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# UPPER PEACE VALLEY RECREATION AREA

PEACE RIVER

## MAP/GUIDE FOR RIVER TRAVEL





## USING THIS GUIDE

The information in this guide is only meant to be referenced while travelling on the Peace River. It is important to use caution when boating or paddling on the Peace River, and all safety measures should be considered before departing. For those wishing to powerboat on the river, it is recommended to have an experienced driver that can “read” the water and navigate the boat to avoid any accidental mishaps.

Water levels on the Peace River can change quite drastically. This fluctuation is often due to the influence of the hydroelectric dams in northern British Columbia, which often cause water levels to rise or drop several inches in a matter of hours. Due to this, it is important to check where you dock your boat in between stops or at the end of the day.

Weather conditions should always be monitored, as they too can change frequently when you're on the water. Be sure to carry clothing and supplies to meet every condition in case an emergency arises.

This river is excellent for canoeing and kayaking, but please use caution when paddling and paddle at your own risk.

In preparation for this guide, an experienced team travelled by jet boat for three days, covering over 300km and over 80 stops through nine different communities and counties. Each stop will include the km's, the location name, the county it resides in, and the GPS coordinates.

The river is meant for use at your own risk and we, the authors and organizations who prepared this guide, assume no responsibility for any misuse of the information included here. By following the descriptions on the following pages, the users should be able to orient themselves to their location on the Mighty Peace and navigate their way through quite easily.

**Have a wonderful trip!**



## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

All maps throughout the guide have been developed by Explore Inc. When planning a trip on the river the **Peace River Boating Association**, based out of the Town of Peace River, and the **Dunvegan River Rats**, based out of the MD of Fairview are excellent groups to contact if you need assistance in planning or prepping your river excursion.

The **Peace River Boating Association** is an excellent resource for those wanting to experience the river firsthand. This committed group of locals are always eager to assist boating enthusiasts in any way that they can. Known for organizing and supporting the Peace River Gold Cup jet boat races, this association is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to travelling on the scenic Peace River.

### **Peace River Boating Association**

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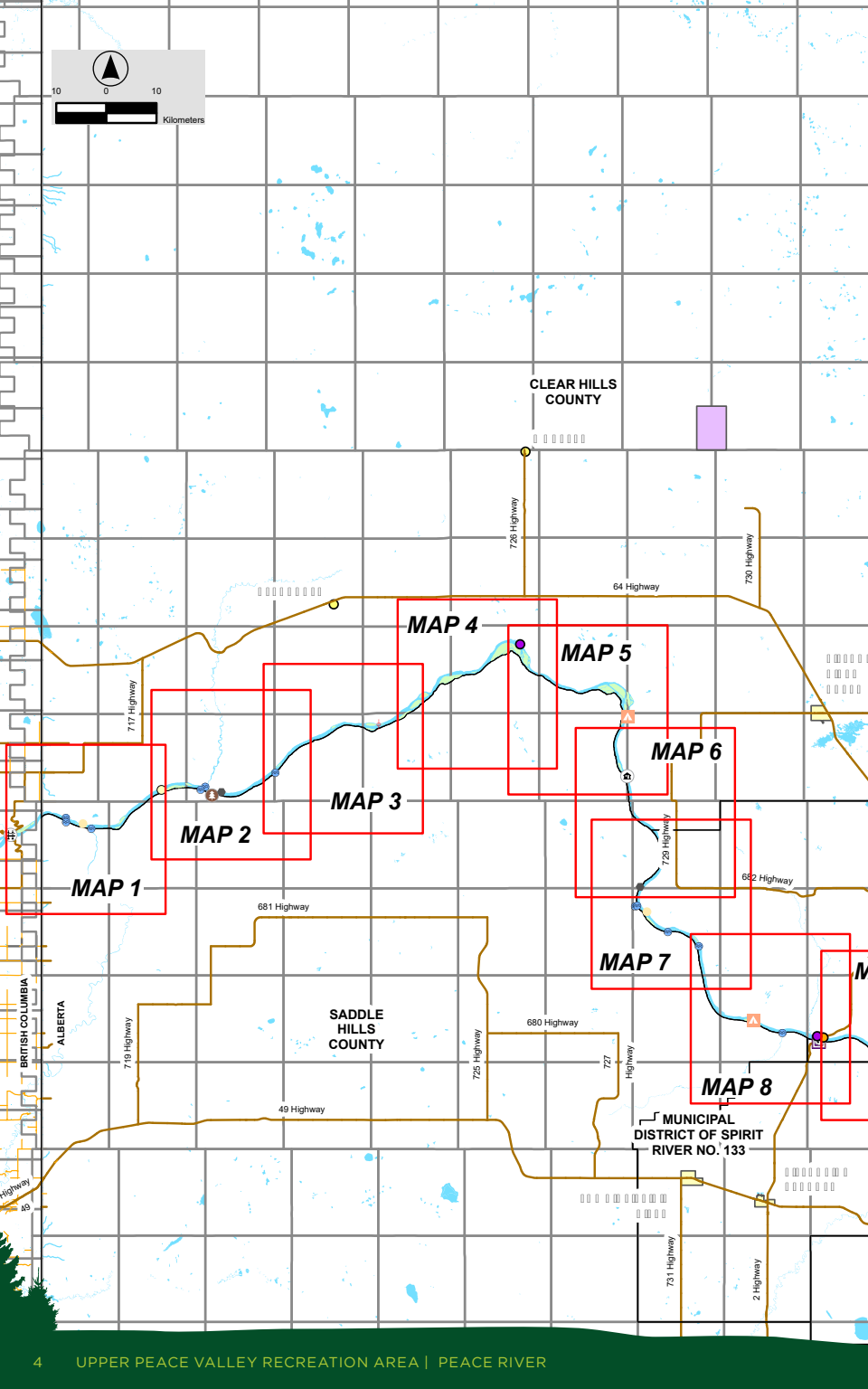
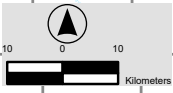
If you're looking to take to the river with a guide, then check out **Peace River Adventures**, a locally owned and operated business that specializes in guided tours on the incredible Mighty Peace River. Choose from a wide range of tours or create your own – either way you're guaranteed to see stunning landscapes, tons of wildlife, and learn more about the history of the region. They also provide river paddle toy rentals to adventurers who want to get out and see the sights for themselves. **Peace River Cabins & Outdoors**, located on the Shaftesbury Trail, also offers guided paddle tours and paddle rentals for those who want to experience the natural wonders of the mighty Peace River while enjoying a stay along the beautiful riverbanks.

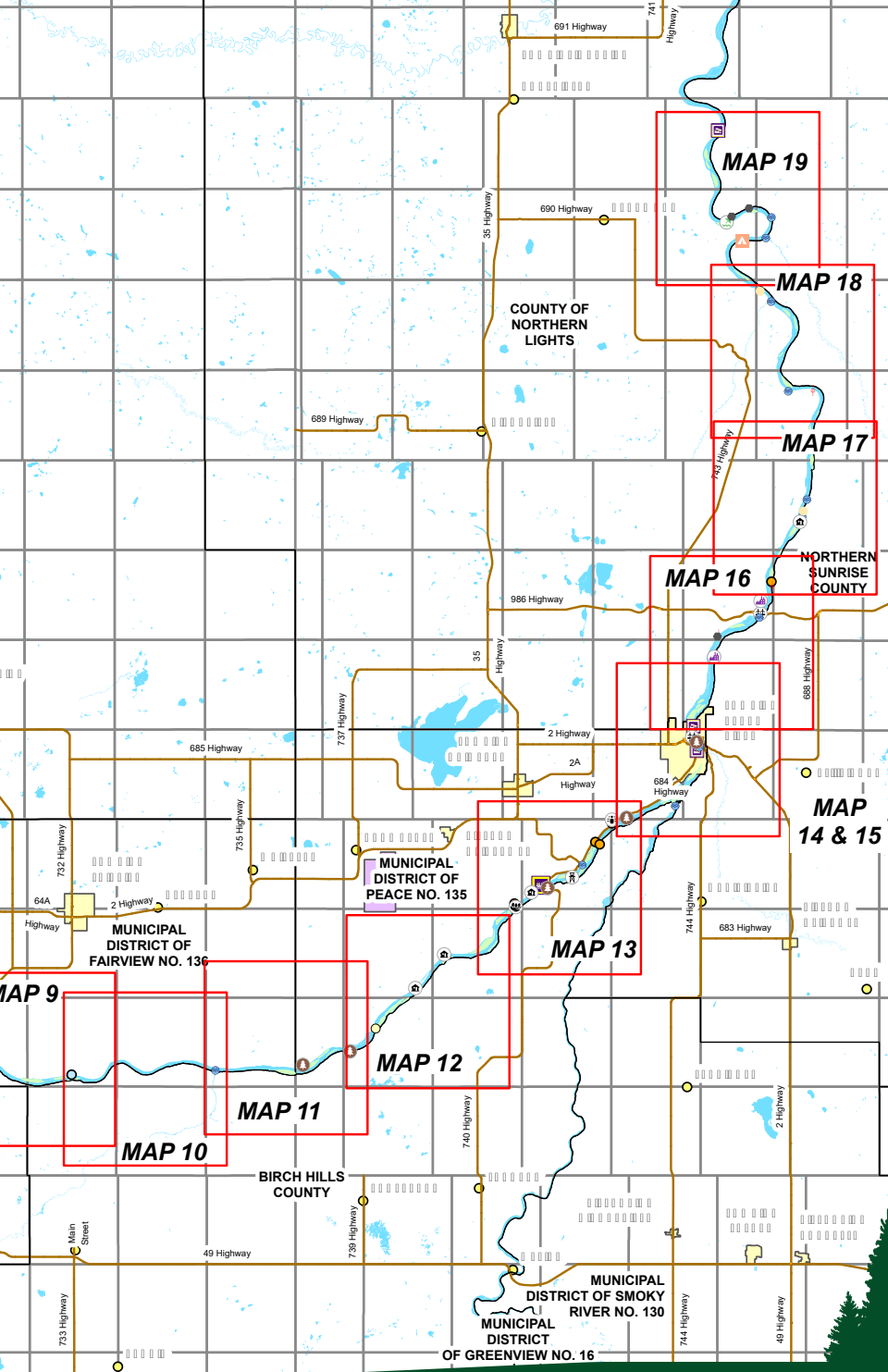
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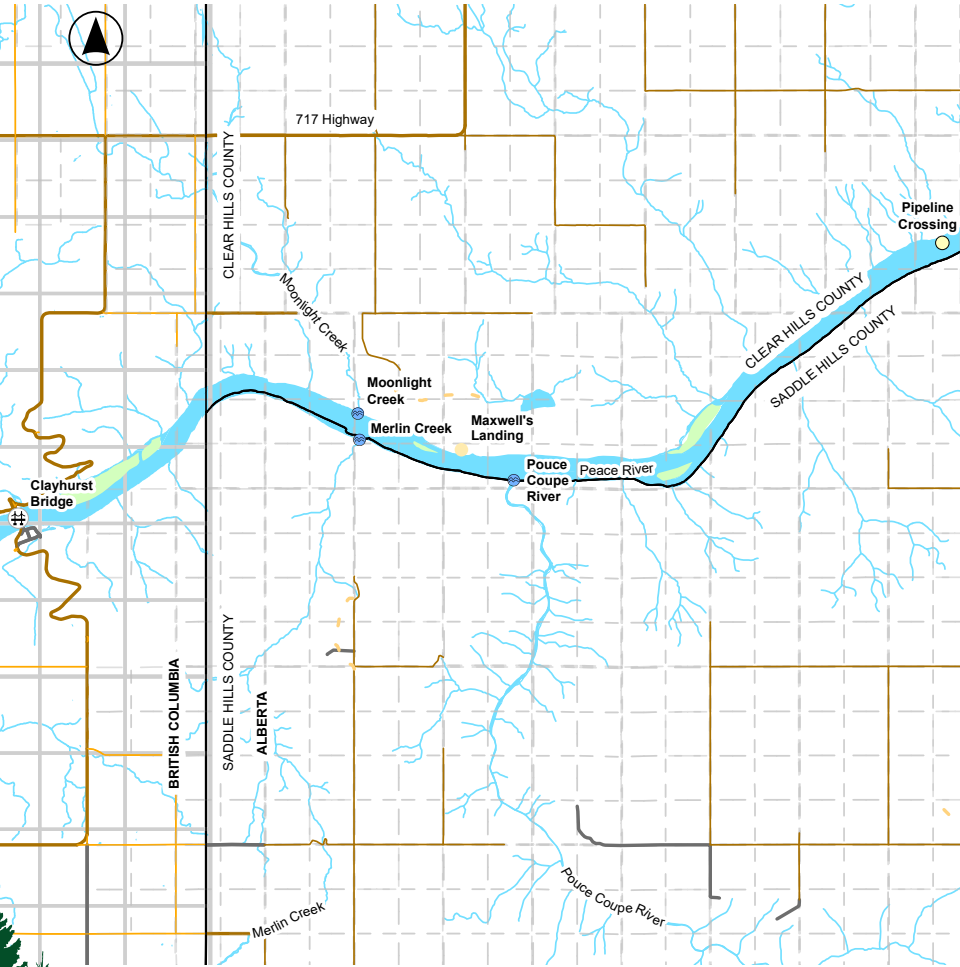
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DISTRICT  
OF GREENVIEW NO. 16**

# PEACE RIVER BC COUNTY

This municipality is home to the District of Chetwynd, City of Dawson Creek and Fort St. John, the District of Hudson's Hope, Village of Pouce Coupe, and the District of Taylor and Tumbler Ridge. Characterized by rolling hills, agricultural land, and plenty of forests with vast ecosystems and wildlife, this area is an incredible place for outdoor adventures to enjoy.





