



# Wells Gray

## Clearwater/Azure Marine Guide

P R O V I N C I A L P A R K



Welcome. Clearwater and Azure Lakes, each 25 km long, are glacier fed and icy cold, even on the warmest afternoon. These are managed as wilderness lakes with limited facilities so please plan to be self sufficient.

Thompson Region

### Special Messages

The boat launch is located at the south end of Clearwater Lake, 71 km from Highway 5 in Clearwater. The road is paved to 43 km with further 28 km of well-maintained gravel road leading to the boat launch.

Marine camping permits are purchased from the self-registration system at the boat launch. Please keep your receipt as proof of payment.

The river joining the lakes is navigable, but may contain unmarked obstructions. Strong currents require a minimum of 9.9 hp engines. First-time visitors should check the map at the boat launch to learn the safe boating channel.

Canoeists heading for Azure must use the .5 km portage indicated on the map. As the south access to the portage lies within the river channel, strong paddling ability during high water in June and July may be required.

Boaters are advised the Clearwater and Azure lakes are subject to short, violent storms with high winds and large waves.

In order to maintain the wilderness atmosphere and protect the natural resources, we ask that you observe the following regulations.

- Use of personal water craft is prohibited on Clearwater and Azure Lakes
- Camp only in designated campsites as indicated on the map.
- Firewood can be purchased from the Park Facility Operator.  
Do not cut live or dead trees.
- Observe the "pack it in, pack it out" rule for garbage.
- Bear proof food caches are provided; please use them.
- Do not pump bilges near campsites.
- Do not leave your boat's engine idling while near campsites.

Boating is prohibited downstream of the boating boundary markers at the south end of Clearwater Lake. This regulation is a safety measure due to waterfalls at the outflow of the lake.

Daily catch limit is 2 fish per angler. Fishing below the fishing boundary markers south of the boat launch is closed until July 16.

### Bears

Responsible behavior and conduct will prevent bears from becoming conditioned to people and will help prevent potentially dangerous bear/human encounters. For your personal safety, observe and obey warning signs and notices. Specific areas of the park may be closed at any time during periods of high bear hazard.

If fishing from your boat, please clean fish where you catch them and leave the remains in the lake. If fishing from shore, burn the remains in your campfire. Carelessly discarded fish remains will attract bears to your campsite.

### Things To Do

Wildlife is generally sparse in these dense forests, but you may be so fortunate as to see bear, moose, squirrels, and pine marten. Caribou and deer have been spotted swimming across the lakes. Birds frequently seen near Clearwater and Azure Lakes include osprey, eagle, merganser, and grouse.

Fishing for rainbow trout is popular here, with the most successful areas being at either end of both lakes as well as creek mouths such as Barella Creek and Angus Horne Creek.

Three main trails lead away from these lakes to wilderness destinations. Note: times and distances are for **one way** only.

**Hobson Lake Route:** The trailhead lies within the river channel between Clearwater and Azure Lakes on the western bank. This is an unmaintained route, however, a strong hiker will make the 15 km hike to the southern end of Hobson Lake within 7 hours. A bridge crossing no longer exists at Lick-skillet Creek, however, the river may be forded during low flow periods.

**Huntley Col Route:** From 4 1/2 Mile Campsite on the north shore of Azure Lake, a hike of 4 km with a 1300m elevation gain will take experienced hikers approximately 5 hours.

**Divers Bluff Route:** From Divers Bluff campsite hike a short but steep trail, 1.5 km in length, to a viewpoint overlooking Clearwater Lake.

Grizzly bears and black bears are common in Wells Gray Park and are an important part of the park's ecosystem. An objective of BC Parks is to protect the bear population and habitat while providing a safe, quality experience for park visitors.

