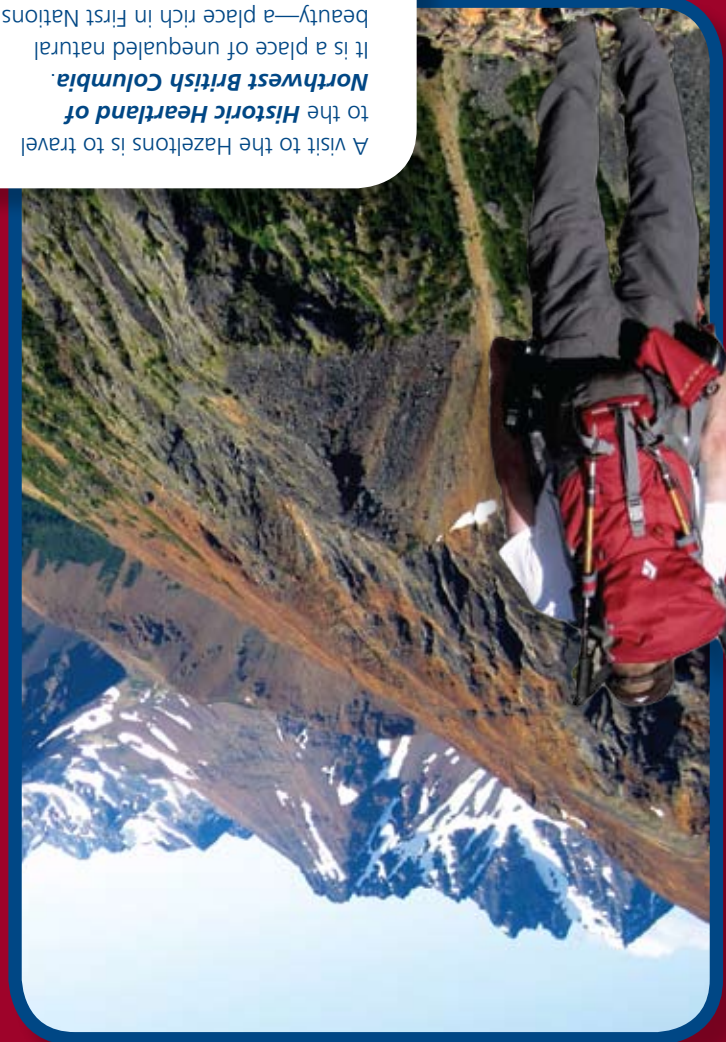


A visit to the Hazeltons is to travel to the *Historic Heartland of Northwest British Columbia*. It is a place of unequaled natural beauty—a place rich in First Nations and pioneer history profoundly influenced by this geography.



Trails, Recreation Sites and Parks in the Hazeltons

a guide to



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10 Anderson Flats Provincial Park



Access	At approx. 3.7km west of the Hazeltons Visitor Centre (in New Hazelton) on Highway 16, turn right into South Hazelton on Omineca Avenue; after 700 metres descend the hill by turning right on to Hazelton Station Road.
Description	Exceptional views of the Rocher de Boule Mountain Range and easy access to the Skeena and Bulkley Rivers are to be enjoyed at Anderson Flats. This day use recreation site at the Rivers' confluence is favoured for recreational fishing.



Seeley Lake

11 Seeley Lake Provincial Park



Access	9.8km west of the Hazeltons Visitor Centre (in New Hazelton) on Highway 16.
Description	The Hazelton Mountains form a beautiful backdrop to this picturesque lake. The park offers a small, sandy beach for swimming, short lakeside trails and a viewing platform.

12 Lookout/Waterfall Trail



Access	The trailhead for the New Hazelton Lookout Trail is located off of a parking lot at the south end of Laurier Street in New Hazelton.
Description	Ideal for a short afternoon family hike. A 15 minute walk through forest leads to a beautiful waterfall. At the top of the path after a 30 minute walk is the lookout, affording a great view over New Hazelton, Two Mile and surrounding mountains.