## **KM 0: CLAYHURST BRIDGE, PEACE RIVER BC**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 07.533' W120° 03.367'**

The first section of your river adventure starts at the Clayhurst Bridge. There are loading and unloading areas on either side of the river just below the bridge. As you begin your travels you will notice high, grassy, and rocky slopes on either side of the river. This scenic area is known to have plenty of wildlife sightings, especially beavers and birds of prey. The terrain will begin to change slightly as you progress down the river and you will notice more sandy areas, as well as some hoodoos along the steep riverbanks. There are some low areas on this section, so reading the water is key. Although conditions can change from year to year, it's important to note the water levels and choose the best course forward.

# CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

Situated along the British Columbia border, extending north to the Clear Hills, and dipping down to the mighty Peace River at its southern border, Clear Hills County is full of incredible recreational activities to enjoy year-round. Home to several small communities, along with miles of untouched wilderness, this area is ideal for those who love to get outside and explore.

## **KM 10: MAXWELL'S LANDING, CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 08.217' W119° 55.617'**

Maxwell's Landing is an ideal stop on the left shore to take a break, have a picnic, or do some sightseeing. You will have a great view of the valley here and can dock your boat easily. There is a decent sized area to relax, create a campfire or stretch your legs, but the back portion of the landing is quite overgrown with dense trees and bushes. This is a very quiet, serene spot on the river and is the perfect place for a pitstop.



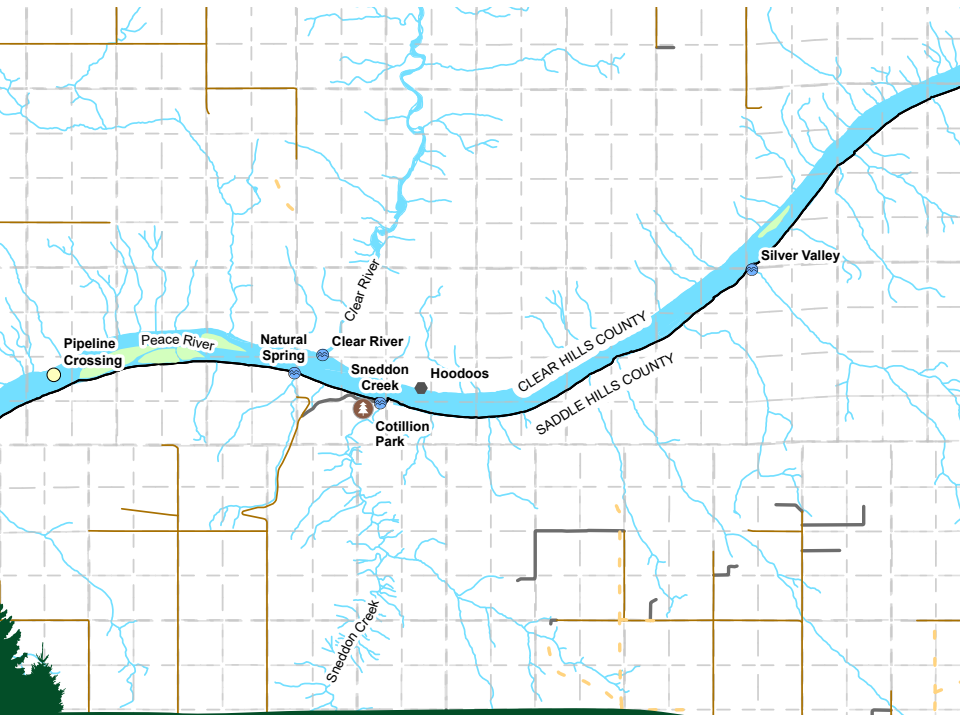
# SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

Known for having geological wonders where prehistoric fossils have been found, as well as being a prime location for immersing yourself in nature, culture, and adventure, Saddle Hills County has something for everyone. This rural farming community consistently provides locals and out of towners with plenty of ways to enjoy and experience what the area has to offer.

## KM 11: POUCE COUPE RIVER, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 07.900' W119° 54.683'**

Directly across from Maxwell's Landing is the Pouce Coupe River. There is no launch available here, and depending on the season, the river can be quite low. There is a lot of history surrounding this river, and it was previously known as the Bear River when Alexander Mackenzie passed it in 1793.







## **KM 20: PIPELINE CROSSING, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 10.218' W119° 47.153'**

A glimpse of civilization can be seen during this section. A pipeline crossing is noticeable here and offers a quick change in scenery. In drier conditions, a sandbar can be seen jutting

out from the left side of the river immediately after the two islands, so it is recommended to read the river and choose the best course of action once again.

## **KM 32: CLEAR RIVER, CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 10.433' W119° 42.467'**

Clear River is an informal day use area that allows for visitors to swim, fish, and explore. With access from the river, you will be able to hike an undeveloped trail and enjoy this quiet and magical site. A small creek flows through the south side of this location and there are many lush trees. This place is definitely worth exploring!



## **KM 32: NATURAL SPRING, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 10.267' W119° 42.900'**

After exploring the Clear River area, you can catch a glimpse of the natural spring that flows out of the rocks nearby. This is a beautiful spot with a rock wall with spiral

textures that is sure to grab your interest.



### **KM 33: COTILLION PARK, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 09.933' W119° 41.583'**

Across from the Clear River is Cotillion Park. This recreational site is hard to see from the river, but you may be able to see a tin shed from the shore. There is a walking trail and access to the park directly from the river, making it easy to stop at. This area has serviced and unserviced RV and tent sites, firepits, firewood, picnic tables, washrooms, a shower house, picnic areas, hiking trails, and a playground. There is also vehicle access to the river if needed. You can enjoy incredible views of the river and valley from this park, and it also provides the opportunity to camp, whether it's for one night or multiple.



### **KM 33: SNEDDON CREEK, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 09.983' W119° 41.333'**

Sneddon Creek splits the Cotillion Park area in half. You will be able to explore both sides of the creek and will get a great glimpse of the hoodoos across from the park here. This

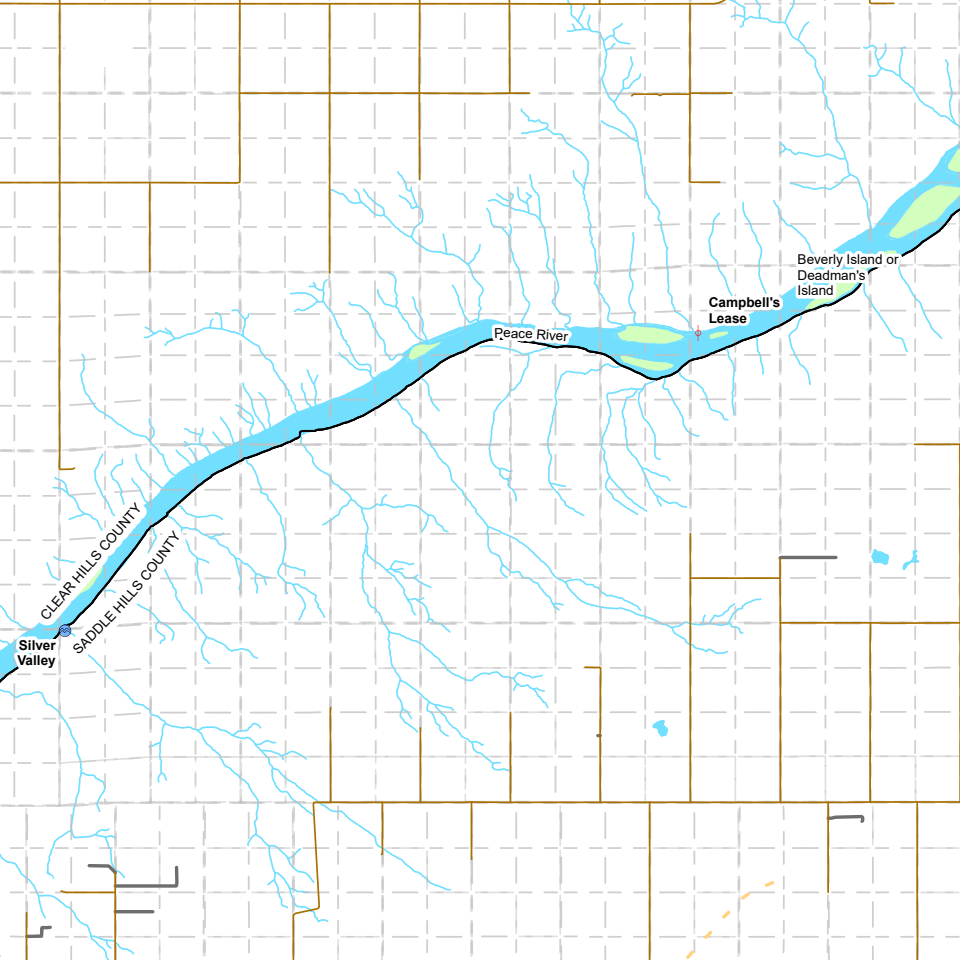
area holds a lot of interesting sights and things to do and is a spot worth stopping at.

### **KM 34: HOODOOS, CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 10.117' W119° 40.683'**

A few minutes downstream from Cotillion Park on the north cliffs of the river are the unique rock formations commonly known as hoodoos. Formed by thousands of years of erosion, these interesting rock creations are always exciting to see. You will almost feel like you've gone back in time when you come across them - make sure you have your camera ready!