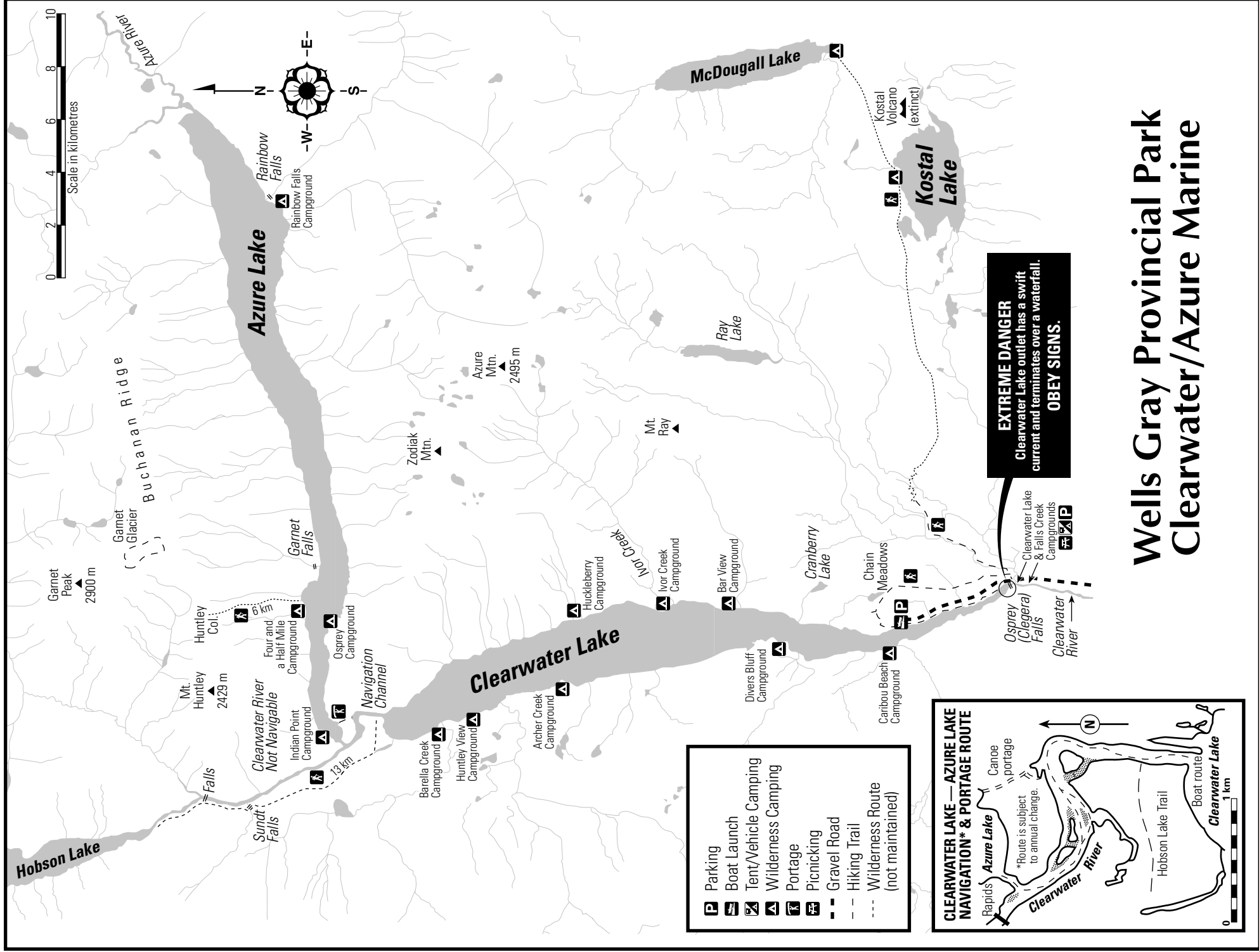
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BC Parks, Thompson Region  
<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>



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**EXTREME DANGER**  
Clearwater Lake outlet has a swift current and terminates over a waterfall.  
**OBEY SIGNS.**

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