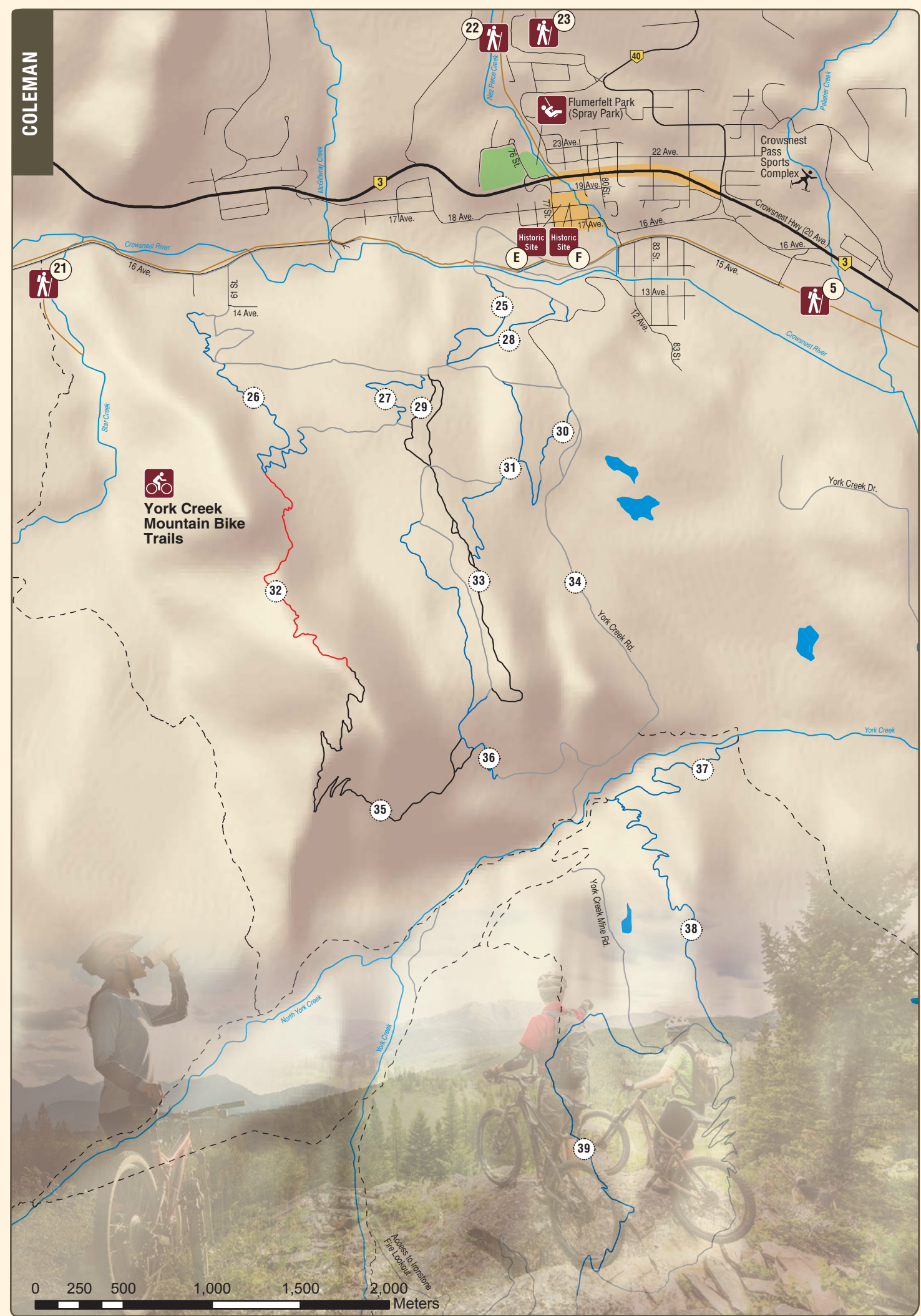
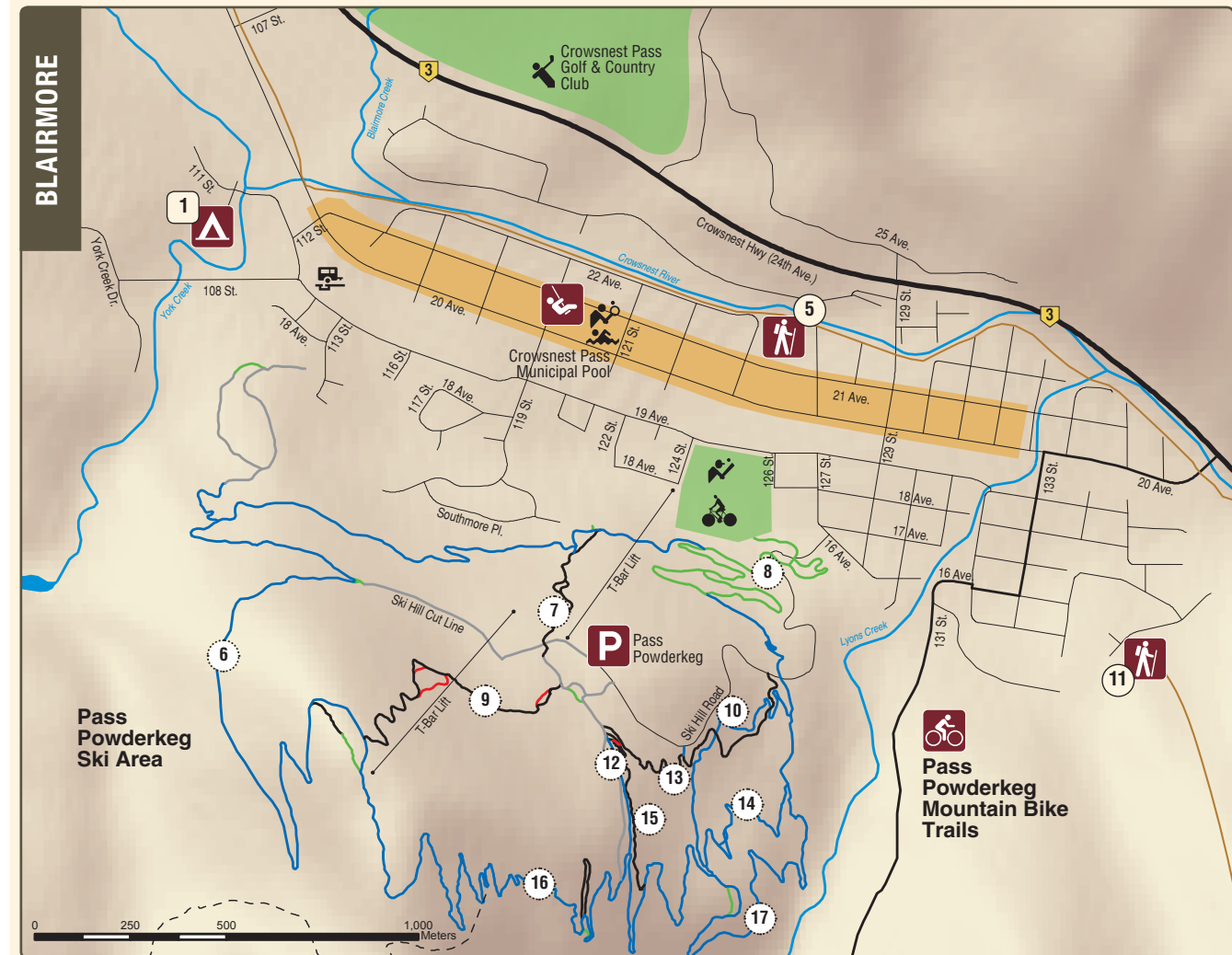
