SNOWDEN DEMONSTRATION FOREST

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The Snowden Demonstration Forest lies within the Sayward Provincial Forest and is part of the Campbell River Forest District. The Snowden was designed to raise public awareness about Forest Management of Provincial Forests. The Snowden Demonstration Forest is a working forest with active harvest development, recreation opportunities and Forest Research Installations. BC Timber Sales manages the Snowden Forest for a variety of values, including economic, cultural, recreation, fish and wildlife. Trails and Routes may be closed for periods of time or re-routed due to active harvesting. Please respect any posted temporary closure signs for the safety of everyone.

In 2009, the trails received major upgrades from crews working under the Coastal Development Trust Job Opportunities Program and with funding from the Island Coastal Economic Trust.

The routes and trails are primarily maintained by volunteers. Unauthorized construction of trails is an offence under the Forest and Range Practices Act. If you are interested in constructing trails, please contact the River City Cycle Club or the District Recreation Officer.

Facilities

Facilities in the Snowden are rustic. Outhouses are located at most parking areas; picnic tables may be provided along some trails. Forest Service Recreation Sites and Provincial Parks are available within close proximity.

Liability

Mountain biking is an inherently dangerous sport. Know your limits and ride within them. Trails are natural environments and the terrain changes constantly due to weather and use. New trail hazards may develop over time. Always inspect the terrain before attempting to ride. Ride at your own risk.

Trail Ratings

Trail Ratings are subjective. Always ride within your limits.

GREEN CIRCLE ●

Class: Easy/Very Easy
Description: Smooth trail surface. Any obstacles such as small exposed rocks or roots are easily avoided or ridden over.

May Contain:
- Small Roots
- Exposed rock
- Grades up to 15%

BLUE SQUARE ■

Class: More Difficult/Intermediate
Description: Challenging riding with steep slopes and/or obstacles, possibly on a narrow trail with poor traction. Requires riding experience.

May Contain:
- Rollable drops
- Larger roots
- Larger exposed rocks and loose rocks
- Logs across trail
- Loose surface

BLACK DIAMOND ♦

Class: Very Difficult/Advanced
Description: Very difficult rocky and rooty sections with numerous natural technical features to avoid or ride over. Experienced riders only.

May Contain:
- Very steep slopes
- Rough, uneven terrain
- Sharp corners
- Steep rock faces

Trail Etiquette

"Be Aware and Ride With Care"

Enjoy your visit, but please leave the forest as you found it so that others may enjoy it too.

- Ride, don't slide! Skidding damages trails.
- Travel at a pace safe for conditions, control your speed!
- Know your limits and ride within them.
- Yield to pedestrians and horse riders.
- Share the trail; don't impede other users.
- Pass only when it is safe to do so.
- When stopping pull off to the side of the trail.
- Pack out your garbage – Leave No Trace!
- Avoid riding during muddy conditions, consider other riding options.
- Stay on the trail and do not create braids.
- Support Trail Maintenance!
- Bring a First Aid kit and know how to use it!
- Expect the Unexpected! Be prepared and self sufficient!

A Little Bit of History

To reach this point, you may have passed many examples of silvicultural practices (including juvenile spacing, pruning, clearcut and selective harvesting). As well, you may have noticed the relics of previous logging operations. Indeed, the Snowden has a rich logging history.

From 1929 to 1953 Bloedel, Stewart and Welch (later to be known as MacMillan Bloedal) logged Snowden's timber by rail. An intricate network of mainlines and spurs were required to get the logs to the ocean. Once harvesting was completed, the rails were pulled up, leaving only the ties and railway grades. Today the forest has reclaimed many of the rail lines and only vestiges of early logging remain. Snowden Road was originally a railway mainline running from Camp 5 at Brewster Lake to Menzies Bay. Some of these old grades have been developed as recreation trails for your use and enjoyment.

Forest Protection

In the dry days of summer, the Forest Service may have to impose campfire bans and/or restrict access to Provincial forests. Be aware of high and extreme fire hazard times.

If you spot a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555

Trails

- Frog Lake Road 1.5 km
- Lower Lost Frog 3.8 km
- Lost Lake 4.2 km
- Old Rail Grade 1.0 km
- Roosevelt View Loop 0.9 km
- SD 72 Loop 0.5 km
- Tri Mae 0.4 km
- Upper Lost Frog 2.8 km
- Enchanted Forest 1.4 km
- Escargot 1.0 km
- Frog Legs 1.4 km
- Grilled Cheese 0.6 km
- Headbanger Hookup 0.7 km
- Look Out Loop 3.5 km
- Loveland Bay Con. 0.8 km
- Mudhoney Pass 2.4 km
- Riley Lake 3.0 km

Routes

- Taint 0.06 km
- 10 Licks 1.9 km
- 11th Lick 0.3 km
- Blood Donor 0.2 km
- Cheshire Cat 3.6 km
- Dinner 4 Four 0.5 km
- Freds 0.3 km
- Gun Barrel 0.5 km
- Ham Sandwich 0.9 km
- Intellect 1.1 km
- Lower Deliverance 1.5 km
- Oggie's 1.1 km
- Pepper Spray 0.6 km
- Red Devil 0.4 km
- The Load 0.1 km
- Zephyr 0.6 km
- Stickman 1.2 km