## KM 36: SILVER VALLEY, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 13.155' W119° 29.424'

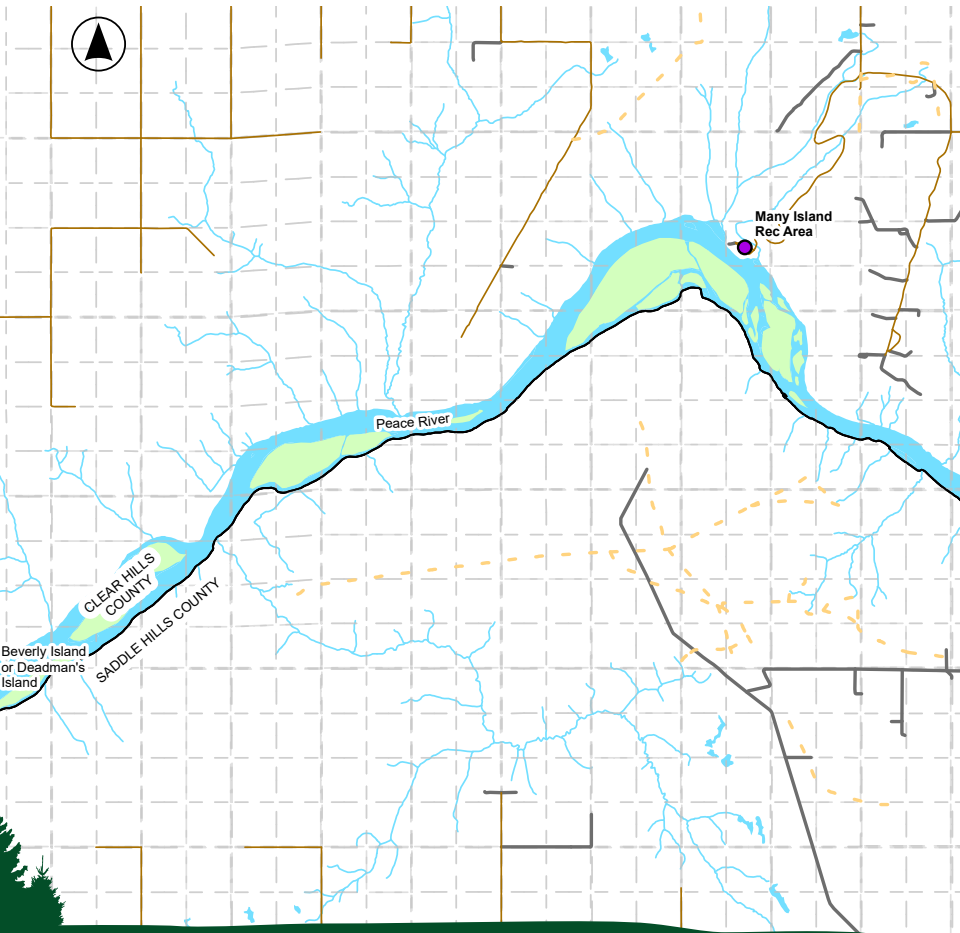
Located on the right-hand side is Silver Valley. Legislated as an Ecological Reserve by the Alberta Government, it represents a special natural landscape in the province and is protected as an example of a functioning ecosystem for research and education. Fires and camping are prohibited, and foot traffic is only permitted. There are lots of interesting sights to see here if you feel like stopping and exploring.



## KM 48: BEVERLY ISLAND OR DEADMAN'S ISLAND, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 14.767' W119° 20.933'

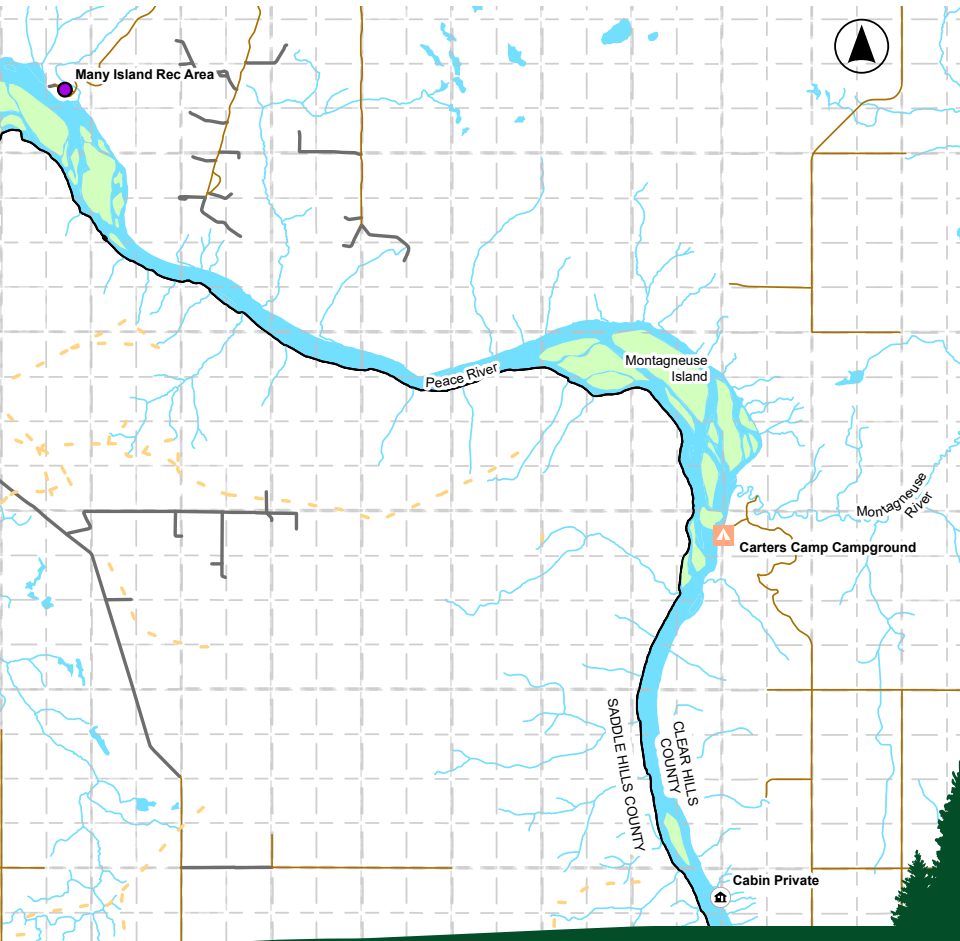
Beverly Island, or Deadman's Island, is an island on the right side of the river that has thick brush, but also space for a quick stop if you need. There may still be remnants of a burnt cabin here, which was previously a privately owned building. Wildlife may be seen here, especially along the banks or soaring above. It's not uncommon to see eagles, deer, or even bears in this area.



## KM 65: MANY ISLANDS RECREATION AREA, CLEAR HILLS COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 18.953' W119° 08.853'

This beautiful location can be accessed from the river, as there is a boat launch for campers to use during their stay. There is plenty of room to dock your boat, but it is important to note that the river can change frequently, and water levels can fluctuate. The Many Islands Recreation Area offers camping sites with fire pits, picnic tables, outhouses, hiking trails, a playground, and even horseshoe pits. This campground offers some stunning scenery of the river valley and plenty of opportunities to see the wildlife that call the area home. Always worth the stop, Many Islands will provide you with the chance to relax or play during your river trip.





## **KM 77: MONTAGNEUSE ISLAND, CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 16.646' W118° 59.043'**

At this point in your travels, you will see a group of islands known as the Montagneuse Islands. Noted as a historical area, Alexander Mackenzie and his voyageurs camped at one of these

islands during the Northwest Passage. This is another great area to spot wildlife and take in the views of the riverbanks on either side.

## **KM 82: CARTERS CAMP, CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 14.581' W118° 57.048'**

Carters Camp is easily seen from the river and offers an ideal spot for overnight camping. Docking your boat is easy and there is a large area with lots of river rocks and gravel to explore before making your way up to the campsites. Equipped with bathrooms, picnic tables, fire pits, firewood, a picnic area, and a playground, there are many natural areas to hike and explore while you stay or visit here. Carters Camp was originally a homestead for a Peace River family in the early 1900's that had a mill widely known for its products. This location offers boaters a chance to stretch their legs, see new sights, and add some more adventure to their travels.



## **KM 90: CABIN, CLEAR HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 10.999' W118° 57.160'**

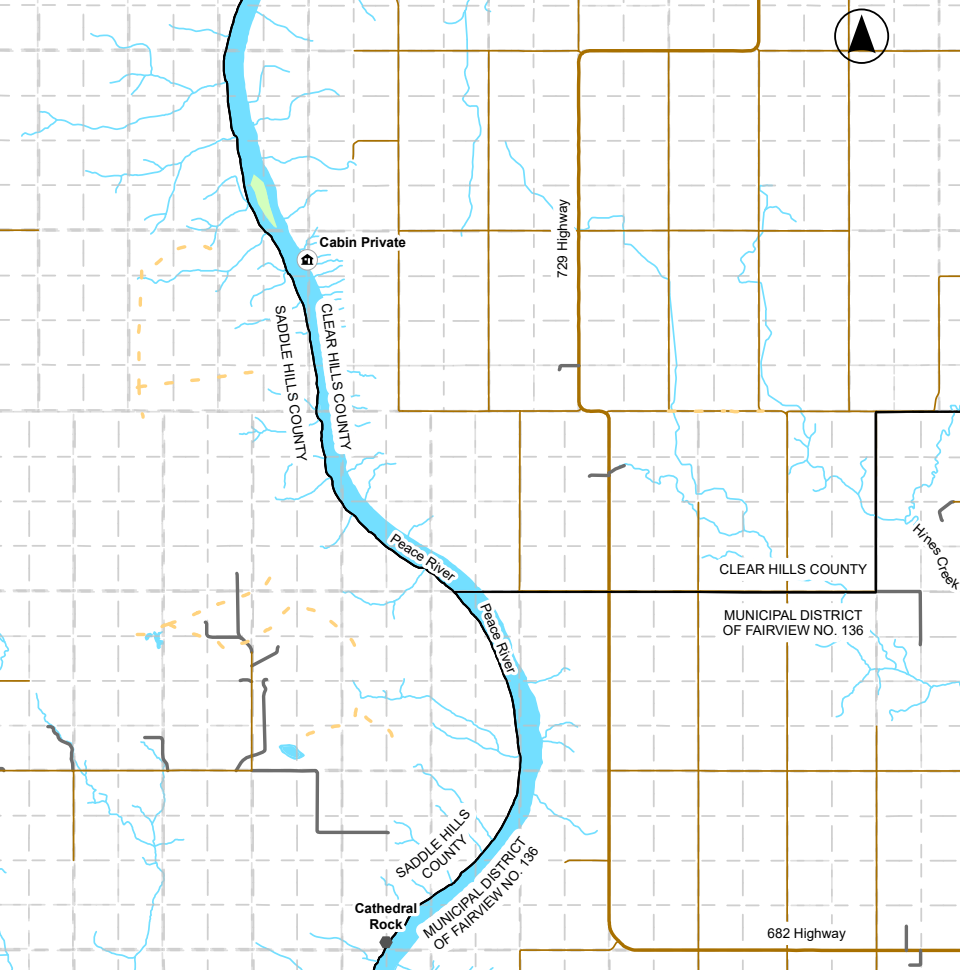
Located on private land, only use this cabin as a landmark. This cabin sits on the left shore and should not be disturbed or explored.

## **KM 105: CATHEDRAL ROCK, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 04.427' W118° 55.501'**

Almost looking out of place, Cathedral Rock is a large rock situated on top of a hill on the right side of the valley. Although part of it has fallen, this spot is still very interesting to see. The terrain changes a bit here and you will notice a cliff with rocky areas. The hills in this area are some of the most beautiful you will see during your travels.