13 Eagle Down Trail



Access	Can start walk from Hazeltons Visitor Centre walking the shoulder of Highway 62 or park at Hagwilget Canyon or in the Village of Hazelton.
Description	Ideal for a leisurely way to experience the beauty and history of the Hazeltons, the Eagle Down Trail links five communities: Hazelton, Gitanmaax, Two Mile, Hagwilget and New Hazelton. Interpretive panels tell of the rich First Nations, pioneer and natural history of the area. A highlight is the Hagwilget Canyon Bridge, 80 metres above the Bulkley River. Trail is suitable for walking, jogging and cycling. Total distance from the Visitor Centre to the Village of Hazelton is 7km.



Lookout/Waterfall Trail



Eagle Down Trail

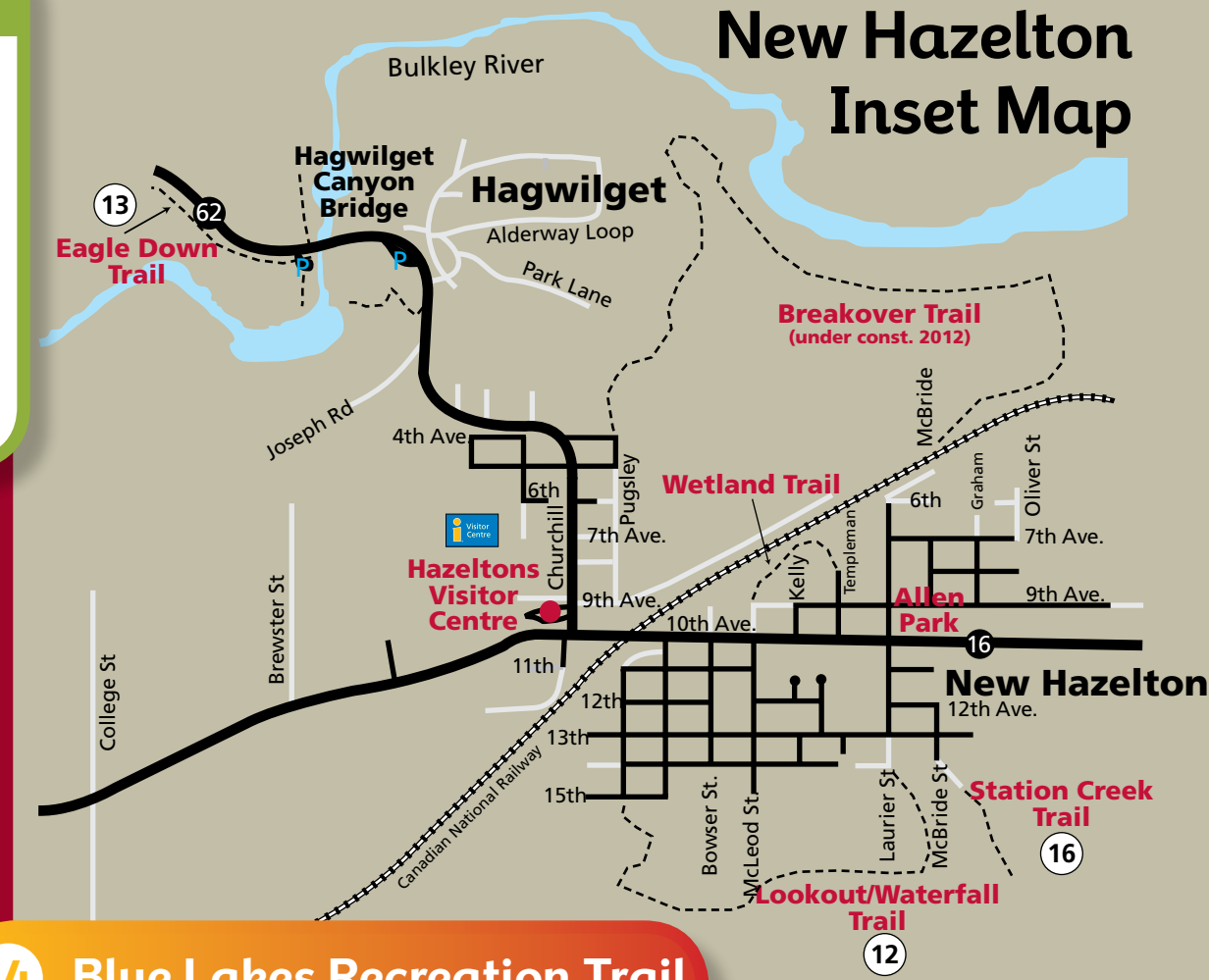
14 Blue Lakes Recreation Trail



Access	9.2km east of the Hazeltons Visitor Centre (in New Hazelton) on Highway 16, turn right on to a gravel road (near Mudflat Creek). Take the first fork right at 200 metres, follow signs from this point. 4wd required to travel entire 4.2km from highway. (Check <i>Recreation Sites and Trails BC</i> or the Hazeltons Visitor Centre for current information on trail access.)
Description	Described as the "signature trail" of the Hazeltons area, the Trail follows a path to historic mining claims, through open hemlock forest, to reward with stunning views of alpine lakes and peaks. There are some steep sections but generally a gradual climb gaining 400 metres from the parking area at 4.2km along the road. The round trip from the parking area is 10km.



