trees.

During May and June, flooding may cause some campsites to be inaccessible.

Be cautious of strong winds on the lakes and consider paddling near the shoreline.

Fishing and hunting are permitted in accordance with BC Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations and the Hunting and Trapping Regulations. You must carry a valid fishing or hunting license.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**Tsayta
Lake
Lodge**

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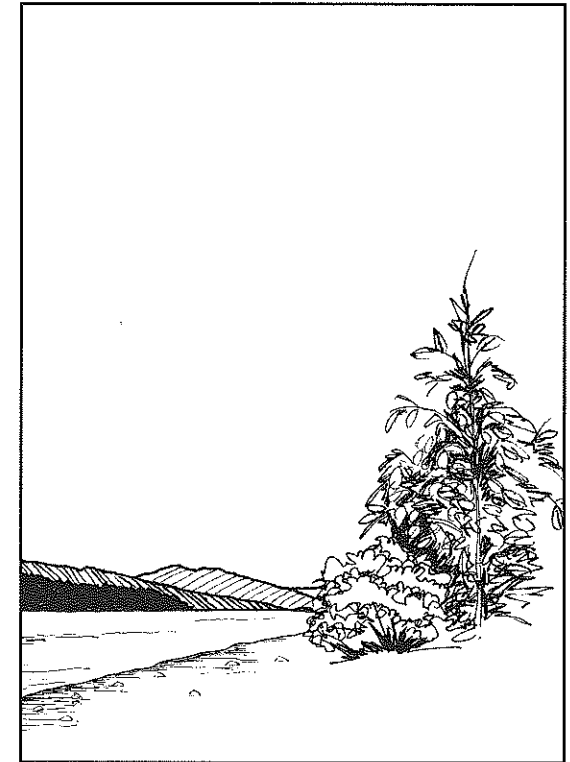
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Nation Lakes

PROVINCIAL PARK



Nation Lakes is a renowned canoe route, offering canoeists a 120 kilometre route through four beautiful lakes - Tsayta, Indata, Tchentlo and Chuchi. The lakes are connected by the Nation River, which drains into the Arctic watershed. Canoeing the entire lake chain takes between five and ten days, depending on how quickly you travel. Rustic campsites provide the perfect place to rest and enjoy the amazing sunsets at the end of your day.

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