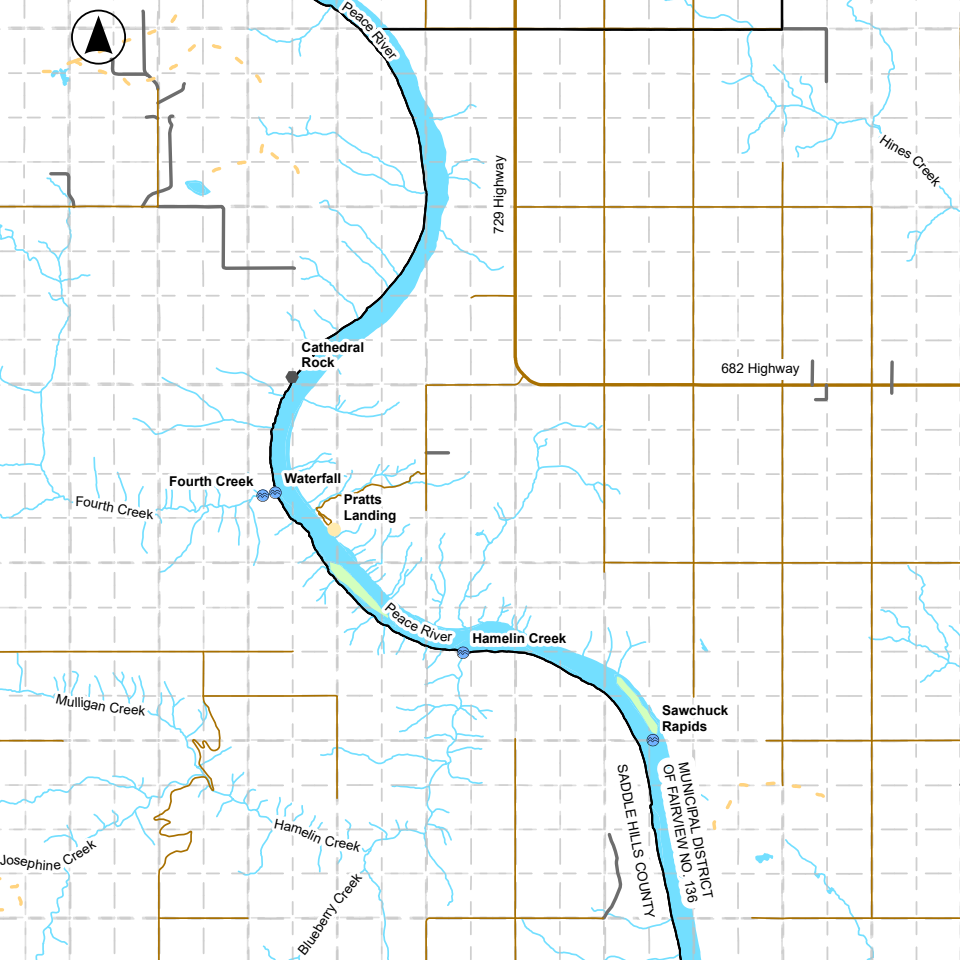


## KM 106: FOURTH CREEK, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 03.933' W118° 56.017'

Extremely scenic, Fourth Creek is only accessible by river and has carved a canyon that's filled with diverse wildlife, trees, hoodoos, and caves. Hiking is encouraged if you decide to stop for a while, but camping and building fires is not permitted. This one-of-a-kind location is a must see and will provide you with some epic photos to share after your adventures.





## KM 106.5: WATERFALL, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 03.300' W118° 55.917'

A short distance away from Fourth Creek is a small waterfall surrounded by large, moss-covered rocks, fallen trees, and different layers of vegetation. Best seen in the spring, it's common for the waterfall to be dry during the summer months, however the area can still be enjoyed and appreciated during the warmer months. This spot is one that everyone should explore and see at least once, as it is truly a fascinating area.



# MD OF FAIRVIEW

Full of history and known for being the home of the iconic Dunvegan Bridge, the MD of Fairview offers gorgeous scenery, miles of agricultural land, tons of outdoor recreational activities, and one of a kind, locally owned businesses. It's easy to find year round entertainment and areas to explore while you're here.

## **KM 108: PRATT'S LANDING, MD OF FAIRVIEW**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 02.700' W118° 54.633'**

Pratt's Landing can be accessed by road, but it is often a hazardous drive in the rain due to the steep grade, so caution is given to those driving in. There is a campground here that has all the traditional amenities such as, RV and tent spots, picnic tables, firepits, picnic areas, a playground, hiking trails, and a boat launch that is suitable for both power boats and canoes. From the river you will notice a large, gravelled shoreline, which is the ideal location for a pitstop. This area is also known to have a lot of wildlife and it's recommended to have your binoculars or camera ready!



## **KM 110.5: HAMELIN CREEK, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 01.760' W118° 52.901'**

At this spot you will find yourself in a valley known as Hamelin Creek. There is no access road to this location, but it is common to see ATV tracks near the river edge. This area offers some unique hiking

opportunities if you want to take a break and stretch your legs. There are usually a lot of wildlife tracks here, so be prepared and stay aware.

## **KM 111: ACCESS TRAIL TO ROAD, MD OF FAIRVIEW**

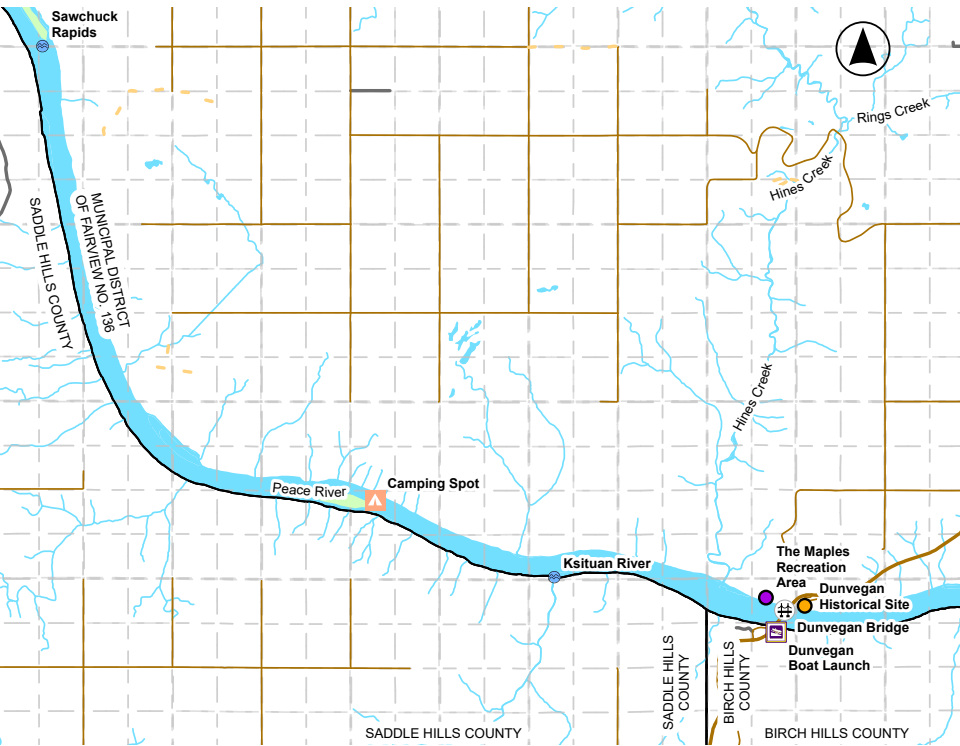
**GPS Coordinates: N56° 01.783' W118° 52.517'**

There is an access trail here that will take you to a main road which can be used for emergency access if needed.

## KM 115: SAWCHUCK RAPIDS, MD OF FAIRVIEW

GPS Coordinates: N56° 00.675' W118° 49.079'

The Sawchuck Rapids can fluctuate with water levels from either being quite shallow, to having actual rapids. There are also large sand and gravel bars throughout this section, so reading the river carefully is encouraged. Wildlife, especially black bears, have been spotted in this area, making it a great spot to capture Instagram worthy photos.



## KM 128: CAMPING SPOT, MD OF FAIRVIEW

GPS Coordinates: N55° 56.399' W118° 43.445'

Here you will find a nice camping spot if you're wanting an overnight stay along your adventures. This area provides a great view of the massive riverbanks and towering hills, as well as gorgeous scenes of poplar trees, spruce trees, and greenery of all sorts.

## **KM 135: KSITUAN RIVER, SADDLE HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N55° 55.664' W118° 40.315'**

After a gradual bend to the right and then to the left you will see the Ksituan River on the right-hand side flowing into the Peace River.



## **KM 135.5: MAPLES RECREATION AREA, MD OF FAIRVIEW**

**GPS Coordinates: N55°55.465' W118°36.514'**

As the original site of St. Saviours Anglican mission from 1879, the Maples is rich in history and always worth the stop. This day use area has road access, is great for groups, and is equipped

with firepits, tables and benches, a water pump, access to the river, toilets, a playground and open play area, plus lots of hiking trails nearby.

## **KM 136: DUNVEGAN HISTORICAL SITE AND BRIDGE, MD OF FAIRVIEW**

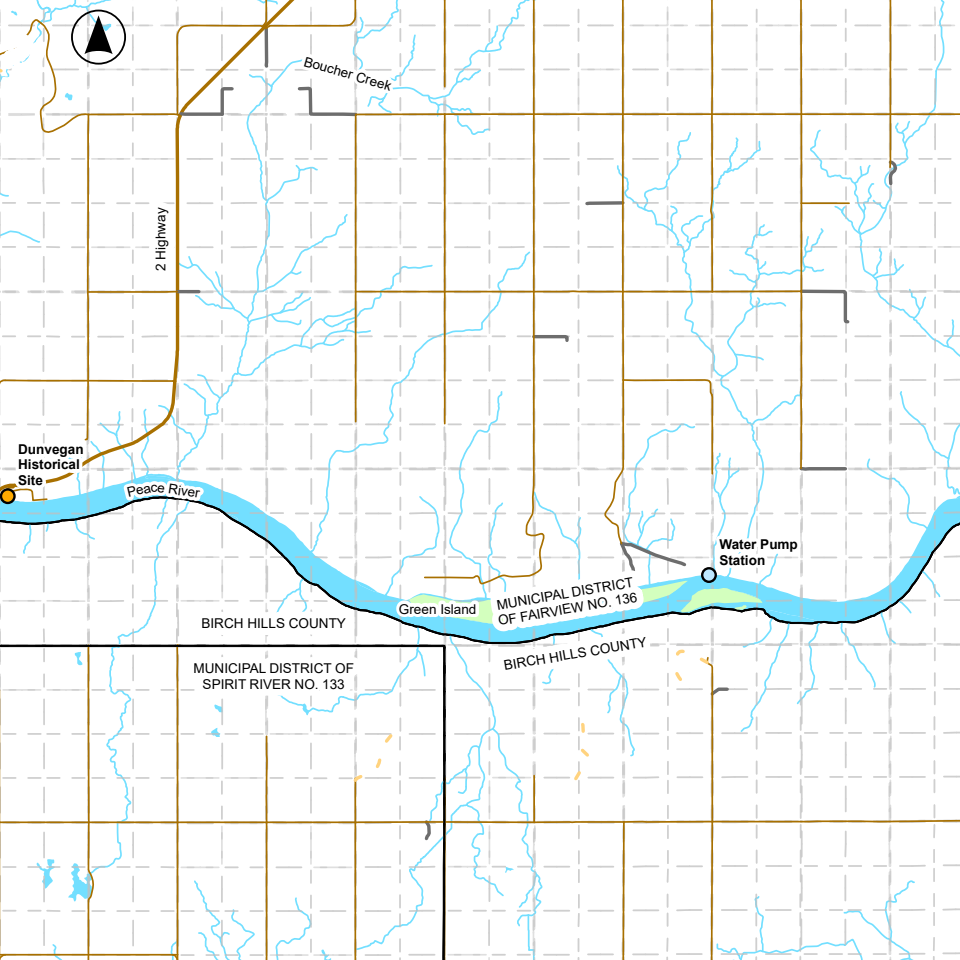
**GPS Coordinates: N55° 55.3878' W118° 35.9136'**

Home to some of the richest history in the Mighty Peace, the Dunvegan area is hard to miss and is a must stop during any expedition.

As you approach, you will be met by the iconic Dunvegan Bridge, which is Alberta's longest vehicle suspension bridge. Equipped with a boat launch maintained by the Dunvegan River Rats Society, it's easy to dock your boat and spend time learning about the historical fur trading sites while you tour this beautiful location.

The Dunvegan Provincial Park can also be found here, which has almost 70 power RV stalls, tap water, a sani-dump station, a playground, toilets, and walking paths. Just past the campground is Dunvegan Market Gardens, where you will find a greenhouse, a mini golf course, and a restaurant in operation during the summer months.





## MD OF PEACE

The perfect place for a northern getaway, the MD of Peace has beautiful rolling hills, scenic lakes, and some of the best views of the river valley. With museums, parks, campgrounds, and the provincially known Shaftesbury Ferry, this section of the Mighty Peace is home to many events, activities, and areas to explore.

## KM 145: GREEN ISLAND, MD FAIRVIEW

GPS Coordinates: N55° 54.200' W118° 27.583'

This is where you will notice the scenery around you begin to change. You will start to notice more trees, rolling hills, and green vegetation and less cliffs along the river. At the top of the hill there is a private cabin that can be seen from the river.