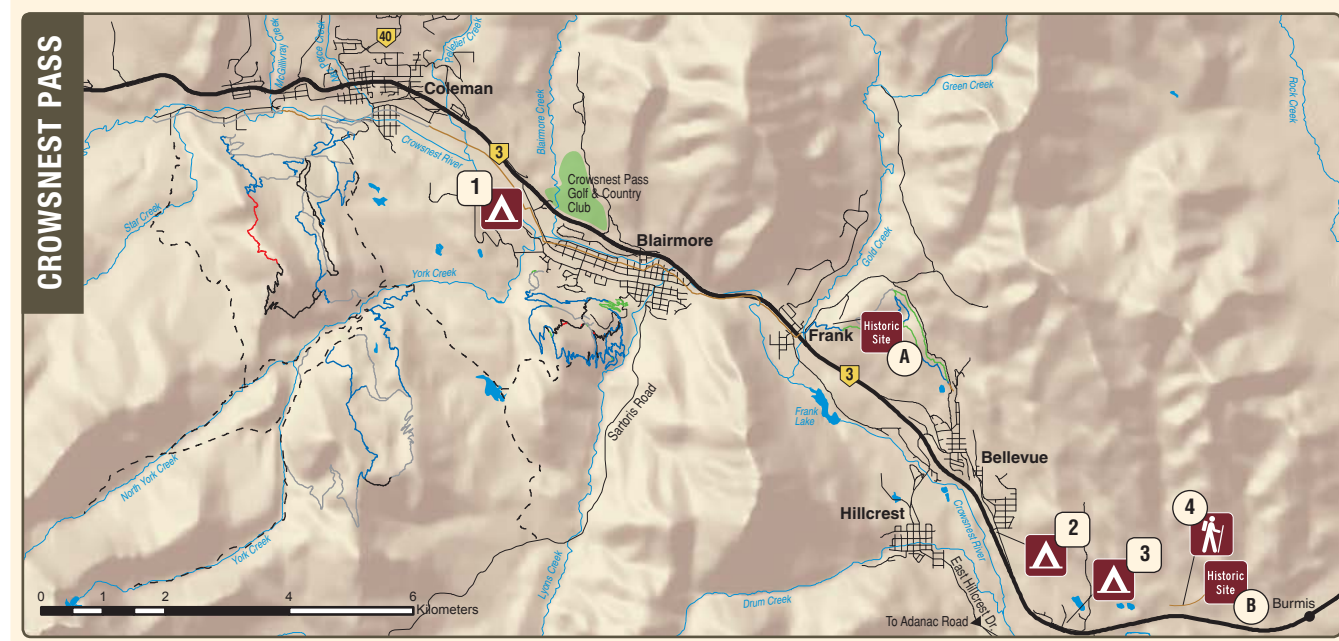