Routes

- Alligator Rock 1.6 km
- Aunty Nancy 1.7 km
- BLT 1.6 km
- Box Lunch 1.5 km
- Cinnamon Girl 0.2 km
- Demon Seed 1.3 km
- Jabberwocky 1.6 km
- Pretzel Logic 0.4 km
- Red 0.8 km
- Rusty Snapper 1.2 km
- Samhain 1.8 km
- Sanitarium 1.3 km
- Scotty's 3.0 km
- Tadpole 0.3 km
- Three Pigs 1.4 km
- Upper Del. 1.9 km
- Vlad The Impaler 0.8 km
- Wiley's Wood 0.8 km

Trail Restriction

NON-MOTORIZED

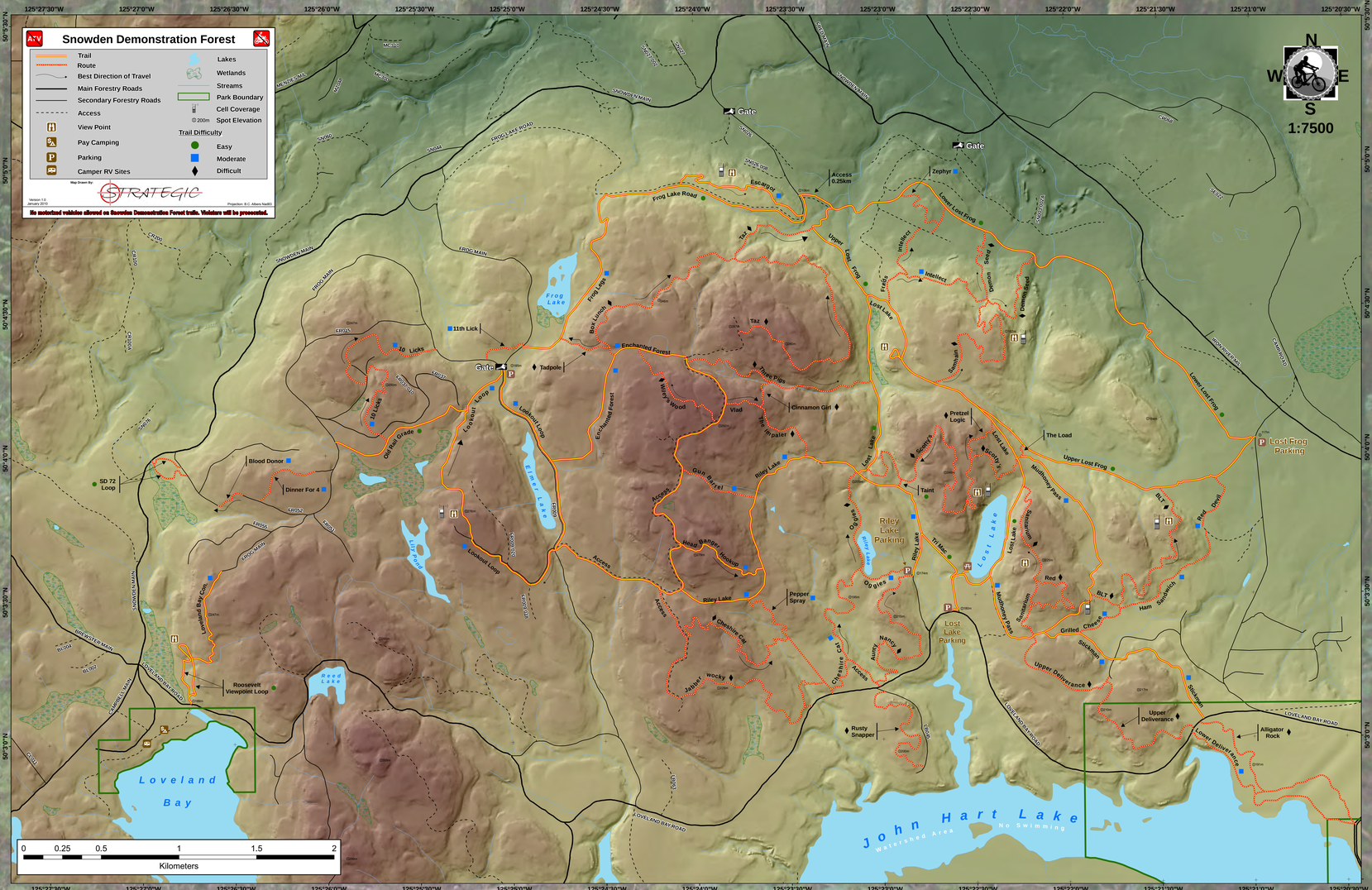
Forest and Range Practices Act
Forest Recreation Regulation *Reg. 16/2004*
Section 20(3)

The following rule is now established:

Established trails within the Snowden Demonstration Forest are now classified as non-motorized trails. The use of motor vehicles, motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV's) is prohibited. Failure to comply may result in the issuance of a violation ticket.

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