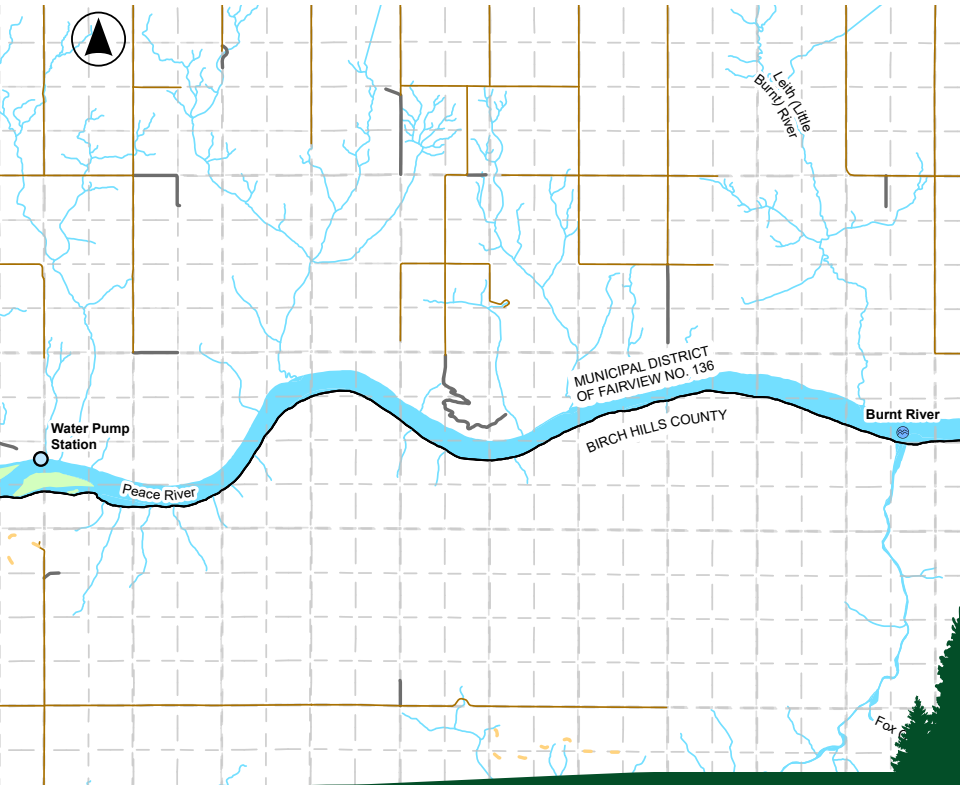


## KM 150: WATER PUMP STATION, MD FAIRVIEW

GPS Coordinates: N55° 54.569' W118° 23.531'

Here you will find a nice camping spot if you're wanting an overnight stay along your adventures. This area provides a great view of the massive riverbanks and towering hills, as well

as gorgeous scenes of poplar trees, spruce trees, and greenery of all sorts.



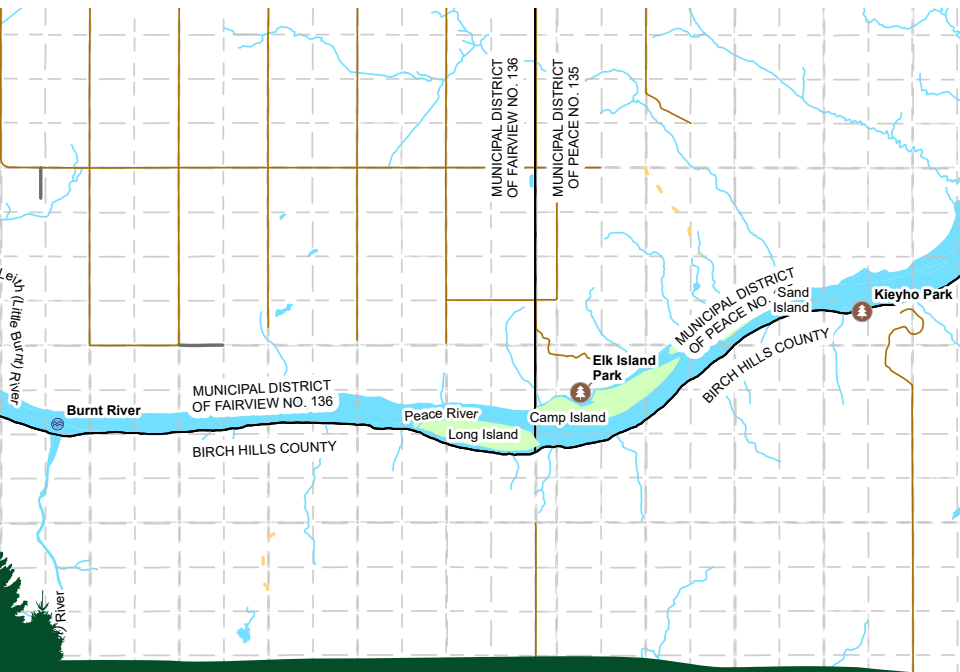
# BIRCH HILLS COUNTY

With the Peace River to the north and the Smoky River to the east, Birch Hills County draws people in from near and far with many year-round attractions, thrilling outdoor adventures, and experiences that cater to all ages and interests. Offering cultural events, picturesque landscapes, and amazing dining experiences, you will be able to completely enjoy yourself while visiting this area.

## KM 168: BURNT RIVER, BIRCH HILLS COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N55° 54.852' W118° 08.632'

Ideal for a quick stop or picnic, the Burnt River has a great, flat landing spot where you can relax and take in the incredible views of the valley. Along the north shore you'll see a private cabin, and if you're feeling like taking a dip in the river, the water is deep enough right off the shoreline. Perfect for when you want to kick back and soak up the scenery, the Burnt River stop is sure to impress.



## **KM 176: LONG ISLAND, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N55° 54.767' W118° 00.933'**

As the river straightens out you will see Long Island on the left. It's easy to figure out how it got its name due to how long the island is, and you will see plenty of deciduous and coniferous trees atop it. Keep an eye out for wildlife here, especially hawks, eagles, deer, moose, and even bears.

## **KM 177: ELK ISLAND PARK, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N55° 55.150' W117° 59.117'**

Rustic camping and limited access. Docking here can be difficult as water levels tend to drop quickly, making it important to find a spot with plenty of water.



## **KM 177.5: CAMP ISLAND, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N55° 55.083' W117° 58.383'**

This great camping area is just down stream from Elk Island and has many great spots to throw up a tent and spend the night. Tucked into the trees, this camping spot is quiet and

offers plenty of space to dock your boat and enjoy some time on land.

## **KM 181: SAND ISLAND, MD OF PEACE**

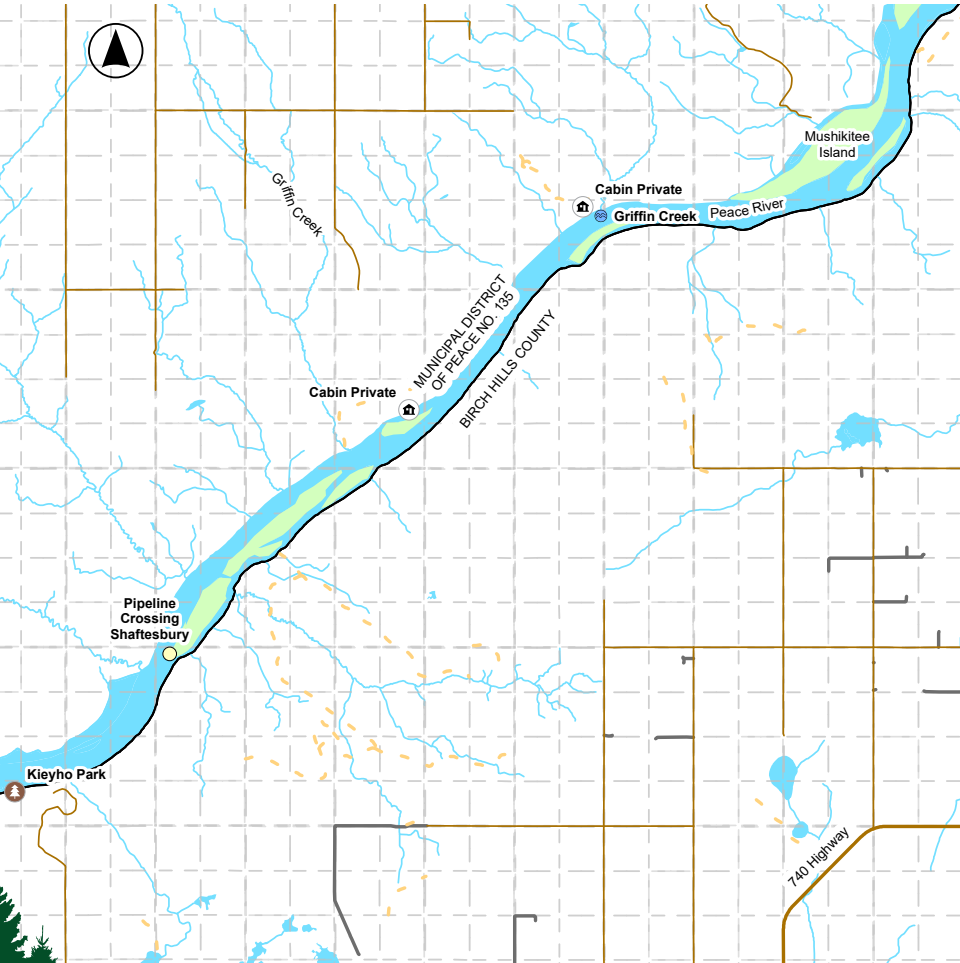
**GPS Coordinates: N55° 55.759' W117° 56.941'**

Right after departing Camp Island, you will come across an island in the middle of the river that was once a sand-dune island famously noted in Alexander Mackenzie's journals. Now, you'll find that it's covered in tall grass and vegetation and is a favourite spot among the deer population here. The current can be a bit stronger around Sand Island, so be prepared for some waves if the water is high.

## KM 184: KIEYHO PARK, BIRCH HILLS COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N55° 55.900' W117° 54.633'

Kieyho Park can be difficult to spot from the river, and there isn't a main trail to the campground from the river, but there is a road that is accessible by off highway vehicles only. This spot offers secluded camping facilities, picnic tables, fire pits, a day use area, hiking trails and a playground. If you feel like dropping a line in the river and doing some fishing, this has been known to be a great area for it.







### **KM 188: PIPELINE CROSSING SHAFTESBURY, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N55° 57.299' W117° 51.728'**

Here you will notice a pipeline crossing and an island that will potentially be well groomed by local cattle. Through this route, it's advised to stay left, but always use your best judgement.

### **KM 193: LITTLE CABIN ON WEST BANK, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N55° 59.683' W117° 47.417'**

Located on private land, please only use as a landmark. Standing high on the west bank is a cabin, you'll notice rocky cliffs, some greenery and small poplar trees, and quite a bit of gravel on the shore here.

### **KM 198: CABIN, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 01.499' W117° 44.379'**

Only use a landmark as it is on private land. This cabin is nestled among the trees, but you will still be able to catch a glimpse of it from the river. Known as the Griffin Creek Cabin because of its close proximity to Griffin Creek.