Blue Lakes Recreation Trail



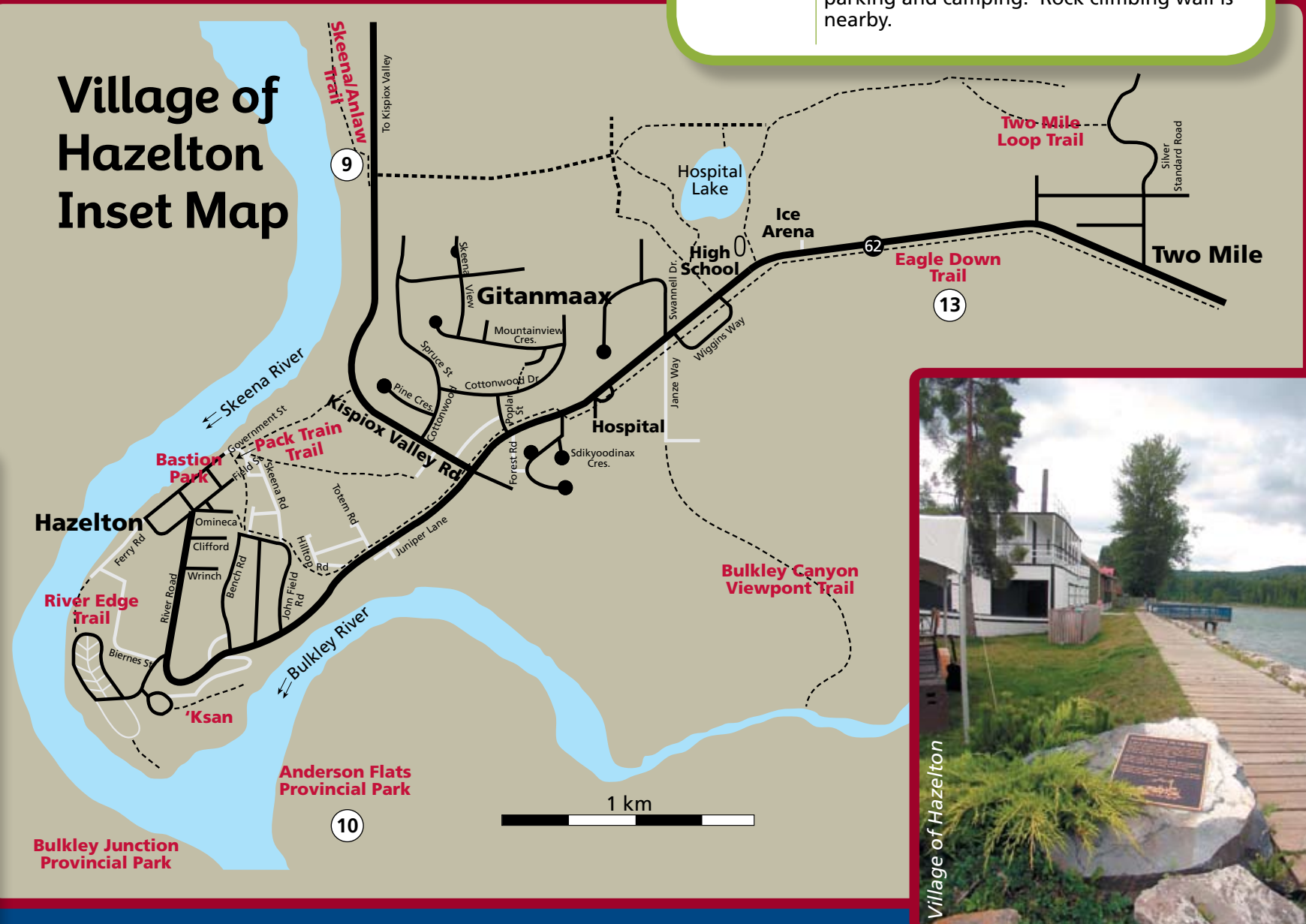
New Hazelton Inset Map

15 Ross Lake Provincial Park



Access	3.3km east of the Hazeltons Visitor Centre (in New Hazelton) on Highway 16, turn left at Ross Lake Road. The park is 4km along Ross Lake Rd.
Description	Popular with locals for swimming and afternoon BBQ's, the park offers a pleasant beach and a boat launch (electric motors only). The 3.5km Rainmaker Trail circles the lake, providing excellent views of the surrounding mountains, lakeshore vegetation and wildlife. Perimeter Trail is a 2km branch from Rainmaker Trail, through mixed forest; optional trail connection back to New Hazelton.

Village of Hazelton Inset Map



16 Station Creek Recreation Trail



Access	A gravel road extends from the south end of McBride Street in New Hazelton. This road is gated at 800 metres.