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# Castle Region Summer Guide

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## A Brief History of the Region

From the windswept prairies to the towering mountains, the Castle Region offers historic intrigue and endless wilderness discovery. Inhabited and traversed by Blackfoot People "Niitsitapi," who still live here today, the area has witnessed cultural and physical change as generations of people have settled in the mountains and surrounding foothills.

In the east, the farms and ranchlands surrounding Pincher Creek hint at the unwavering cowboy pride that the west has become known for. To the west, Castle Provincial Park and Wildlands beg exploration with rich biodiversity, wildlife corridors, numerous hiking trails and quiet backcountry campsites.

On the north boundary of the park, Crownsnest Pass offers insights on the vast coal mining industry that brought the first settlers to the region. No matter where you find yourself in the Castle Region, you'll experience the landscapes that have helped to shape Alberta's history.



With world-class parks, golfing, mountain biking, hiking, camping, fishing, caving, bouldering, and attractions to satiate any interest, the Castle Region has something for everyone! In addition to the numerous activities pictured on this map, consider checking out some, or all, of these recreational options.

- **September Springs Ranch Museum & Gardens** [uniqueartantique.com](#)
- **Centre Peak High Country Adventures** [centrepeakhighcountryadventures.com](#)
- **Twin Butte Country General Store & Mexican Restaurant** [twinbuttestore.com](#)
- **Beaver Mines General Store** [beaverminesstore.ca](#)
- **Oldman River Brewing** [oldmanriverbrewing.com](#)
- **O'bies 120 Breckenridge Ave, Lundbreck**
- **Flumerfelt Park 20th Ave. and 76th St, Coleman**
- **Crownsnest Pass Golf Course** [crownsnestpassgolf.com](#)
- **Pass Powderkeg Ski Hill** [passpowderkeg.com](#)
- **Crownsnest Pass Mountain Bike Skills Park 12402 18 Ave, Blairmore**
- **Allison/Chinook Lake Recreation Area 8 km west of Crownsnest Pass and 6 km. north off highway 3.**
- **Pincher Creek Golf Course** [www.pinchercreekgolf.com](#)

**Bellevue Underground Mine** The town of Bellevue was named for its beautiful view, but most of the town's stories come from below ground. Experience the industrial and cultural history of Crownsnest Pass by exploring the underground mine while learning about the miners who worked beneath the surface. **2531 213 St, Bellevue • 403-564-4700**



**Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village** Established in 1966 to preserve the vibrant pioneer heritage of the area, the village includes a Visitor Information Centre, a Country Store and a Western Frontier Village with 27 heritage cabins and two museum buildings. Wander the six acres of summer gardens and explore the open-concept museums. **1037 Bev MacLachlin Dr, Pincher Creek • 403-627-3684**

**Alberta Provincial Police Barracks** In 1922 Constable Steven Lawson was killed and speculation over who committed the crime has made the APP Barracks the site of Canada's most infamous run-running murder. Tour the barracks, visit the crime scene, and solve the whodunit mystery. **7809 18th Ave, Coleman 403-563-5434**

**Lebel Mansion/Allied Arts Council** This unique Pincher Creek landmark was built in 1910 as a private residence before being donated for use as a hospital. In 1976 it was designated as a Historic Resource and in 1985 it became the home of the Allied Arts Council. Take a self-guided tour, enjoy the free public art gallery or browse works from local artists in the gift shop. **696 Kettles St, Pincher Creek • 403-627-5272**



**Crownsnest Museum & Archives** Located in Coleman, the museum houses a collection of artifacts and displays that showcase the rich history and culture of Crownsnest Pass. Learn about mining life, local ecosystems and the pioneering and military history of the area. **7701 18 Ave, Coleman • 403-563-5434**

## Campgrounds

Campground	# Sites	Services
88 Lynx Creek	18	[Icons]
81 Castle Falls	45	[Icons]
86 Castle River Bridge	30	[Icons]
87 Syncline Group	15	[Icons]
89 Beaver Mines Lake	96	[Icons]
1 Lost Lemon	46	[Icons]
2 Bellevue Community	22	[Icons]
3 Crownsnest Pass Campground	21	[Icons]
51 Chinook Lake Provincial Recreation Area	90	[Icons]
52 Island Lake Provincial Recreation Area	41	[Icons]
53 Crownsnest River RV Park	125	[Icons]
48 Sleepy Hollow	65	[Icons]
41 Pincher Creek Veterans Memorial Campground	20	[Icons]
57 Lundbreck Falls Provincial Recreation Area	67	[Icons]
58 Cottonwood/Castleview/Windy Point	128	[Icons]
87 Castle River Rodeo Campground	47	[Icons]
98 Waterton Reservoir	25	[Icons]
93 Beauvais Lake Provincial Park	90	[Icons]
96 Beauvais Lake Provincial Park Walk in Tent Site	10	[Icons]



