

Black Lake Campground

Nopiming Provincial Park

Campground Tips

- Be sure matches are extinguished. Break them in half before discarding.
- Build no fires except in a designated firepit or use a camp stove. Before leaving make sure your fire is completely out.
- Be careful with your cigarettes, cigars and pipe ashes. Crush them thoroughly before discarding. Never toss them from a vehicle.
- Please! Do not litter.
- Be sensitive to wildlife. Bears can be dangerous and should not be fed. Food must be stored away from your campsite, preferably in a locked vehicle, to avoid attracting hungry animals. Do not store food in your tent.
- Warm clothing is needed for cool nights.
- The use of insect repellent will add to your comfort.
- Learn to recognize and avoid poisonous plants such as poison ivy.
- In case of injury or illness contact a Campground Attendant or Park Patrol Officer. They can assist you to reach medical help.
- Canoeists and hikers travelling in backcountry areas should advise a friend of their intended destination and anticipated length of trip.
- Backcountry camping is only allowed at designated campsites.
- It is illegal to use or transport elm firewood.
- Out of Province Firewood can spread harmful pests and destroy our forests - buy it locally, burn it locally.

Nopiming

- The Anishinabe word for “entrance to the wilderness”



Nopiming is the Anishinabe word for “entrance to the wilderness.” This name is indicative of the land, because until recently, Nopiming was accessible only by water, bushplane, or winter roads. Currently, PR 314 provides access to campground and leads visitors through the length of the park. With over a hundred lakes and numerous rivers, Nopiming was a natural destination for the first peoples of the area, as well as for wildlife. People were drawn by the lure of gold in the early 1900s; this was the impetus for later development.

The history of the landscape on which the campground sits begins billions of years ago, and has gone through many changes since its creation. Sediments deposited on a sea floor were slowly buried within the Earth, and later changed to “hard-rock” by the forces of continental movement. The ancient sea was destroyed and eventually replaced by mountains. Around two billion years ago, wind and water slowly eroded this great landform, and eventually the weathered land became covered by boreal forest. A more recent change occurred in 1983 when a forest fire burned 25, 420 ha (98 square miles) of land within the park. Although not as monumental as the environmental changes that had taken place earlier, this ravaging fire left a mark on the land that will stay for years to come.

Black River (which flows into Black Lake) is part of the Rabbit River, a lengthy canoe route. North

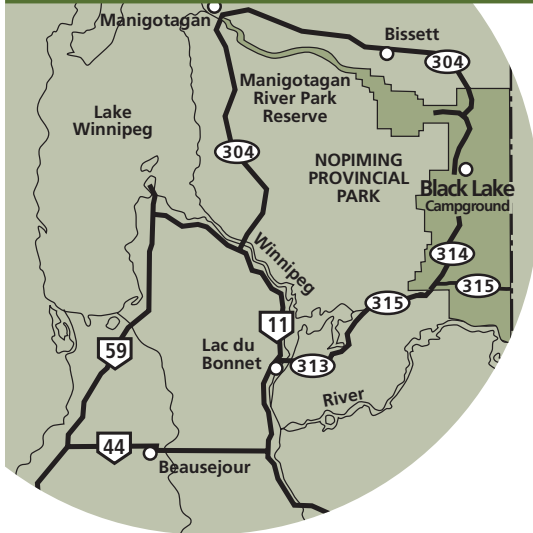
of the Black Lake campground is the Seagrim - Elton Lakes canoe route. You have the option of setting up your backcountry camp at these lakes or along the Rabbit River. Be sure to purchase detailed maps before starting on your canoe trip. While en route, look for wildlife that is not commonly seen in other parts of the province like woodland caribou, timber wolf, and cougar. The large amount of wilderness gives these big animals enough room to survive without coming into conflict with humans.

North of Black Lake, the self-guiding trails “Walking on Ancient Mountains” and the “Fire of ’83” take hikers on a journey over rock outcrops, and give splendid views of lakes, boreal forest and geological features. On the “Fire of ’83” trail, visitors can experience the rejuvenation of the new forest. Among the young jack pines, tamarack, bunchberry and lady slippers, there are still traces of the fire that occurred almost twenty years ago. The tall, barren trees that stand higher than any others remind visitors of the forest’s former grandeur. Pick up the interpretive brochure and discover the role that fire plays in the park’s ecosystem.

