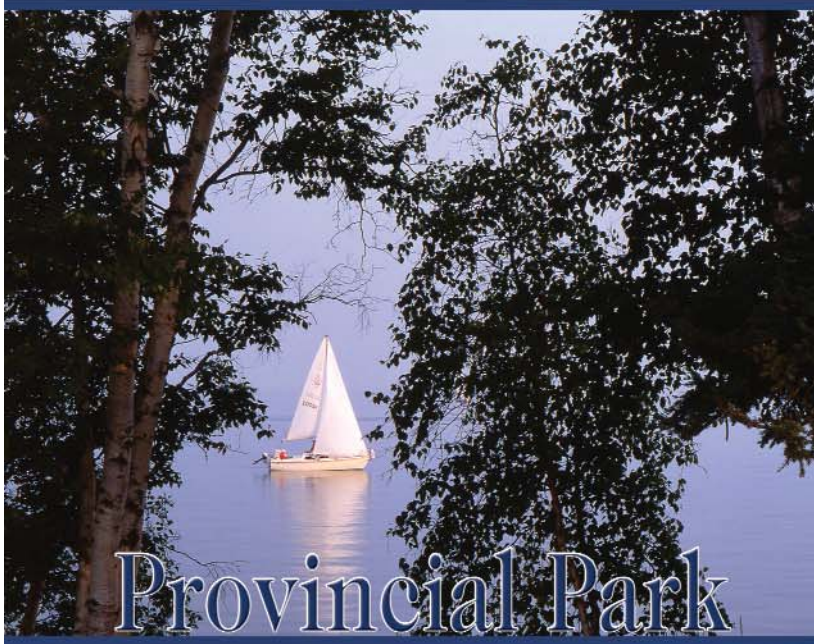


Welcome to Cold Lake



Birders Paradise



Medley River Beach



.....most amazing outdoor playground

Located roughly three hours northeast of Edmonton, just 3 kilometres northeast of the beautiful City of Cold Lake, Cold Lake Provincial Park is situated in a transition zone between parkland to the south and true boreal forest to the north. Along the south shore of Cold Lake, the park contains a diverse landscape of marshes, swamps and shrub communities that provides habitat for numerous bird species; one of the largest western grebe colonies in Alberta nests in this area. Cold Lake's north shore has some of the finest sand beaches in the province, and the spruce and pine forests that grow in the Martineau River valley are home to numerous large and small mammals.

Cold Lake itself is one of Alberta's largest lakes. Despite its name, the lake's depth actually creates a thermal basin that prevents ice from forming until well into December; this feature extends the area's birding season significantly.

On beautiful summer days, visitors to Cold Lake Provincial Park can wander the lakeshore and watch sailboats skimming across the water. The appeal of this boreal forest park is irresistible, drawing visitors to its towering spruce and pine forests, sand beaches and incredible northern sunsets.

Peace Park

On October 8, 1992 Cold Lake Provincial Park was designated a Peace Park. In recognition of Canada's 125th anniversary and our country's commitment to world peace, a 12-tree "peace grove" was planted in the park. These trees represent Canada's provinces and territories; they symbolize the life, creativity and hope for the future that can thrive in a peaceful world.

Park Activities

Camping

The park's 117-unit campground is equipped with coin-operated showers, treated water, flush toilets, firepits, a playground, boat launch & fish cleaning facilities, and a sewage disposal station. Fifty-four of the park's campsites have power hook-ups and there are 12 walk-in tenting sites as well. The campground's washrooms are wheelchair-accessible. The lush vegetation between campsites assures a secluded and private stay.

There's also a group use area in the park that is ideal for school groups, family gatherings and other special events; **available by reservation only** (call 780-639-3341). **Please note: there is no winter camping in the park.**

Birding

One of the richest birding areas in Alberta is located around Cold Lake. The park's diverse natural landscapes provide habitat for more than 250 bird species. Breeding wood warblers, yellow rails, sedge wrens, flycatchers, thrushes, vireos, chestnut-sided warblers, Canada warblers, mourning warblers, great black-backed gulls, and numerous waterfowl species are found here. In winter there are blue jays, chickadees, evening grosbeaks, and a variety of owls and woodpeckers.



