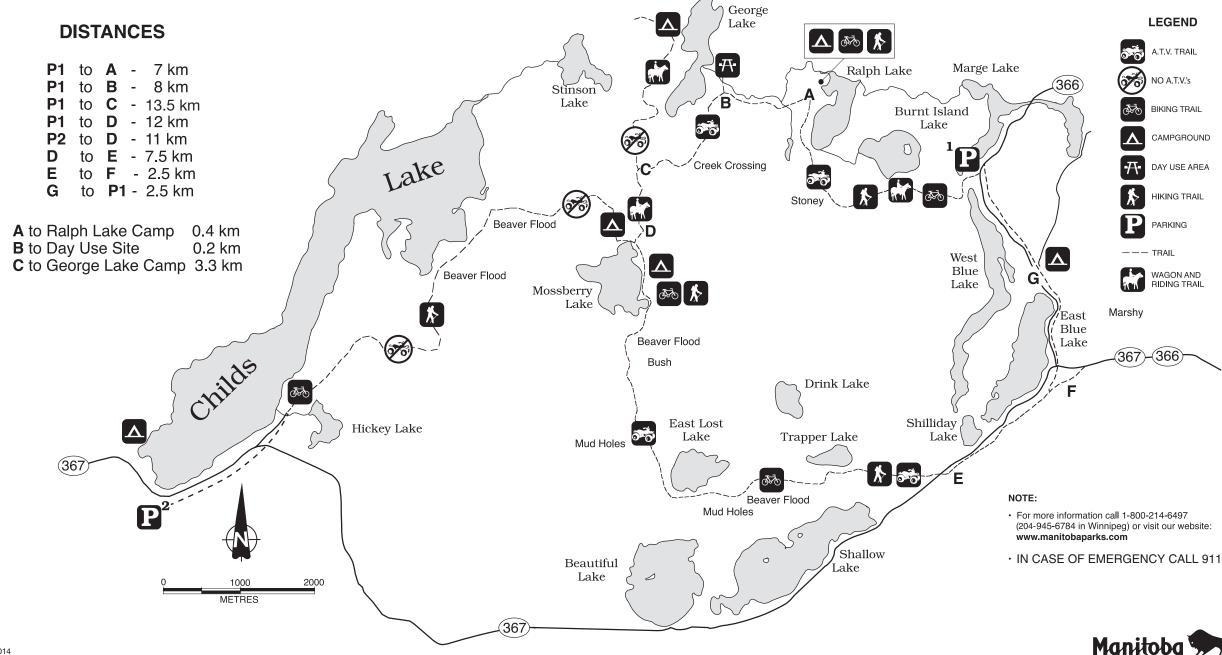


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The Mossberry Lake Trail is a multiple use trail for A.T.V.'s, horses, biking and hiking. The trail provides access to some of the back country area in the Duck Mountain Provincial Park where you can fish, camp and enjoy nature.

When you use this trail system please remember to:

- 1. Check in and out with the campground staff at Blue Lakes or Childs Lake;
- 2. Never hike alone in a wilderness area;
- 3. Take all necessities with you as these are back country sites;
- 4. Carry potable water with you;
- 5. Take a first aid kit and compass;
- 6. Have fires only in the fireplaces provided;
- 7. Use only dry wood you find in the area as fire wood is not provided;
- 8. Pack all your garbage out with you;
- 9. This is bear country; take precautions;
 - a) Read the pamphlet "Bears, Outdoors and You";
 - b) Keep campsite clean
 - c) Store food away from tent (hang in a pack three metres above the ground);
 - d) Do not clean fish at campsite;
 - e) Make noise when travelling on the trail
- 10. Carry matches in case of an emergency situation;
- 11. Take precautions against getting poison ivy;
- 12. Take tick and insect precautions. Tuck pant legs into socks, use insect repellent and examine for ticks at the end of your travelling;
- 13. Do not stray far from the marked trail as it is easy to get lost;
- 14. Be prepared for inclement weather;
- 15. Respect the flora and fauna and leave it for others to enjoy.

Campsites:

There are four designated campsites along the trail system. The campsites are available to all users; however, the campsites on the west side of George Lake and north end of Mossberry Lake are recommended for the individuals with horses or horse and wagon. These sites provide access to water and a more open area for grazing.

Fishing:

Fishing opportunities exist on West Blue Lake, Ralph Lake, George Lake, Mossberry Lake and Childs Lake. Walleye (pickerel) and Northern Pike are resident in all the lakes. Lake Trout also inhabit Childs Lake. Walleye have been stocked in George, Ralph and Mossberry Lakes.

All Terrain Vehicles (A.T.V.):

A.T.V.'s can travel on portions of the trail system. Some difficulty can be experienced at a few of the beaver dams.

Remember there are other users on the trail so use caution when approaching or passing. Horses, especially, can be very skittish if they have not seen an A.T.V. before.

Biking:

Mountain bikes can be used on the majority of the trail system. The portion from F to G is not recommended for biking due to marshy areas. There are portions of the trails where bikes may have to be carried over the beaver dams or marshy areas.

REMEMBER:

- 1. There are other users on the trail so use caution when approaching or passing;
- 2. Carry a tire repair kit and tools;
- 3. Wear safety gear and ride with caution. Remember, medical facilities are some distance away;
- 4. Beware! You are in bear country. On a bike, you may be onto a bear before it catches your scent and can get off the trail. Conversation, a bell, or other noise makers can help in warning of your approach.

Hiking:

The entire trail system is available for hiking. The area comprises of gently rolling topography with various types of terrain ranging from stony to marshy conditions. There are also beaver flooded areas and dams to traverse.

REMEMBER:

- 1. Wear a boot that is comfortable and well broken in;
- 2. Carry extra clothing (socks) that you may need;
- 3. Remember there are other users on the trail. Horses especially can be skittish if exposed to sudden movements or loud noises.

Horses/Wagons:

Horses and wagons are recommended to use the portion of the trail from G to D. Wagons will not be able to cross many of the obstacles that exist on the other portions of the trail.

REMEMBER:

- 1. There are no corrals at the campsites, so you will have to tether your horse(s);
- Water is available from lakeshores;
- 3. Remember, there are other users on the trails. Getting horses accustomed to cyclists, A.T.V.'s, and hikers with bright packs before your trip may save grief on the trail.