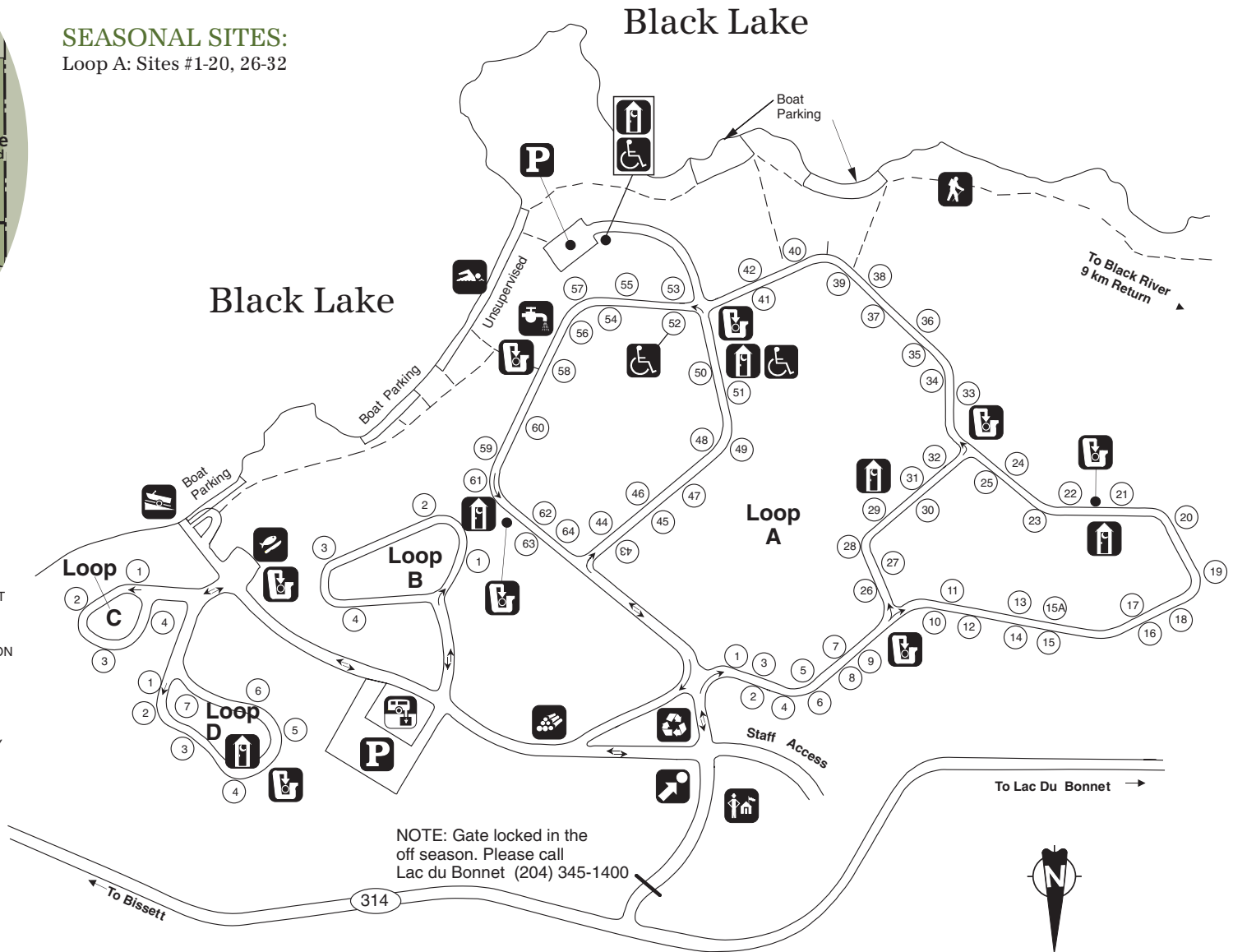
More information on Black Lake Campground and Nopiming Provincial Park is available on request from Manitoba Conservation.

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SEASONAL SITES:
Loop A: Sites #1-20, 26-32



LEGEND

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| | BEACH / SWIMMING UNSUPERVISED | | PARKING |
| | BOAT LAUNCH | | POINT OF INTEREST (CARIBOU EXHIBIT) |
| | CAMPGROUND OFFICE | | RECYCLING STATION |
| | DISABILITY ACCESSIBLE | | REFUSE DISPOSAL |
| | FIREWOOD | | TRAILER SANITARY STATION |
| | FISH CLEANING AREA | | WASHROOMS (NON-MODERN) |
| | HIKING TRAIL | | WATER SUPPLY |

NOTE:

- For campsite and group use reservations: www.manitobaparks.com or 1-888-4U2-Camp (1-888-482-2267). In Winnipeg call 204-948-3333.
- Remember, a Park Vehicle Permit is required and must be displayed year round.
- For more information or last minute campsite availability call 1-800-214-6497. In Winnipeg call 204-945-6784 or visit us at: www.manitobaparks.com

NOTE: Gate locked in the off season. Please call Lac du Bonnet (204) 345-1400

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL

- RCMP 204-345-8685
- AMBULANCE 1-877-977-0007