As well, pine grosbeaks; redpolls

and snowy owls actually fly "south" to spend their winters in the area. The best birding in the park is during the last two weeks in May and first two weeks in June.

Wildlife Viewing

Wildlife species in the Cold Lake area include moose, white-tailed and mule deer, beaver, coyote, lynx, black bear, muskrat, red fox, mink, river otter and porcupine. The viewing platforms located around Hall's Lagoon are great for year-round wildlife viewing.

Fishing

With 24 species of fish, Cold Lake has the highest number of fish species of any lake in Alberta and provides excellent sport fishing. Try your luck at catching lake trout, northern pike, walleye, perch or burbot.

Trails

Hike, bike or stroll the 9 kilometres of well-maintained trails that wind through the park's picturesque boreal forest. Informal trails located in the more remote northern portion of the park are not regularly maintained. Visitors are advised to contact the park office for information about conditions on these trails.

Winter activities include:

Cross-country skiing - the park's 13 kilometres of packed and groomed trails make for an invigorating ski on crisp winter days. Contact the park office for up-to-date trail conditions.

Snowshoeing - let your tracks become part of the park's winter scenery. If your route follows the cross-country ski trails, please stay on the packed edge to prevent damage to tracks.

Ice fishing - for pike, perch, walleye, lake trout and burbot.

Downhill skiing - Kinosoo Ridge Snow Resort is located adjacent to the park on French Bay.

Kinosoo Ridge boasts natural and machine made snow, a triple chairlift, T-bar operations and ten challenging runs. It is considered one of the best flatland ski areas in western Canada. After a day on the hill you can relax in the chalet.

Note: use of snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles is not permitted in the park.

Points of Interest

- Cold Lake Marina is one of Canada's largest non-maritime marinas. It has berths for 250 vessels, boat rentals, fishing licence and tackle sales, water skis and other recreational equipment, and a café. The marina is surrounded by a large promenade that is ideal for a leisurely stroll and for viewing sailboats as they make their way out to open water. Located near the marina is the Lakeshore Business District where you can purchase crafts, collectibles, souvenirs and works by local artisans.
- Cold Lake Museum is open from May to September and features fascinating Aboriginal, Local Heritage, Air Force, and Oil & Gas galleries.



- Canadian Forces Base (CFB)

Cold Lake is Canada's largest and busiest air force base. It is at the cutting edge of military fighter aviation and is home to