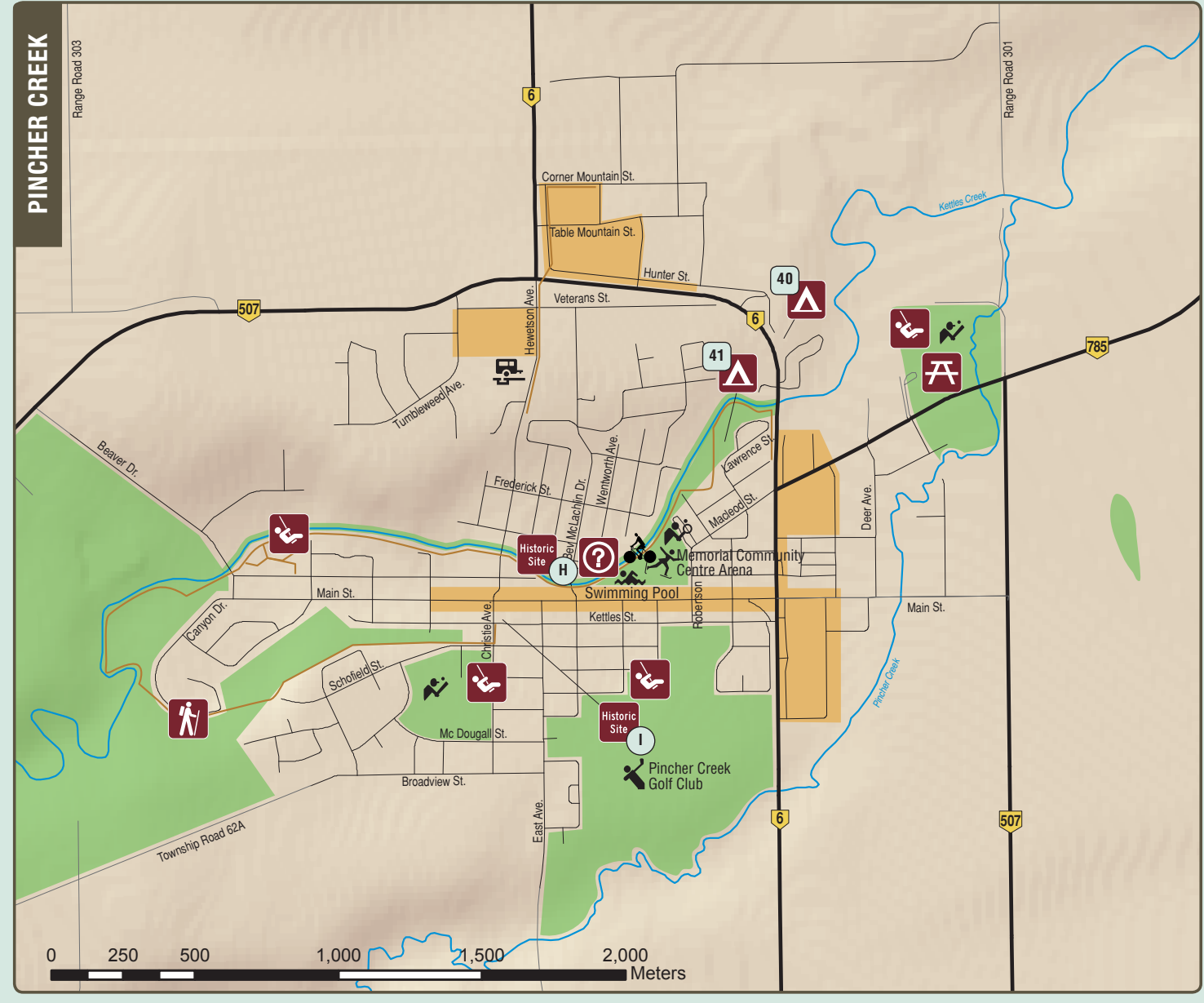
**Leitch Collieries** This large mine was the only coal operation in the Pass entirely Canadian owned and operated, but despite determined efforts the mine was plagued with bad luck. Visit the historic site and discover how numerous strikes, war and ill-fortune saw the failure of this ambitious endeavor. **Off Highway 3 • 403-564-4211**



**Frank Slide** Built in remembrance of Canada's most tragic rock slide, the interpretive centre offers insights on the history, culture and geology of the area. Hike through the scene of the slide, find out what caused the Frank Slide and learn about the history of resource extraction and coal mining in Alberta. **1.5 km off Highway 3, Frank • 403-562-7388**

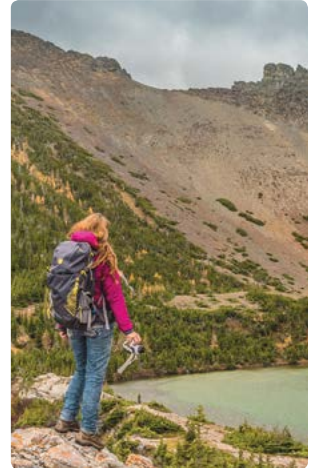
**Hillcrest Mine Disaster** In 1914 the town of Hillcrest experienced the most devastating coal mining accident in Canadian history, leaving the community in despair. Visit the memorial, walk the interpretive trail and learn about the financial, cultural and political circumstances that shaped this horrific tragedy. **200 4 Ave, Hillcrest • 403-562-7388**

**Crownsnest Pass Public Art Gallery** The gallery promotes arts education through programs, events and monthly exhibits that showcase the works of local, provincial and national artists. Visit the exhibits, participate in a workshop or take home a piece of Canadian art from one of over 50 local area artists. Free admission. **14733 20 Ave, Frank • 403-562-2218**