Description	For the first 3.5km from the end of McBride Street the path gains about 200 metres in elevation, then rises steeply beyond this point. For experienced, equipped hikers only, this is also the route leading to Hagwilget Peak. In its lower reaches it is a well constructed trail through an attractive section of thick forest.

17 Sidina Mountain Recreation Trail

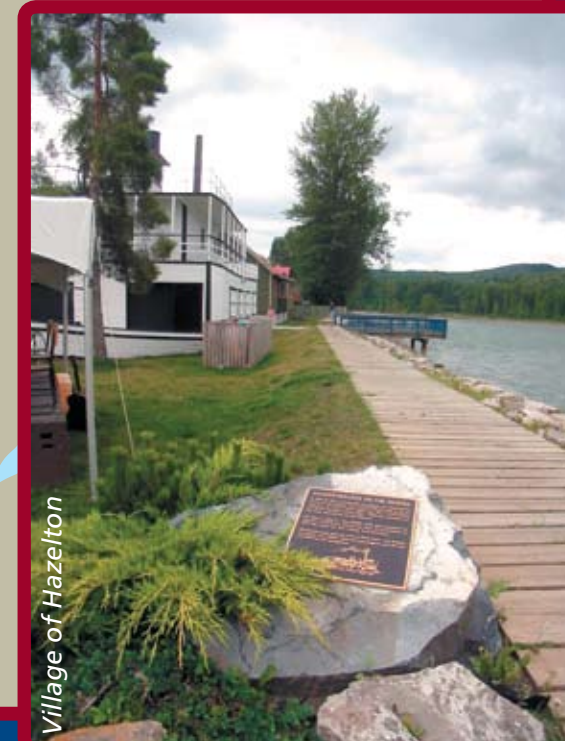


Access	3km from the start of the Kispiox Valley Road in Gitanmaax, turn right on to the Salmon River Road. After the Shegunia River at 9km the road becomes the Babine Slide FSR. Follow this road for 6km (1km beyond Pine Nut Creek), turn right on to the old logging road, for 4km.
Description	Gaining 1000 metres in elevation over 6.3kms, the trail ascends to alpine slopes on the southwest shoulder of Sidina Mountain and panoramic views of the Rocher De Boule and Kispiox Ranges and the Skeena and Skeena Valleys. (Note: Trail condition cannot be guaranteed due to irregular maintenance.)