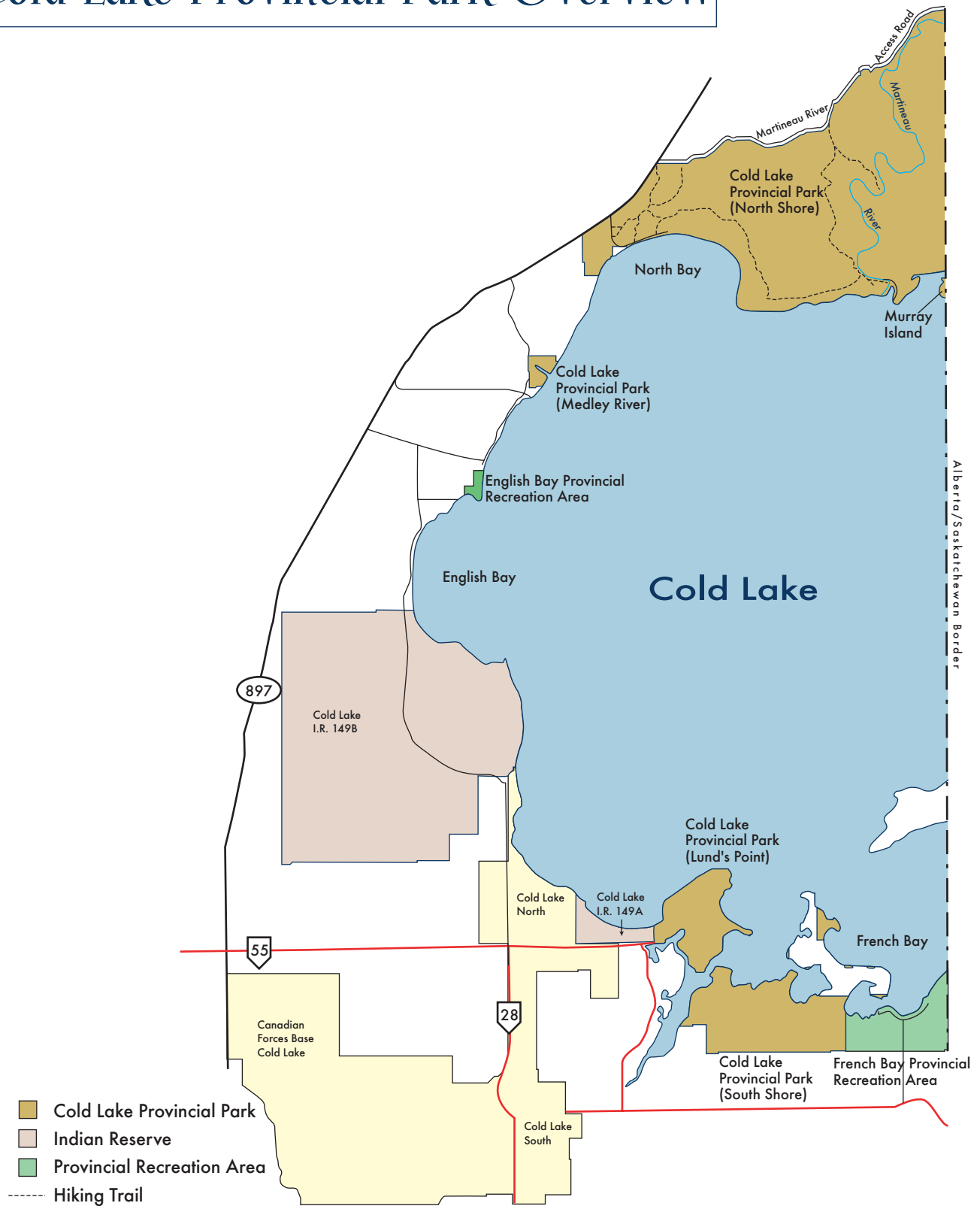
Canada's most advanced jet fighters. For more than 30 years, air forces from around the world have participated in Exercise Maple Flag at CFB Cold Lake; this six-week NATO exercise showcases more than 140 visiting aircraft and runs from mid-May until the third week in June. During Exercise Maple Flag, there are morning and afternoon aircraft launches that the public can watch from the Base's public viewing area.

Services & Accommodations

The City of Cold Lake offers all services including grocery stores, hardware and sporting goods stores, gas and propane sales, auto repair shops, and pharmacies. There are also numerous accommodations that cater to every taste and budget including hotels, motels, bed and breakfast establishments, and cabins.

There are two 18-hole golf courses near the park. Grand Centre Golf & Country Club is located one kilometre east of downtown Cold Lake. Palm Springs Golf Course is located on the Cold Lake Canadian Forces Base.