### **KM 198: GRIFFIN CREEK, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 01.577' W117° 44.062'**

Griffin Creek was named after Thomas Griffin, a settler who arrived in the Peace River area in 1904. He grew wheat and barley and was known for promoting the area as prime

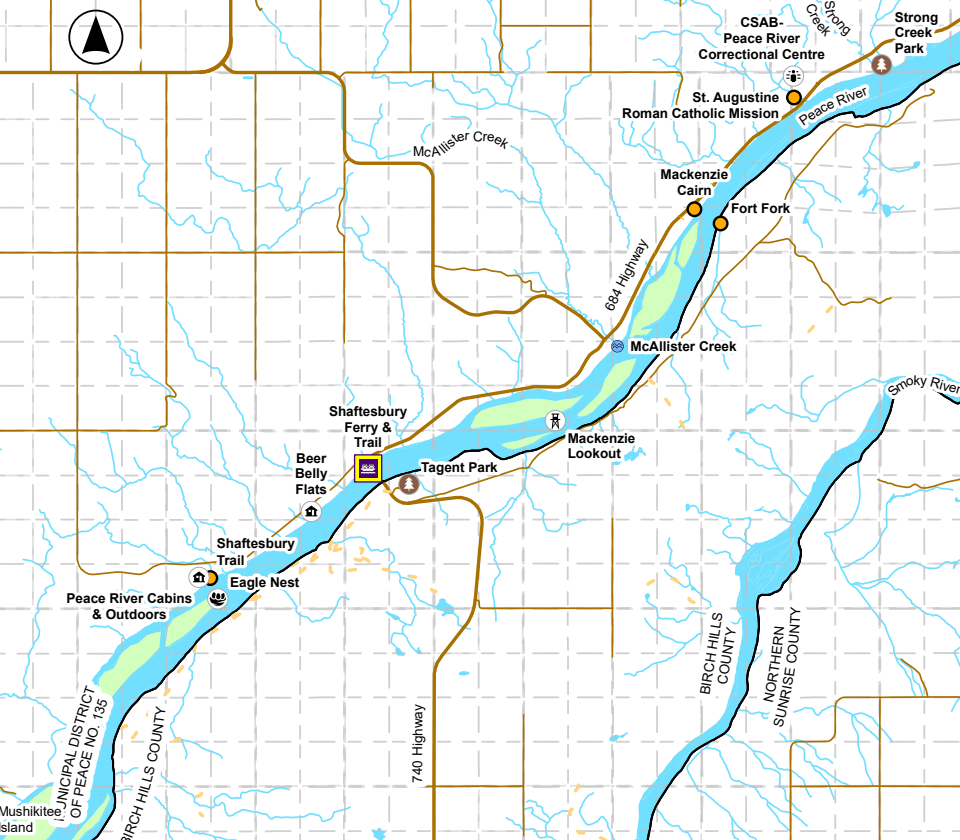
agriculture land. The Griffin Creek valley has a gravel bar at its mouth and it's not uncommon to see many boats docked here for a quick pitstop.

### **KM 202: MUSHIKITEE ISLAND, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 2.276' W117° 39.956'**

This large island is known as Mushikitee Island. Alexander Mackenzie noted in his journals that "mushikitee" means "big" in Cree. This island is set amongst rolling hills and has lots of green vegetation in the summer months.





## KM 209.5: PEACE RIVER CABINS & OUTDOORS, MD OF PEACE

GPS Coordinates: N56°4.6549' W117°37.1845'

Peace River Cabins and Outdoors offers accommodations right along the banks of the Peace River. Guests can opt for full-service cabins, a spacious suite with river views, rustic wall tents,

or even a teepee. They provide on-site canoe and kayak rentals, guided trips, shuttles, and facilities for groups. Open from May to October.

## KM 210: EAGLE'S NEST, MD OF PEACE

GPS Coordinates: N56° 04.456' W117° 36.743'

In previous years there was an eagle's nest on the upper tip of the island here. There's a good chance you will catch a quick glimpse of a bald eagle in this area, so keep your eyes peeled.



## **KM 211: BEER BELLY FLATS, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 05.192' W117° 35.291'**

Known to locals as “Beer Belly Flats”, the Shaftesbury Settlement has modern houses along the left shore that can be seen from the river. There is a gravel bar at the end of the last island, and there is a paved road, Secondary Highway #684, on the left shore that runs into the Town of Peace River. If needed, you can dock at any point along the shore and walk to the highway.



# SHAFTESBURY TRAIL

Extending along the Peace River for approximately 26 km, the Shaftesbury Trail highway provides a beautiful and scenic drive in every season. With plenty of historical stops along the way to visit, such as the Mackenzie Cairn, Fort Fork, and the St. Augustine’s Mission, this highway also runs by the Strong Creek Park, market gardens, and ends at the amazing Shaftesbury Ferry. This relaxing and interesting portion of the Mighty Peace is a must see!



## **KM 213: SHAFTESBURY FERRY AND TRAIL, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 05.709' W117° 34.246'**

The easily recognizable Shaftesbury Ferry is just downstream and operates when there is no ice cover on the river. There is paved access to the ferry on the left with Secondary Highway #684, and Secondary Highway #740 on the right side of the river. There are also areas on the left that can be used to dock your boat if needed. Built in 1951, this is one of six ferries still in operation in Alberta.

## **KM 214: TANGENT PARK, BIRCH HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 05.683' W117° 33.417'**

This beautiful camping and public use park is one of the most developed campgrounds along the river, and has access from the Secondary Highway 740, as well as access from the river, but it can be tricky depending on the water levels. If you can dock along the river, you will need to hike about a quarter mile to the trail that enters the campgrounds. The campground itself has RV and tent sites, power hookups, firepits and firewood, picnic tables, washrooms, tap water, telephone, playground, slow pitch ball diamond, hiking trails and an onsite caretaker.



## **KM 216.5: MACKENZIE LOOKOUT, BIRCH HILLS COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 06.192' W117° 30.922'**

Mackenzie Lookout is on the right side of the river and is a high grassy knob on the hills. It's an obvious landmark to see and has a ton of history. This is where men from Fort Fork used

to watch for Mackenzie's return during the summer of 1793.

## **KM 221: MACKENZIE CAIRN & FORT FORK, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 08.158' W117° 28.220'**

On the left side of the river is the Mackenzie Cairn, which has direct highway access from Secondary Highway #684. The Mackenzie Cairn was erected at the site directly across the river from the original site of Fort Fork. Although you can no longer see Fort Fork, it still holds a lot of history. Built in 1792 as winter quarters for Alexander Mackenzie, it was later abandoned in 1805 and pieces from the site are now kept in the Peace River Museum.



## **KM 224: PEACE RIVER CORRECTIONAL CENTRE, MD OF PEACE**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 09.500' W117° 26.683'**

Used as a landmark only, the top of the left shore is where the Peace River Correctional Centre sits.

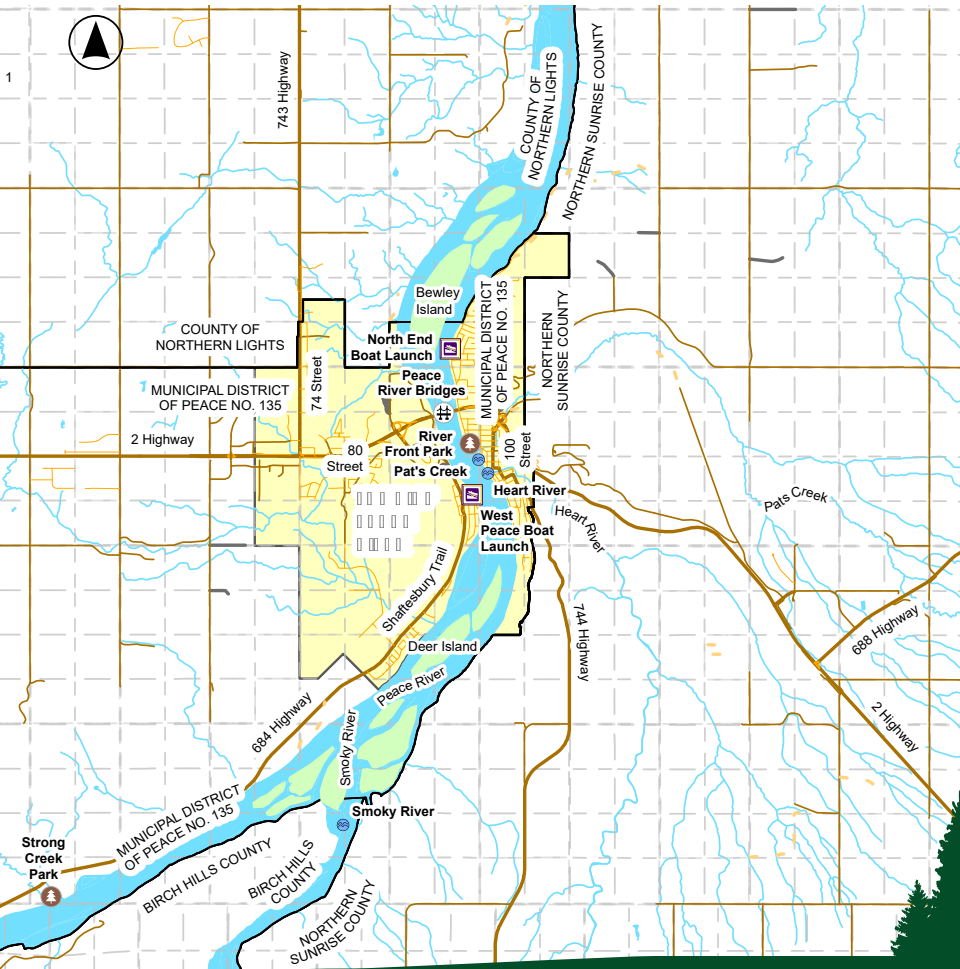


## KM 225: STRONG CREEK PARK, MD OF PEACE

GPS Coordinates: N56° 09.569' W117° 25.198'

With a sign at the river, you'll know exactly where Strong Creek Park is located. About 40m downstream from the sign is a trail that will lead you up top if you wish to stop. Situated

on the left shore, this awesome spot has camping stalls for RV's and tents, a new playground, direct access from Secondary Highway #684, picnic facilities, firewood and firepits, outhouses, a water pump, baseball diamonds, and hiking trails. It's a favourite among locals and has some of the best scenery in the Peace Region.



# TOWN OF PEACE RIVER

Known for its exuberant and exciting community, the Town of Peace River is a hub of activity in the Mighty Peace. With fine dining options, one of a kind attractions, colourful murals, a plethora of recreational activities, historical landmarks and locations, year-round events, and the beautiful Peace River flowing through the middle, this town is a favourite among many and is considered a must see.

## **KM 231.5: SMOKY RIVER, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 11.194' W117° 20.161'**

This is where the Smoky River joins the Peace River. There are many gravel bars in this area, so it's important to read the water as you pass through. You should be able to start to see the Peace River bridges from this point. This confluence was once one of the most important sites during the fur trade and acted as a major intersection for fur traders.



## **KM 234: DEER ISLAND, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 12.167' W117° 18.183'**

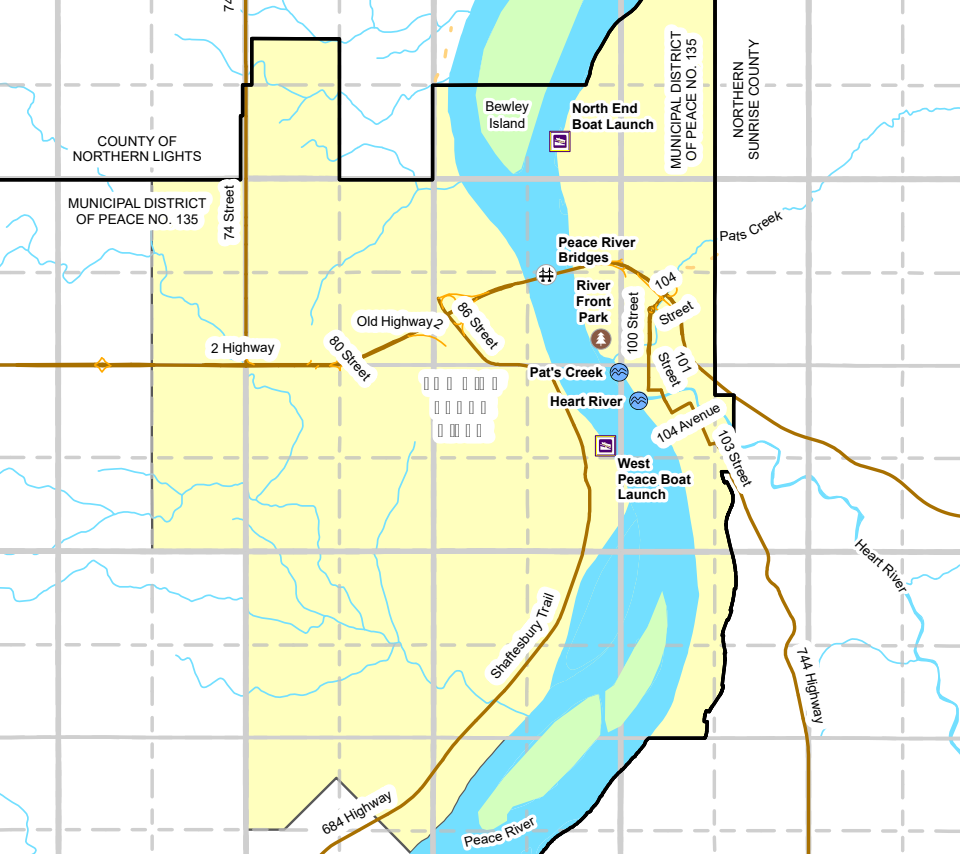
Living up to its name, Deer Island is known to have a lot of deer grazing on it throughout the year. This island is almost in the middle of the river, and you will be able to travel on either side of it. Going to the right is recommended as the left side is quite narrow and can have many gravel bars showing.