18 Suskwa River Recreation Site



Access	On Highway 16, 11.7km east of the Hazeltons Visitor Centre, turn left on to the Suskwa Forest Service Road. At 15km, cross the bridge over Suskwa River and immediately turn left. Site entrance sign is a further 2km on the Iltzul Forest Service Road.
Description	Scenic site on the north side of the Suskwa River. 3 unit campsite, plus space for overflow parking and camping. Rock climbing wall is nearby.



Village of Hazelton

General information

This guide is an introduction to walking and outdoor recreational opportunities that await the visitor to the Hazeltons. For the adventurous, trails to alpine ascend the dramatic landscapes of the Rocher de Boule and Babine Mountain Ranges. For those seeking a more leisurely pace, easy walks and scenic camping areas are found close to the larger communities and just minutes from a main highway. Walking these trails, one may be following a centuries old First Nations trading route or retracing the steps of a trapper or prospector. Enjoy the Hazeltons experience!

The following recreation sites, trails and parks are within easy driving distance of the Hazeltons and are 2 wheel drive accessible unless otherwise noted. Distances given are one way and generally starting from the Hazeltons Visitor Centre on Highway 16 in New Hazelton.

Please note that backcountry trails presented in this guide are subject to occasional or inconsistent maintenance. You may encounter trees on the trail (windfall) or other hazards. Please use caution.

Tips for safe recreating in bear country

Bears feel threatened if surprised – hike in a group and make loud noises. Whistle, talk, sing or carry noisemakers such as bells or a can containing stones. In dense brush and near running water, don't depend on your noisemaker being heard. Use extra caution and watch for evidence of bears. Most bears will leave if they are aware of your presence. Stay in the open as much as possible. Keep children close at hand on trails. Be especially alert when travelling into the wind; a bear may not get your scent and be warned of your presence.

When camping, keep a clean camp. Bears usually avoid people, but can be attracted to human food and garbage. Store and dispose of all food and garbage properly. In unmaintained sites, take your garbage with you.

Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

Forest Fires

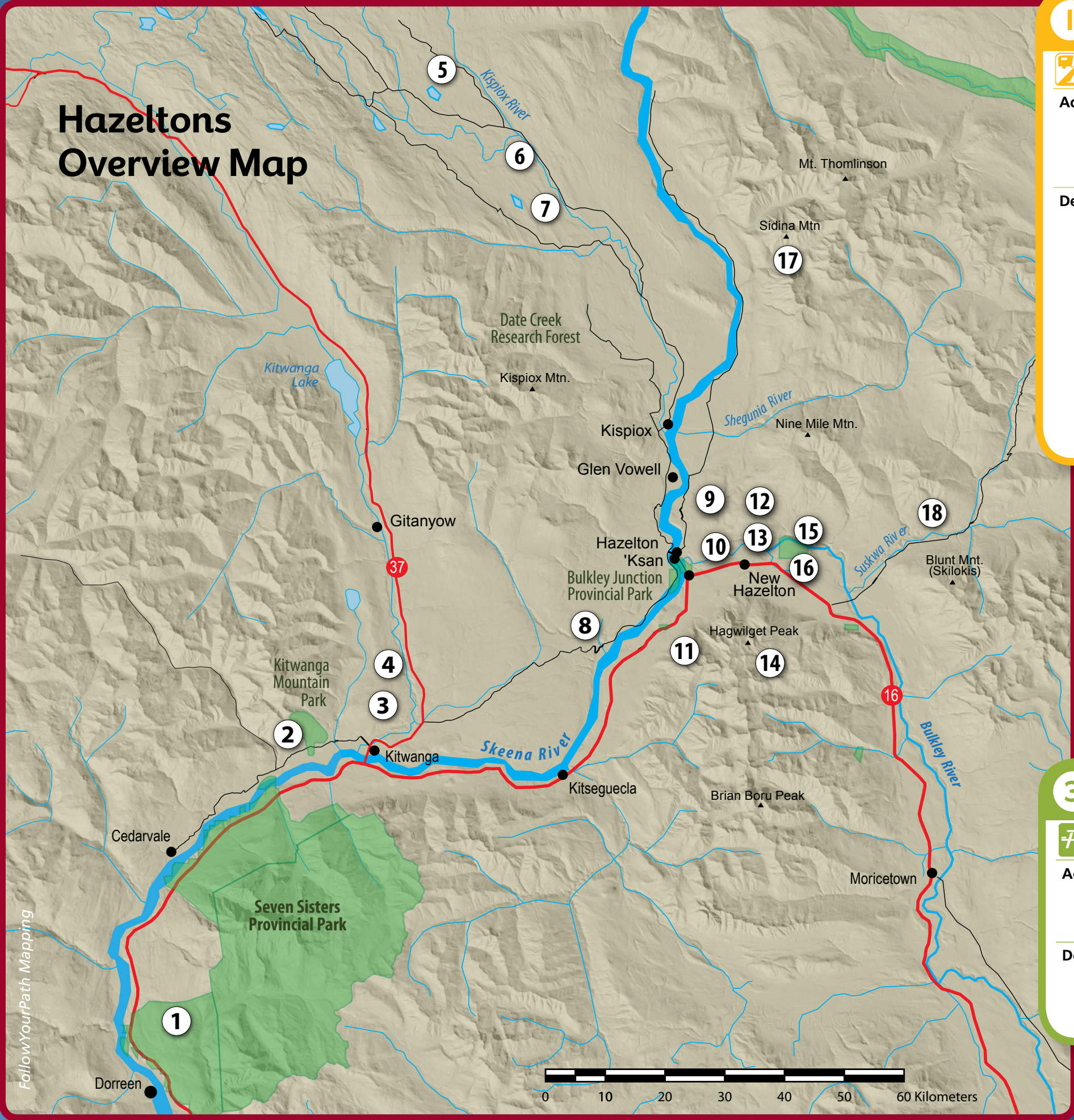
- Should you spot a forest fire, phone 1-800-663-5555 (or *5555 where cellular phone service is available). This is a FREE province wide, forest fire emergency phone number.

Safety Tips

- Never hike alone
- Before leaving on a hike, let a responsible individual know where you are going and when you will be returning. Always contact that individual when you return.
- Some trails are not clearly marked. Be prepared and take a map, compass, food, emergency gear and a GPS Unit.
- Assume you will be staying overnight.
- Drive with extra caution on logging roads.
- In case of emergency dial 911.** The nearest RCMP detachment is in New Hazelton. The principal health services facility is Wrinch Memorial Hospital located in the Village of Hazelton.
- Cellular phone service is available only in limited areas covered by this brochure.