# Multi-use Trails

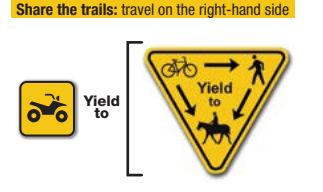
Trail	Use	Distance
42	Gravelstafel Peak	6.7 km one way
43	Village Trail	1 km one way
44	Gravelstafel Peak Loop	0.9 km loop
45	Hajp Lake North	4.1 km one way
46	Hajp Lake South	4.3 km one way
47	Hajp Ridge	4.3 km one way
48	Paradise Lake	4.5 km one way
49	Andy Good Peak	3.1 km one way
50	Mount Ptolemy	8.2 km one way
51	North York Creek/Plane Crash	7.3 km one way
52	Great Divide	1200 km in total
53	Last Creek	11.5 km one way
54	North Kootenay Pass	8.9 km one way
55	Barnaby & Southfork Lakes	5.0 km one way
56	Table Mountain	5.0 km one way
57	Gladstone Creek	2.2 km one way
58	Sydney Brook	4 km one way
59	Grizzly & Ruby Lakes	12 km loop
60	South Castle Valley	19.5 km one way
61	Mill Creek	5.8 km one way
62	Middle Kootenay Pass	29 km loop
63	North Drywood Falls	4.8 km one way
64	Bovin (Blue) Lake	6.8 km one way
65	Castle Falls Grassland	0.5 km one way
66	MacDonald Pass	3.4 km one way
67	Gardiner Creek	3.0 km one way
68	Gardiner Creek/ Great Divide Connector	9.7 km one way
69	Sydney Trail Network	19.2 km one way
70	Leitch Collieries	0.8 km loop
71	Crowsnest Community Trail	23 km one way
72	Turtle Mountain (North Peak)	3.1 km to summit
73	Lake	6.3 km one way
74	Frank Slide Trail	1.5 km loop
75	Star Creek Falls	1.2 km to viewpoint
76	Miner's Path	0.8 km one way
77	Saskatoon Mountain	1.8 km to summit
78	Wedge Mountain	1.9 km to summit
79	Livingstone Range Chert Quarries	2.3 km one way
80	Livingstone Range Raptor Migration Viewpoint	2.6 km one way
81	North York Creek	6.2 km from bridge
82	Ironstone Lookout	2.9 km from road gate
83	Lynn Creek	5.6 km to end of road
84	Hastings Ridge	11.9 km one way
85	Mill Creek	2.5 km loop
86	Donifer Heights	0.9 km one way
87	Aspen	0.9 km one way
88	Baldy	0.8 km one way
89	Roller Coaster	0.8 km one way
90	Elmwoods Loop	0.8 km one way
91	Homestead Loop	4.3 km loop
92	Priny Point	1.4 km one way
93	South Shore Trail	3.0 km one way
94	Scott's Point	1.0 km loop
95	Mount Albert Backcountry Loop	3.5 km one way
96	Outline	0.6 km one way
97	Chapman Creek	1.8 km one way
98	Christy Mines	2.0 km one way



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### Colour Legend

- Castle Mountain Resort
- Castle Provincial Park (PP), Wildland PP
- Crowsnest Pass
- Fletcher Creek, Beauvais Lake PP, Lundbreck, Piikani Nation

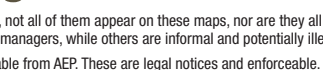


# Mountain Bike Trails

Trails located on Blairmore and Coleman inset maps (reverse side).

Trail	Distance	
6	Buck 50	4.2 km
7	Roots of Hazard	0.4 km
8	Lane Street Riding Hood	1.9 km
9	Spare Change	1.0 km
10	Koosty Flow	0.9 km
11	Alberta Summer Games	0.3 km
12	Beema-Grim	1.0 km
13	Jilly Pop	0.7 km
14	Trick or Tree	0.5 km
15	Chainsaw Massacre	2.6 km
16	Double Dirt Express	3.7 km
17	Community Trail	23.9 km
18	Whistling Post	1.0 km
19	Soooper Trooper	1.6 km
20	Toodstool	1.0 km
21	Up to the Whistling Post	0.9 km
22	Pineapple Express	0.4 km
23	Lower York Creek Climb	3.3 km
24	WPA	1.4 km
25	Big Bear Down	1.8 km
26	School of Rock	2.0 km
27	York Creek Road	4.5 km
28	Big Bear Up	3.5 km
29	Back Door	2.0 km
30	Lower York with a Fork	1.4 km
31	York with a Fork	2.4 km
32	Rumbead	2.8 km

