

Okanagan Nature Viewing Region

South Okanagan Area

Max Lake (Penticton)



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A small mostly marshy lake in hills above Penticton.

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Geographical Description	Central Okanagan Basin
Area/ Trail Length	5.72 hectares
Seasons to Visit	Spring to autumn
Habitat	Ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, marsh, riparian
Viewing Highlights	An excellent place for birding in marsh and surrounding woods. A number of uncommon to rare amphibians, reptiles, birds and insects use this habitat.

Other Features

Main Access From the city of Penticton, drive west on Eckhardt Avenue (Highway 97) and cross the bridge over the Okanagan River channel; immediately turn left into the turn lane and up West Bench Hill. Follow the main road up the hill, keeping to the right after the Kettle Valley Railway bridge, up the hill (Bartlett Drive) to the T junction. Turn right then immediately left (still Bartlett Drive) and up the hill to Peters Bros. gravel operation. Turn left onto Max Lake Road (gravel and not maintained, but accessible, slowly, by any vehicle) There are a few small pullouts just before and near the lake; pull as far off the road as possible. From the north, turn right off Highway 97 at West Bench Hill just before the bridge into Penticton and follow directions as above.

**Secondary
Accesses**

Cautions Bears and cougars are rare but be watchful.
The lake and the surrounding area are private property so please keep to the roadside.
Mobile phone service is not reliable here.

Jurisdiction The Land Conservancy of BC, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Regulations No camping or fires. Dogs on leash.

Facilities None. All services in Penticton.

Other

**Recreational
Activities**

Other

Connections

History

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Publications The Okanagan Valley Birding Trail, published by the four naturalist clubs of the Okanagan, with funding from BC Nature and other organisations. Available at information centres in Summerland, Penticton, Oliver and Osoyoos.

Links

[The Land Conservancy](#)
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