Kispiox Totem Poles




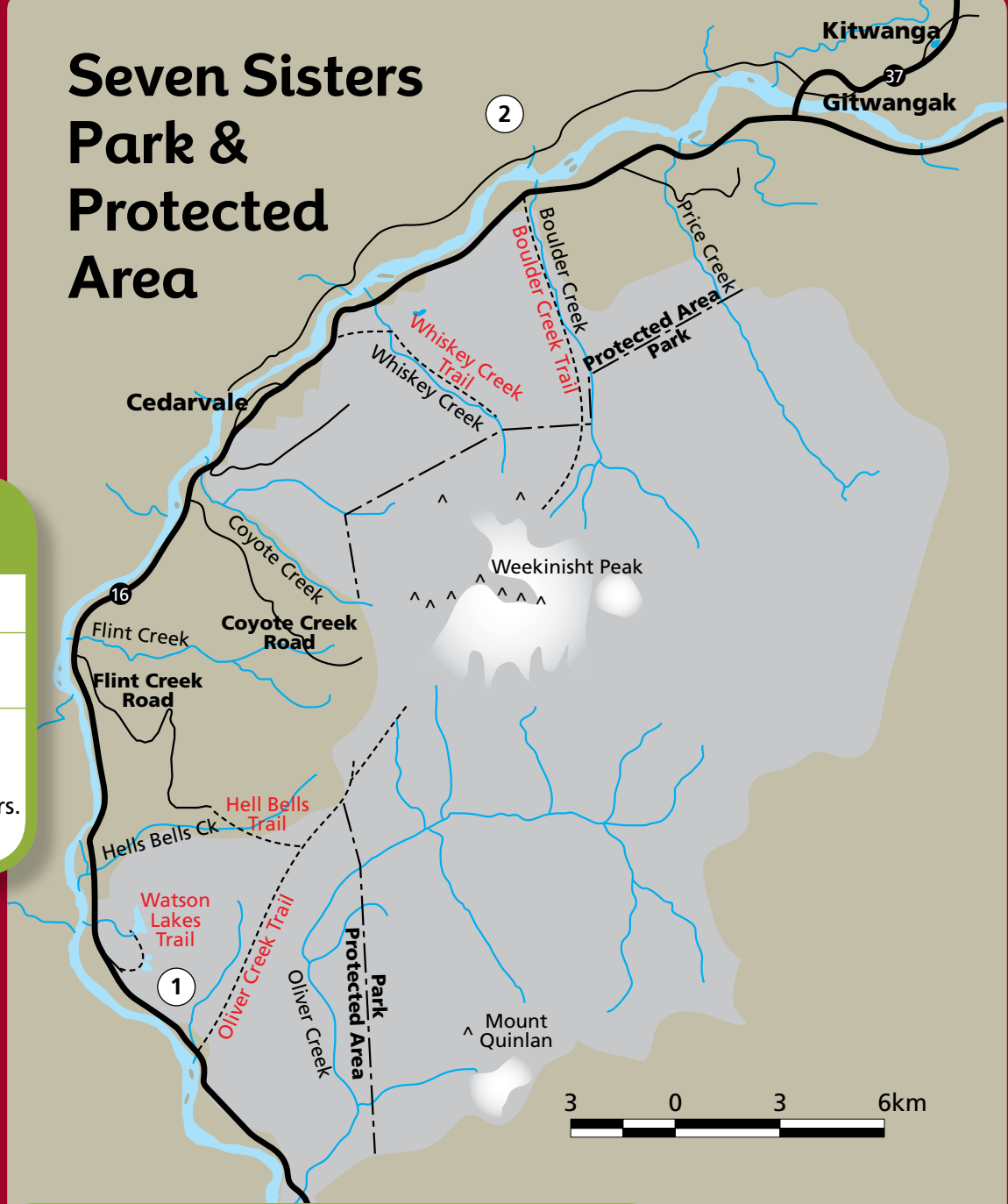
1 Watson Lakes Trail

	Moderate
Access	Approx. 80km west of the Hazeltons Visitor Centre, (36.9km west of Kitwanga junction and about 2km after Hells Bells Creek), an unmarked 700 metre access road leaves Highway 16 on the left side of the highway.
Description	Covering nearly 40,000 hectares, Seven Sisters Park and Protected Area is named for the spectacular set of peaks visible from Highway 16 between Hazelton and Terrace. The area offers a variety of trails, catering to all levels of ability. Many of the trails are a legacy of mining and mineral exploration. The Watson Lakes Trail is the most suited for families. There is one short steep pitch but otherwise it is an easy 3km trail passing three scenic lakes and on the ascent views across the Skeena River to Mt. Knauss. At 1km, there is a lakeside picnic and camping site.




