

Okanagan Nature Viewing Region

Boundary Area

Ward Lake (Grand Forks)



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A small lake and wetland just outside Grand Forks.

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Geographical Description	Southern Interior Ecoprovince.
Area/ Trail Length	
Seasons to Visit	Year round; birding best spring to autumn.
Habitat	Ponderosa pines, marsh, grassland, fields.
Viewing Highlights	Excellent birding hot spot, especially for waterfowl and marsh birds.
Other Features	
Main Access	Take North Fork Road north 2.1 km from Highway 3 (by the OK Tire) in Grand Forks; bear left onto Forrester Road and park at a pullout on the left where there is a small viewing platform (not at the private driveway)
Secondary Accesses	Turn left on Ward Lake Road, 1.7 km from the highway just past the Trans Canada Trail kiosk at London Road, then right to a small pullout between two houses.

Cautions Bears and cougars are rare but be watchful. Wood ticks are common in spring; check yourself over thoroughly after visiting.
Poison ivy is common in woods and riparian areas.
Most of the lake is surrounded by private property; do not leave the pullouts.
Cell phone service can be unreliable in this area.

Jurisdiction City of Grand Forks.

Regulations

Facilities None; all services in Grand Forks.

Other Cycling on Trans Canada Trail; cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter.

Recreational Activities

Other The Trans Canada Trail follows the Columbia & Western and Kettle Valley Railway roadbed west to Midway and Penticton and east to Rossland.

History

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