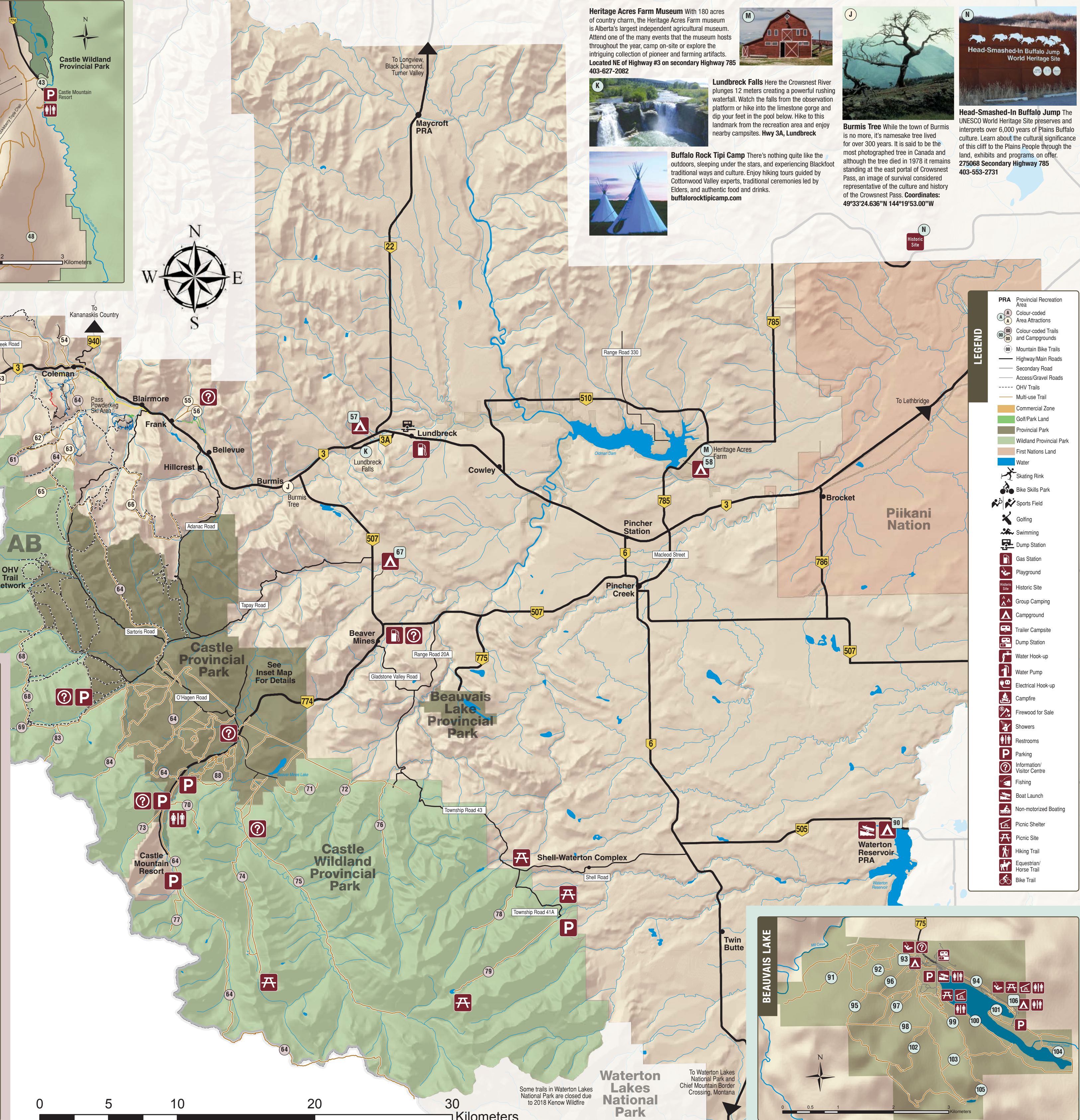
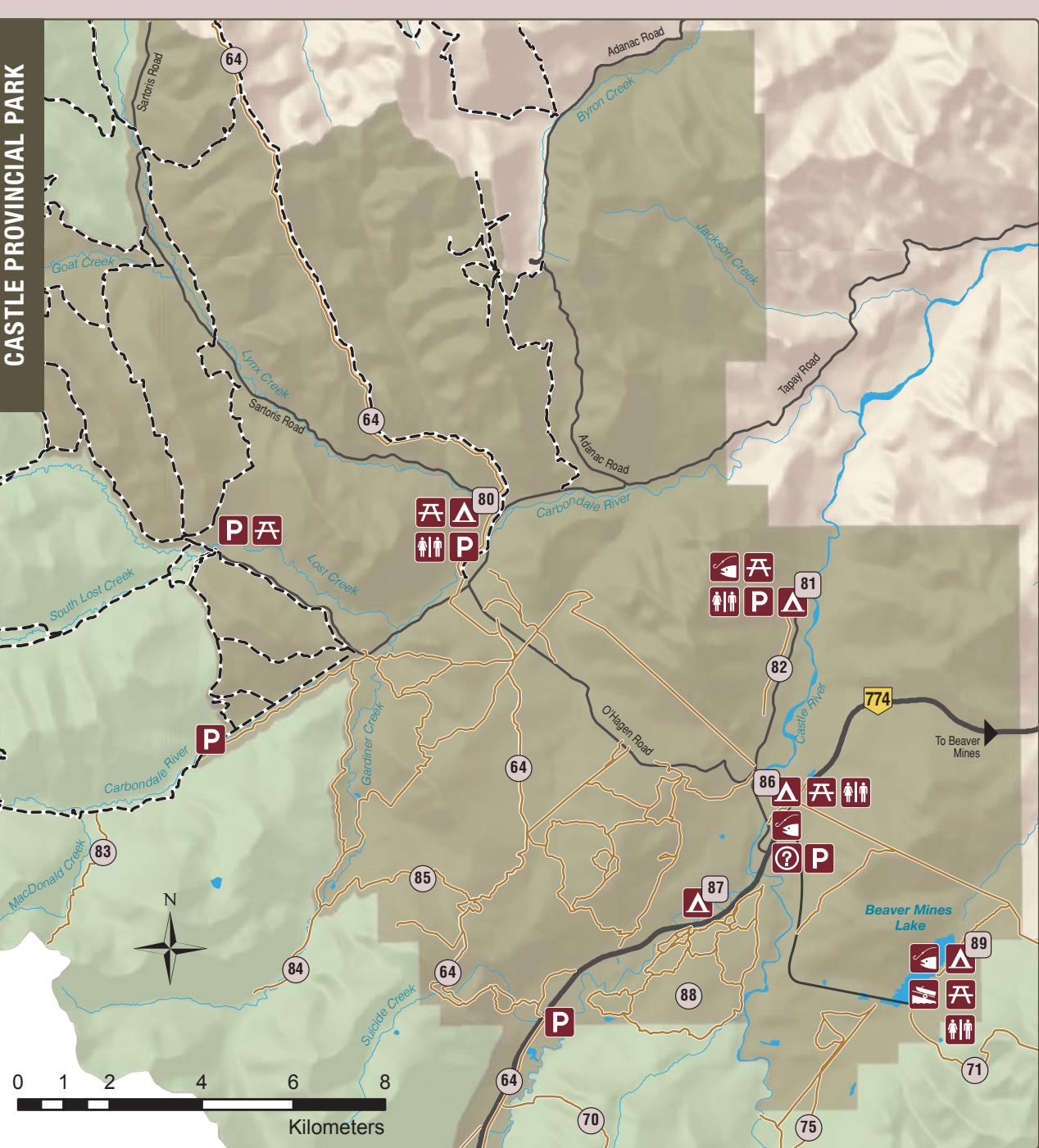
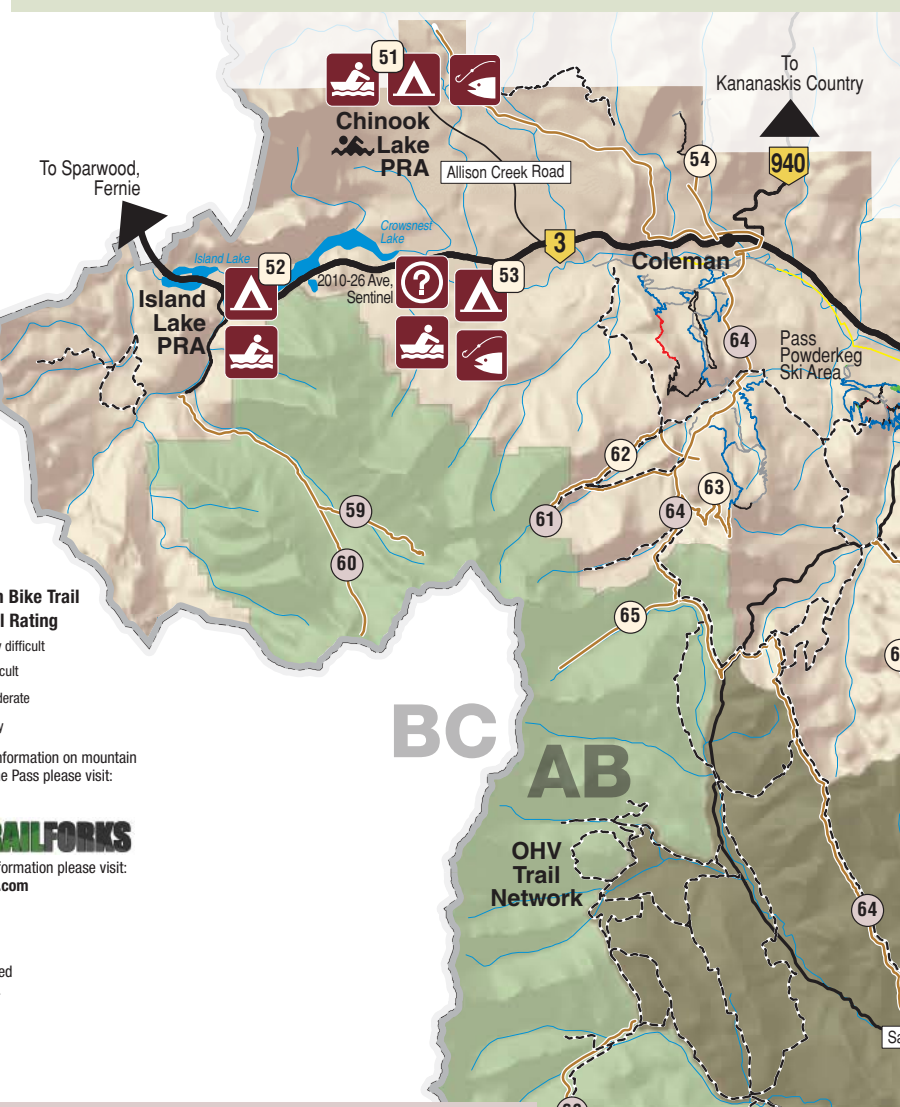