## **KM 237: LOWER WEST PEACE BOAT LAUNCH, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 13.619' W117° 17.721'**

With access to Shaftesbury Trail (Secondary Highway #684), this boat launch typically has porta potties, a large floating dock with benches and ample room to dock your boat and park vehicles. It's common for many locals to be visiting this area throughout the summer and enjoying the scenery that comes with it. This boat launch is maintained by the Peace River Boating Association.





## KM 238: HEART RIVER, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER

GPS Coordinates: N56° 13.820' W117° 17.634'

The mouth of the Heart River opens onto the Peace River on the right-hand side here. It flows through a beautiful valley southeast of the Town of Peace River and is frequented by locals in all seasons. There is also a small walking bridge that runs over the Heart River that is visible from the river.



## KM 238: PAT'S CREEK, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER

GPS Coordinates: N56° 13.958' W117° 17.772'

Named after Pat Wesley, a Métis man who lived in a cabin along the creek, Pat's Creek used to flow right through the Town of Peace River. It often caused flooding and overall havoc, so in 1980 it was redirected through a culvert, which you can see if you look carefully along the right bank.

## **KM 238.5: RIVER FRONT PARK, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 14.066' W117° 17.790'**

Dock your boat and check out what Peace River has to offer here. There is a short walk up and a gravel vehicle turnaround here, making it easy access for getting to and from the river. River Front Park is usually bustling with activity and is a favourite place among locals. This beautiful spot has a gazebo, access to walking trails along the river, a park, plus many businesses, hotels, and restaurants nearby.



## **KM 239: PEACE RIVER BRIDGES, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 14.369' W117° 18.271'**

Boating under Peace River's well-known bridges is always exciting. First you will go under the rail bridge that was built by the Canadian Bridge Company of Walkerville,

Ontario, by 250 men in 1918. It's 529 meters long and was an essential key for the Peace region after completion. Next is the blue highway bridge which was built in 1968 and is known for its arches along each side. The last bridge is the newest bridge in the Town of Peace River. This bridge was completed in 2020 and features a pedestrian walkway built underneath lit with colour-changing LED lights.

## **KM 240: BEWLEY ISLAND, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 15.567' W117° 18.367'**

After passing under the bridges in Peace River, you will come to Bewley Island. Although it's unknown who the island was named after, it's a prominent part of the landscape within the town. You can travel on either side of this island, but the deeper channel is to the left. There are many gravel bars in this section of the river, so it's important to be mindful while you travel downstream. You'll also be able to see some incredible cliffs with vertical sandstone to the left of the island, plus, Cliff Swallow nests all along the side, which are always fascinating to see.

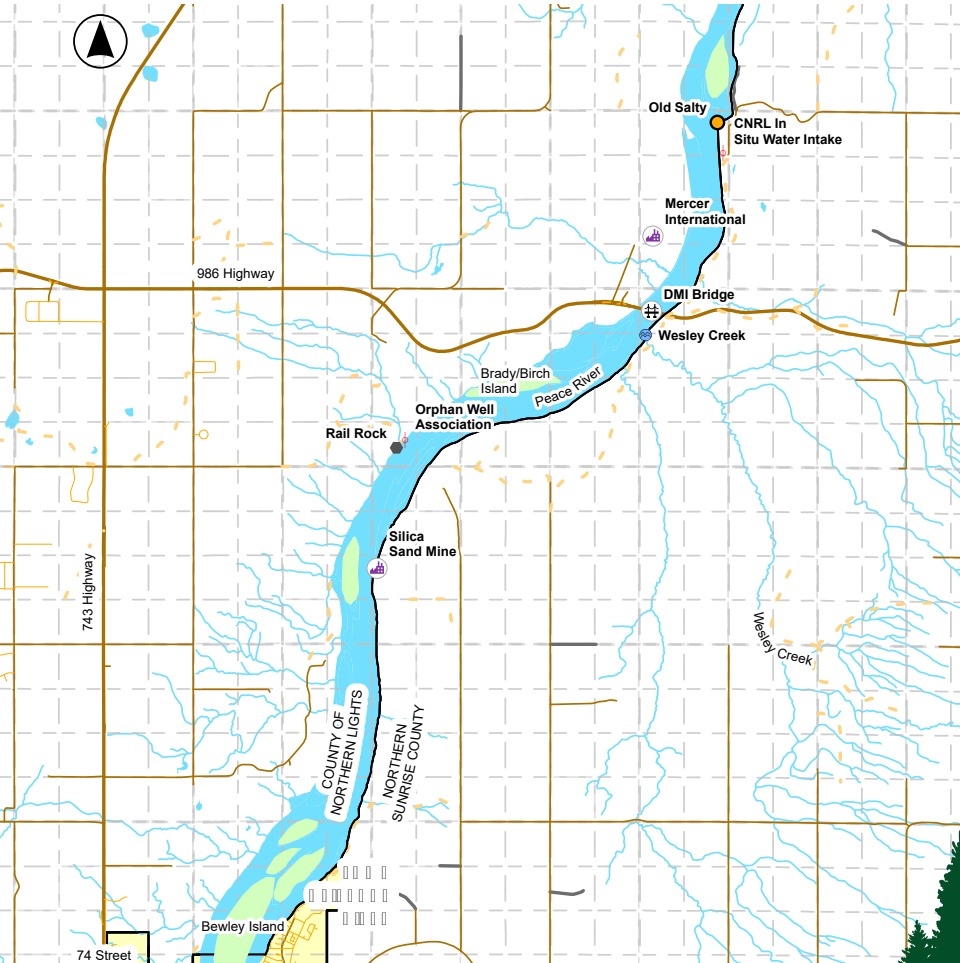




## KM 240: NORTH END BOAT LAUNCH, TOWN OF PEACE RIVER

GPS Coordinates: N56° 15.007' W117° 18.202'

Just across from Bewley Island is the North End Boat Launch. Just off 84th Avenue, it's made up of gravel and has some parking on site. This launch is maintained by the Peace River Boating Association.



# NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

Full of history dating back to the Fur Trade, the Northern Sunrise County is home to important historical sites such as the 12 Foot Davis Gravesite, and historical farmhouses. You will be able to find exciting hiking trails here, plenty of playgrounds, community events such as the Peace River Powwow, plus all your favourite summer and winter recreational activities.



## **KM 248: SILICA SAND MINE, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 19.097' W117° 16.036'**

This sand mine is mostly used as a landmark while traveling on the river.

# COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

Filled with prairies and the boreal forest, the County of Northern Lights has everything from provincial parks, lakes, museums, history, hiking, and everything in between. You will also be able to find some of the best night skies here and can often experience the wonder and awe of the Aurora Borealis.

## **KM 250: ORPHAN WELL ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 20.350' W117° 15.483'**

Here you will see a capped oil well, originally drilled by the Peace River Oil Company, on the left shore.

## **KM 253.5: BRADY'S ISLAND AND BIRCH ISLAND, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 20.933' W117° 13.350'**

As you paddle around the right bend, you will first see Birch Island on the left, and then Brady's Island directly after it. Birch Island got its name from the many birch trees on it, and as you come towards Brady's Island you will see a lot of interesting cliffs and the train tracks to Mercer Peace River (previously known as the DMI Pulp Mill).



## **KM 255: WESLEY CREEK, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 21.383' W117° 11.217'**

As you make your way downstream, you will pass under the Mercer (DMI) bridge, which is the longest rural bridge in Alberta at 734 meters long. Underneath, there can be some waves, so it's advised to stay in the middle or go to the right. Just after the bridge you will see Wesley Creek on the right side entering the Peace River. Named after Pat Wesley, this creek is quite obvious and hard to miss.



## **KM 256: DMI BRIDGE, CNL/NSC**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 21.6192' W117° 11.1474'**

The DMI Bridge was completed in 1991. The bridge spans 734 metres (2,408 feet) in length. Take note of the four concrete abutments. They aren't directly perpendicular to the bridge deck above; instead, they're angled to minimize the river's current cross-section.

## **KM 256.5: MERCER INTERNATIONAL, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 22.350' W117° 11.100'**

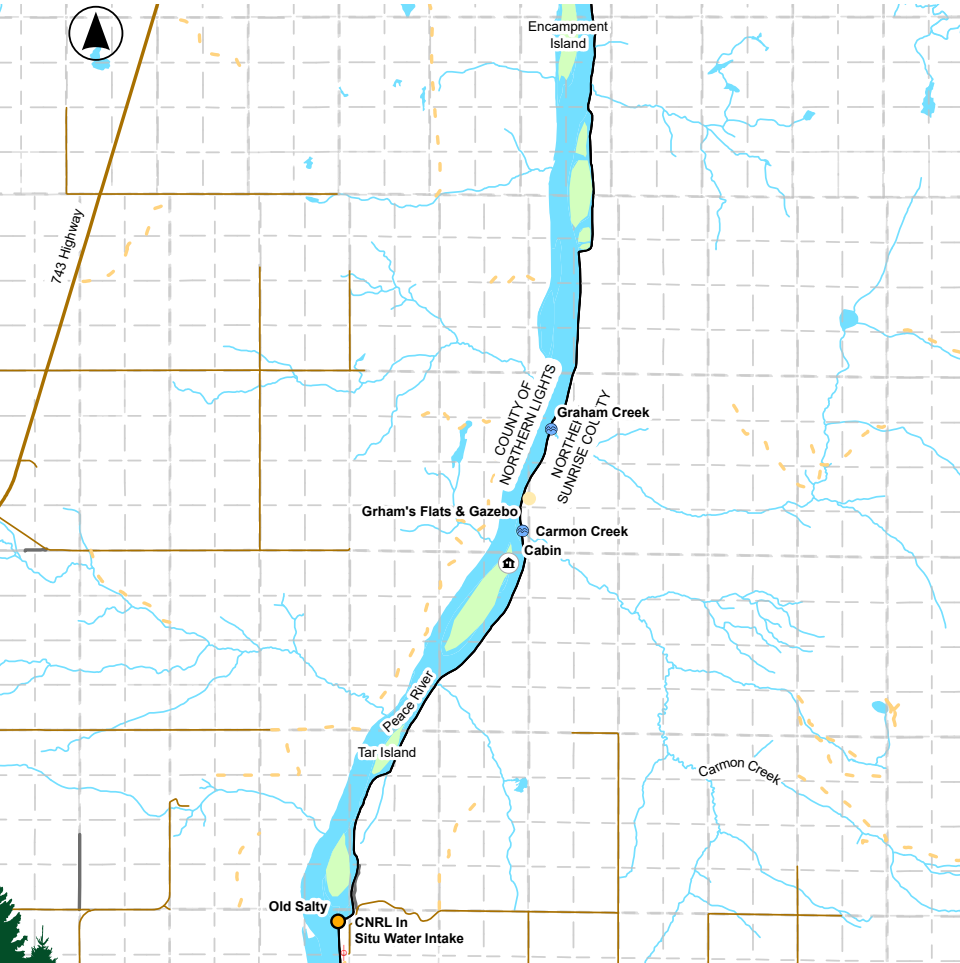
The Mercer pulp mill can be seen on the left just after the bridge and Wesley Creek. This mill began its operations in 1990 and produces both softwood and hardwood pulp.



## KM 259.5: CNRL IN SITU WATER INTAKE, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 23.167' W117° 09.867'

This intake water pump station will be on the right, and it draws water from the river to supply other operations – it's important to not get too close to the intake.





## **KM 259.5: OLD SALTY, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 23.464' W117° 09.953'**

“Old Salty”, or “The Well from Hell”, was one of the most notorious wells drilled along the river. Drilled in 1916, it blew out as it was being drilled and for 87 years it burned a huge torch,

belched sour gas, and salty-hydrogen water. In 2003 it was finally capped, but you can still see where it burned all those years. Look for a large clearing with dead trees on the left to see its destruction, and if you feel like exploring, you’ll be able to bushwack and follow deer trails up to it.

