

# **Backcountry Advisory Note:**

Backcountry touring is only for experienced hikers, skiers and riders. The backcountry is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected, not patrolled and involves many risks, dangers and hazards, including avalanches. Be prepared for avalanche danger, weather changes and terrain hazards. You should be trained and properly equipped for self rescue. You should be trained in avalanche skills and should pack the necessary equipment on your trip. Please check the daily Canadian Avalanche Association bulletin for regional details: www.avalanche.ca I 1-800-667-1105.

Detailed trail information and GPS co-ordinates are available at the Kitimat Visitor Centre. An electronic copy of the map can also be viewed on the following websites: www.tourismkitimat.ca or www.kitimat.ca.

Emergency 911

Forest Fires 1-800-663-5555 Mountain Rescue 1-250-632-8940

# Clague Mountain

Advanced (5-7 Hours Return)

Clague Mountain is a difficult trail to the peak and, if not an experienced hiker, it is recommended you go with someone familiar with the trail if it's your first time.

GPS Reference Points: (Datum NAD27):
Parking Lot/Trailhead= 519368E / 5992364N
(NAD83= 518261E / 5992558N)
Peak / Cabin Trail Junction = 517938E / 5992816N
End old mining road= 517359E / 5992938N
Peak=514809E / 5993176N

Persons using these areas assume all responsibility for personal injury or damage to equipment resulting from the use of the trails and facilities.

## **Safety Tips:**

- · Take only pictures, leave only footprints.
- Let a responsible individual know where you are going and when you will be returning.
- Never hike alone.
- Always take a map, compass, food and emergency gear.
- Assume vou will be staving overnight
- Drive with caution on all logging road
- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather and conditions.
- Bears and other wildlife can be present on trails at any time of the day or night. Feeding and approaching wildlife is dangerous and illegal! Be sure to properly store your food.
- Rocks in and around waterways are often slippery.
   Use caution when crossing streams.
- Pack out what you pack in
- Trails are often rocky and steep. Travel carefully

BC is home to both grizzly bears and black bears. Bears are extremely sensitive to human disturbance and activity. Avoiding an encounter is the best way to protect both yourself and bears.

#### When on a trail

- Make noise. Don't surprise a bear. Call, sing, clap or talk loudly especially near streams and in areas of low visibility.
- Be alert. Watch for bears or their scat and tracks, any strange smells or disturbed vegetation. Be aware of wind direction and speed. Extra caution is warranted when the wind is facing you.
- Stay together. Hike and bike in groups and don't let children wander. Larger groups (4 or more) are less likely to have a negative bear encounter.
- Watch your pets. Keep your dog on a leash at all times. Dogs can provoke defensive bear behaviour.
- Use officially marked trails. Travel during daylight hours. Bears are most active at dawn and dusk.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

For more information on bear safety please visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/misc/bears





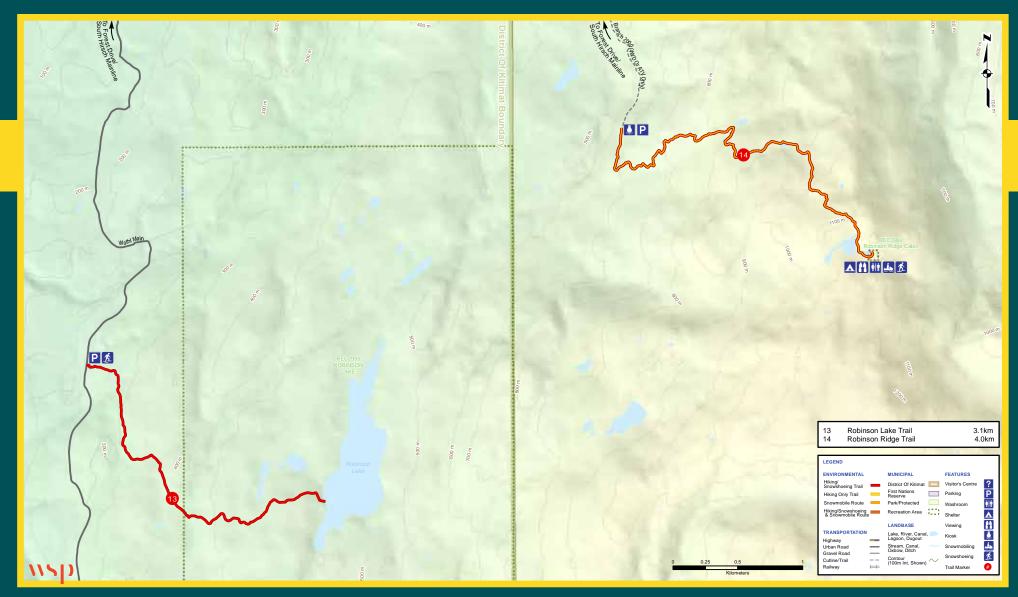
## Mount Elizabeth

Advanced (10-12 Hours Return)

Lookout (2-2.5 Hours one way) Little Elizabeth (3.5-4.5 Hours one way) **Summit of Mount Elizabeth (5-6 Hours one way)** 

GPS Reference Points: (Datum NAD27): Mt. Elizabeth '14 km' road turnoff= Little Elizabeth= 540197E / 5994196N

Mount Elizabeth is a challenging 5 km trail to the summit and is only recommended for experienced hikers. The lookout is located in sub-alpine and takes approximately 2 to 2.5 hours to hike up to, but provides a great view of Kitimat. You can continue to Little Elizabeth, which is another 2 hours hiking from the lookout, whilst the summit is another 1 to 1.5 hours additional hiking from Little Elizabeth. This last half of the hike is a very difficult trail of loose rocks and can be covered by patches of snow.



### Robinson Lake Trail **Route 1- Moderately Difficult** (4-6 Hours Return)

GPS Reference Points: (Datum NAD27): Wathl Mainline Turnoff= 527372E /5989944N (NAD83= 527265E / 5990138N) Trailhead/Parking Lot= 527038E / 5986938N (NAD83= 526931E / 5987132N) Robinson Lake (end of trail)= 528900E / 5985991N and may even include a swim

(NAD83= 528793E / 5986185 N) Route 2 - Advanced (5-7 Hours Return)

Robinson Lake Trail is 3.8 km one way and climbs to a small "coastal lake", winding through coastal old growth forest and along the edges of small marshes and streams. There is a picnic table at the lake. This hike makes for a nice family day trip on a hot day.

# Robinson Ridge Trail Difficult to Advanced

(4-6 Hours Return)

GPS Reference Points: (Datum NAD27): Br.100 turnoff 531020E / 5992466N (NAD83= 530913E / 59992660N) Trailhead/Kiosk= 531290E / 5988884N (NAD83= 531183E / 5989078N) Cabin= 533229E / 598792N (NAD83= 533122E / 5988115N) Top of Ridge (view of Kitimat) = 532700E / 598665N (NAD83= 532954E / 5986846N)

Robinson Ridge Trail is 3 km one way, provided you have 4WD to get to the trailhead, otherwise the walk to the trailhead will be a bit longer, depending on where you park your vehicle. A variety of terrain exists including open marshes as well as timbered areas, with some steep pitches before arriving at the Kitimat Snowmobile & Hikers Club cabin located next to a small sub-alpine lake.