Cold Lake Provincial Park Overview



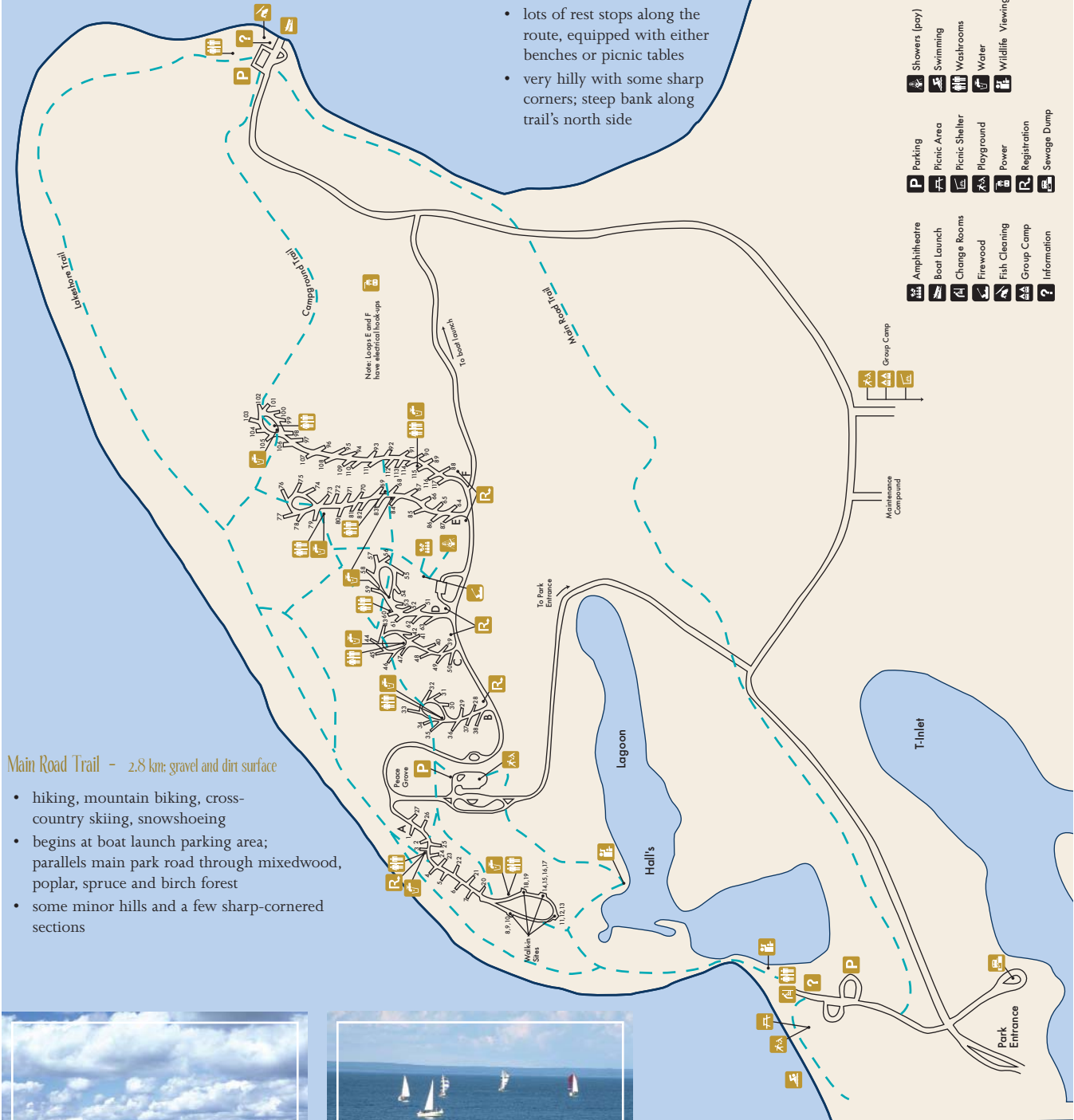
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Campground Trail - 1.8 km: gravel surface

- hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing
- begins at south end of campground (Loop A) near Hall's Lagoon
- trail travels through campground to boat launch parking area, through stands of mature spruce and poplar
- quite hilly with some sharp corners

Lakeshore Trail - 3.3 km: gravel surface

- hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing
- begins at day use parking lot
- winds along lakeshore to boat launch area, through large stands of spruce with some poplar and birch
- lots of rest stops along the route, equipped with either benches or picnic tables
- very hilly with some sharp corners; steep bank along trail's north side



Main Road Trail - 2.8 km: gravel and dirt surface

- hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing
- begins at boat launch parking area; parallels main park road through mixedwood, poplar, spruce and birch forest
- some minor hills and a few sharp-cornered sections



Be Bear Aware!

Black bears frequent the park during summer months so visitors are advised to take necessary precautions such as securing food and properly disposing of garbage. For information about bear safety consult a park conservation officer, or pick up a copy of our bear safety brochure "Bear in Mind".



For More Information

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