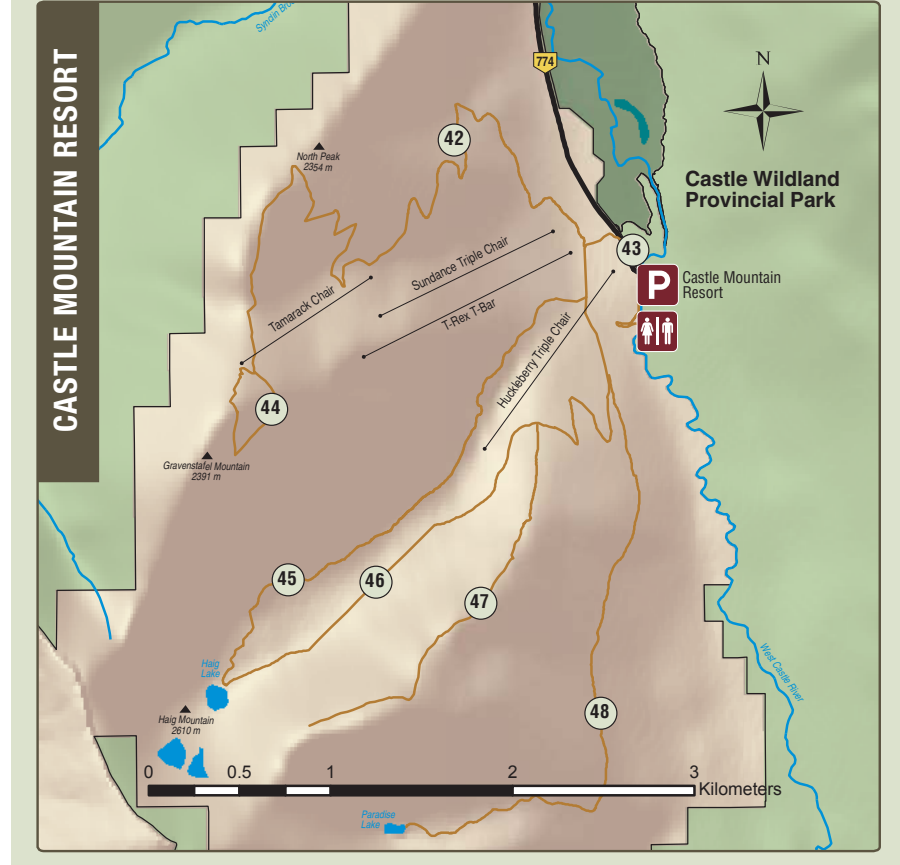
For more information on mountain biking in the Pass please visit: [uroc.ca](http://uroc.ca)