5 Elizabeth Lake Recreation Site

	
Access	Approx. 54.5km on the Kispiox Valley Road; right turn approx. 8km after Cullen Creek.
Description	Small, semi-open site on a lake popular with paddlers. 3 campsites and overflow space. Wheelchair accessible outhouse and a dock. Access may be prohibitive for large RVs and trailers.



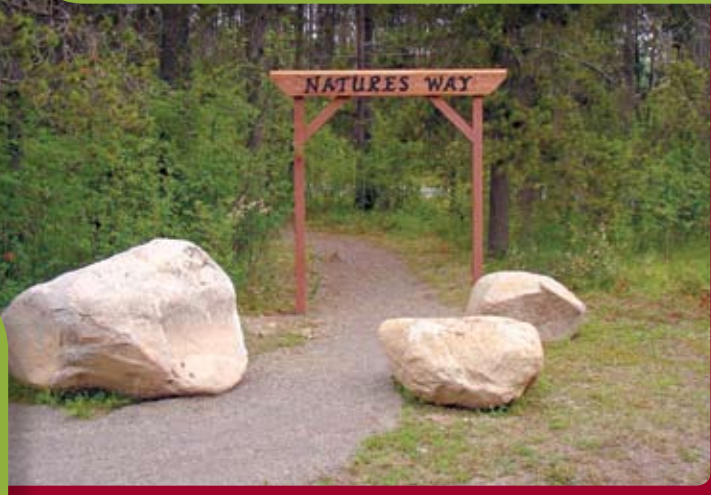
6 Upper Kispiox Recreation Site

	
Access	Approx. 41km on the Kispiox Valley Road, on left side.
Description	Located on an open grassy field on the Kispiox River, with 4 defined campsites and 2 outhouses. Abundant space for overflow camping and parking. A rustic launch provides river access for "car top boats".

3 Nature's Way (Kitwanga)

	Easy
Access	From the junction with Highway 16, at 4.3km north along Highway 37, turn left on to the Kitwanga North Road. Sections of the trail are visible on the left side.
Description	A 3.2km loop through Kitwanga, linking the Recreation Centre with the sports fields, featuring viewing platforms over Mill Pond.

Nature's Way (Kitwanga)



4 Gitwangak Battle Hill /Kitwanga Fort National Historic Site

	Easy
Access	At 4.3km north along Highway 37, turn left onto Kitwanga North Road into the community of Kitwanga. A pull-out is located on the left side at 1.7km. Visitors must descend and ascend a long staircase to reach the fort.
Description	At a strategic location overlooking the Kitwanga River and along a "Grease Trail" trading route, in the 1700s Gitxsan people constructed a hilltop fort. Parks Canada relates the fascinating story of 'Nekt's fortress through a series of interpretive panels along a short walk to the hill top.



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Difficulty level

Easy Moderate Difficult

Recreational features

	Boat Launch		Hiking
	Boating		Jogging
	Camping		Picnicking
	Canoeing		Rock Climbing
	Cycling		Swimming
	Fishing		Walking
			Wildlife Viewing

8 Keynton (Bell) Lake Recreation Site

	
Access	6.8 km north of the junction with Highway 16 near Kitwanga, from Highway 37 turn right on to the Kitwanga Backroad (Hazelton-Kitwanga Road). At approx. 16.5km, turn left on to the Burdick Road, keep right, for approx. 1.5km. (No access from Hazelton/ Kispiox Valley.)
Description	A beautiful semi-open forested site on a small lake, offering 8 campsites. Good bird watching. Popular with anglers seeking pan-sized cutthroat trout in spring and fall.

9 Skeena/Anlaw Trail

	Easy to Moderate
Access	Beginning at 1.3 km north of the junction with Highway 62 on the Kispiox Valley Road, the trail parallels the Road on the left side for 200 metres then turns towards the Skeena River.
Description	A pleasant 3.5km walk upstream, north from Hazelton to the Anlaw or Four Mile Bridge. Gorgeous views of the Skeena River and Rocher de Boule Range. Culturally modified trees are also seen along this route. One may return via the same trail or alongside the Kispiox Valley Road.

Hagwilget Peak

Blue Lakes