## **KM 263: TAR ISLAND, CNL/NSC**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 24.033' W117° 09.900'**

On the right is Tar Island, a nice spot for stopping if needed. This island is where tar was first found by geologist, R.G McConnell in 1893. The tar here was used by settlers in the early 1900’s on many roofs in Peace River.

There is a private cabin across from the island which can be used as a landmark as you venture downstream.



## **KM 265: CABIN, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 25.733' W117° 09.450'**

This is a private cabin that you can see along the river and should only be used as a landmark.



## **KM 268: CARMON CREEK, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 27.267' W117° 06.800'**

Carmon Creek runs into the Peace River on the right-hand side and this area is quite rocky. This area has some wonderful scenery and plenty of wildlife to see along the shores.

## **KM 268.5: GRAHAM'S FLATS, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 27.633' W117° 06.567'**

Right after Carmon Creek is Graham's Flats. There's a trail leading up to the flats, which can be difficult to see since it's quite overgrown. Worth stopping at, there is an old gazebo still on site, and some remnants of old tables. This location offers a gorgeous view of the river and is a nice place to stop along your adventures.



## **KM 269: GRAHAM CREEK, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 28.250' W117° 06.200'**

Just after Graham's Flats is Graham Creek. This small creek runs into the Peace River from the right and was named after Liza Graham. This area is absolutely gorgeous and has many large cliffs and interesting erosion patterns to gaze up at as you pass by.

## **KM 277.5: ENCAMPMENT ISLAND, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 32.067' W117° 05.900'**

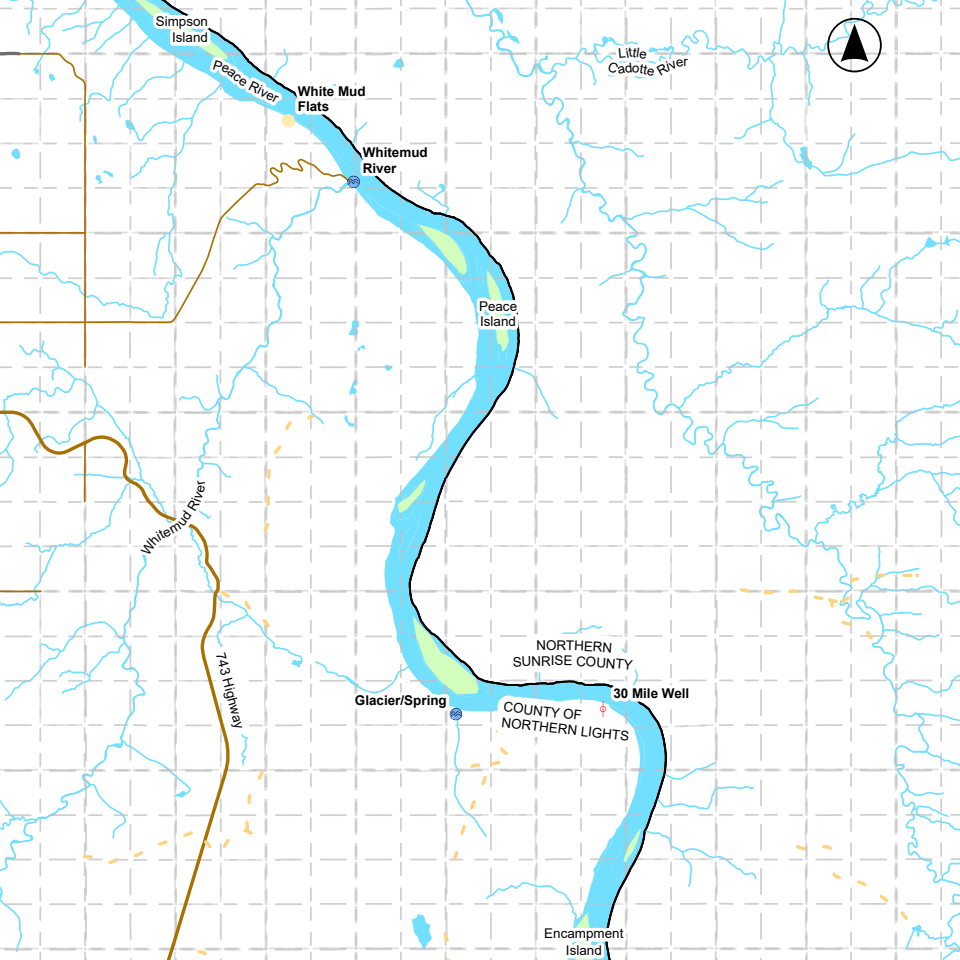
Home to some private cabins, Encampment Island used to be a historical location during the fur trade days. Located on the left side of the river, this large island is nestled among some of the most jaw dropping scenery. All along the river you will see high cliffs with sandstone and rocks – it's worth getting your camera out for.



## **KM 282.5: 30 MILE WELL, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 34.552' W117° 06.997'**

Used as a reference point, the 30 Mile Well shows where a blow out happen at the well site which can be seen from the river.



## KM 285.3: GLACIER/SPRING, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

GPS Coordinates: N56° 34.592' W117° 08.131'

Thought to be remnants from a glacier or spring, here you will find a small waterfall that runs into the river. There are a lot of large trees at the top and sandy cliffs on either side of it.

Depending on the season, it may be dried up, but you will be able to tell where the water once ran due to the erosion trail.



## **KM 296: PEACE ISLAND RESORT, CNL/NSC**

**Coordinates: N56° 38.733' W117° 07.533'**

The large island on the left bend is known as Peace Island and it is an amazing island resort that is family owned and operated. This 22-acre island has nine small cabins, with four available to rent, it has a cook house and dining hall, screened in rec room, a kitchen onsite that offers breakfast, lunch and dinner for guests, a snack bar that is licensed to sell alcohol, and all the amenities needed for a great stay on the river. They welcome pre-booked or drop in guests, so feel free to stop in and experience all that they have to offer.



## **KM 298: WHITEMUD RIVER, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 39.749' W117° 09.926'**

Flowing into the Peace River from the left, the mouth of the Whitemud River was once the location of the Northwest Company's earliest fur trading post. There is road access to this

area, and you can launch or dock boats here. You will be able to witness some of the highest cliffs here, with many that are over 1,000 feet tall. This is an excellent place to do some sight seeing and take in the natural beauty around you.

## **KM 298: WHITEMUD FLATS, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 40.345' W117° 11.082'**

Whitemud Flats are located near the mouth of the Whitemud River. These flats are fairly large and can be fun to explore.

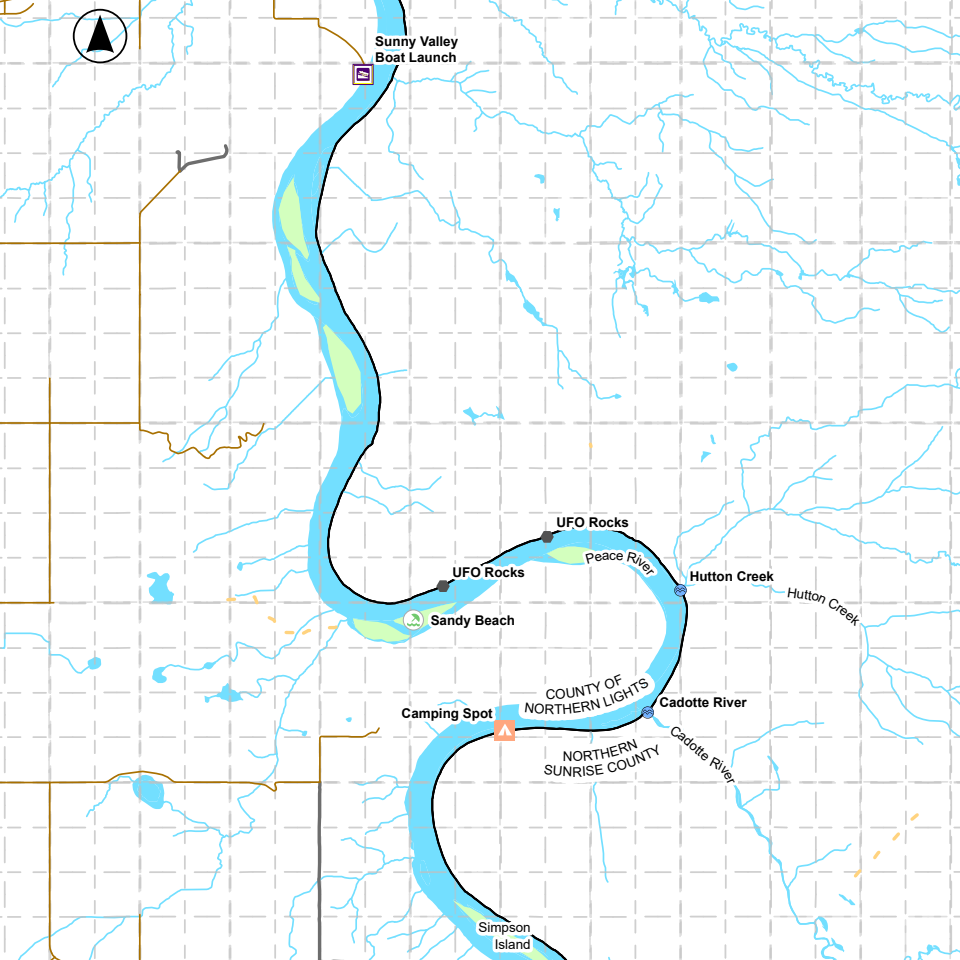


## **KM 301: SIMPSON ISLAND, CNL/NSC**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 41.150' W117° 12.933'**

This is a private lease that can be used as a reference point only, please do not stop here.





## KM 306: LITTLE TRAIL & CAMPING SPOT, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 43.217' W117° 13.050'

If you're needing a break, there's a nice camping spot available here that will keep you comfortable overnight. Use the trail that's there to access the site and enjoy a night under the stars.

## KM 309: CADOTTE RIVER, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 43.444' W117° 10.804'

The mouth of the Cadotte River is an ideal spot to take a break and drop a line in the water. Stop and splash in the clear water, do some rock hunting, and enjoy the beautiful scenery all around you while you're here. This is an excellent place to set up a picnic and relax.



## KM 311: HUTTON CREEK, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 44.583' W117° 09.933'

On the right, you will pass by another creek known as Hutton Creek. This quiet area leads up to some great rockhounding spots just ahead.

## KM 313: UFO ROCKS, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 45.098' W117° 12.307'

Definitely worth the stop, the UFO rocks are a sight to see. These unusual shaped rocks fell from the cliff due to erosion and are known as *concretions* – a spherical rock formed in a sedimentary host rock such as sandstone or siltstone. There are also many other large rocks in this boulder field, and the diversity in the area will wow you. Dock your boat along the rocky and sandy beach and spend a few minutes, or even hours, scoping out the natural curiosities and admiring the driftwood that is scattered throughout



## KM 315: SECOND AREA OF UFO ROCKS, NORTHERN SUNRISE COUNTY

GPS Coordinates: N56° 44.620' W117° 14.147'

Here you will find even more UFO rocks to admire. These massive, round boulders will pique your interest and leave you fascinated no matter how many times you've seen them.



## **KM 316: BIG SANDY BEACH, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 44.344' W117° 14.703'**

This large beach is beautiful, sandy, and just across from the UFO rocks. You can stop here and pretend you're on a tropical beach or enjoy some downtime with your toes in the sand.

## **KM 327: SUNNY VALLEY BOAT LAUNCH, COUNTY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS**

**GPS Coordinates: N56° 49.550' W117° 15.550'**

Sunny Valley boat launch is set amongst a beautiful valley and is very well maintained. This launch is used by many locals during nice weather days so don't be surprised if you see a lot of people as you approach. On the right, across from the boat launch there are privately owned cottages and cabins. Sunny Valley offers a great ending or starting point for your boating trip and is an easy place to launch or load up your boat from.





Mighty Peace Tourism hopes you found this river guide useful on your voyages, and hopefully it will inspire you to explore the Peace River during your future adventures.