# A Note on OHV Trails

There are areas of extensive OHV trails in the Castle Region and beyond, not all of them appear on these maps, nor are they all listed in the multi-use trail listing. Some of these trails are sanctioned by land managers, while others are informal and potentially illegal. The authoritative guide to designated OHV trails on public lands is available from AEP. These are legal notices and enforceable. [www.alberta.ca/recreation-on-public-land/public-land-use-zones/default.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/recreation-on-public-land/public-land-use-zones/default.aspx)

For more information on these trail networks, including popular staging areas, maps for purchase or download, and camping options, please contact Crowsnest Pass Quad Squad at [quadsquad.ca](mailto:quadsquad.ca), (403) 562-8686 or 8342-19 Avenue, Coleman, Alberta.



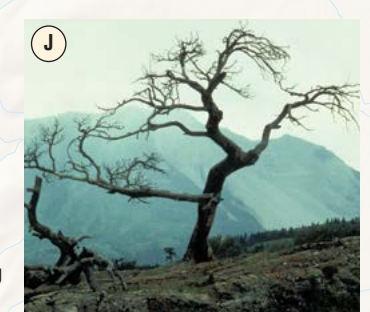
**Heritage Acres Farm Museum** With 180 acres of country charm, the Heritage Acres Farm museum is Alberta's largest independent agricultural museum. Attend one of the many events that the museum hosts throughout the year, camp on-site or explore the intriguing collection of pioneer and farming artifacts. Located NE of Highway #3 on secondary Highway 785 403-627-2082



**Lundbreck Falls** Here the Crowsnest River plunges 12 meters creating a powerful rushing waterfall. Watch the falls from the observation platform or hike into the limestone gorge and dip your feet in the pool below. Hike to this landmark from the recreation area and enjoy nearby campsites. Hwy 3A, Lundbreck



**Buffalo Rock Tipi Camp** There's nothing quite like the outdoors, sleeping under the stars, and experiencing Blackfoot traditional ways and culture. Enjoy hiking tours guided by Cottonwood Valley experts, traditional ceremonies led by Elders, and authentic food and drinks. [buffalorocktipicamp.com](http://buffalorocktipicamp.com)



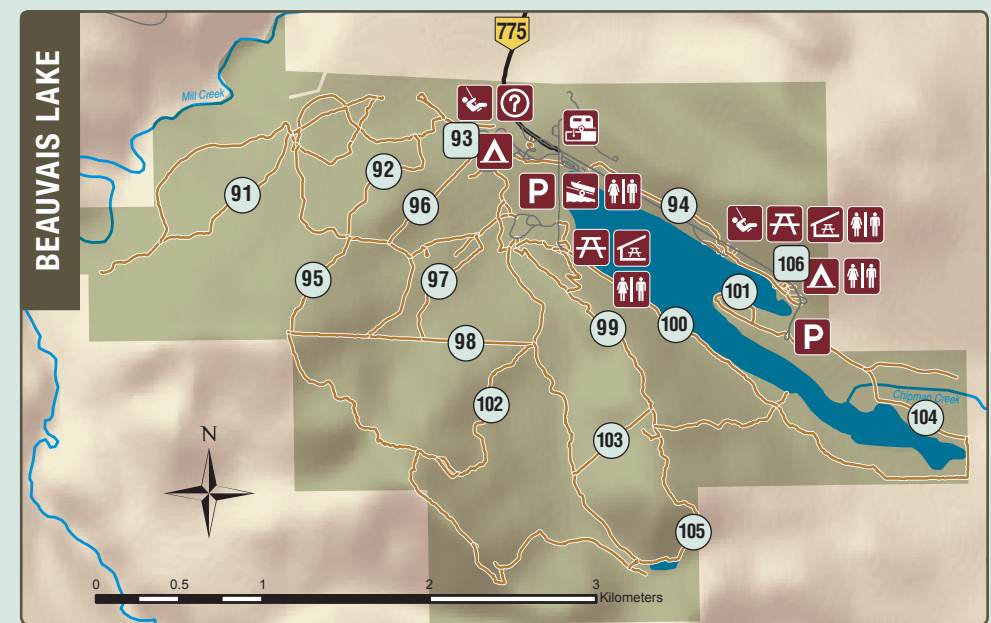
**Burmis Tree** While the town of Burmis is no more, it's namesake tree lived for over 300 years. It is said to be the most photographed tree in Canada and although the tree died in 1978 it remains standing at the east portal of Crowsnest Pass, an image of survival considered representative of the culture and history of the Crowsnest Pass. Coordinates: 49°33'24.63"N 114°19'53.00"W



**Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump** The UNESCO World Heritage Site preserves and interprets over 6,000 years of Plains Buffalo culture. Learn about the cultural significance of this cliff to the Plains People through the land, exhibits and programs on offer. 275068 Secondary Highway 785 403-553-2731

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- Picnic Site
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- Bike Trail



Some trails in Waterton Lakes National Park are closed due to 2016 Kenow Wildfire