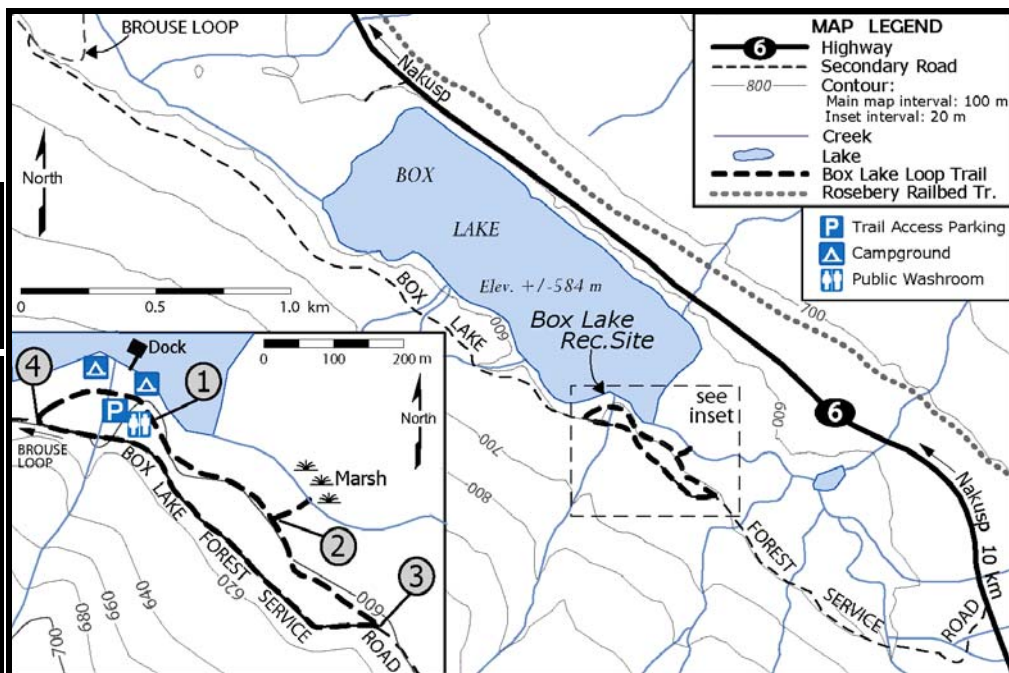


# Box Lake Loop Trail

**Rating:** Easy hiking  
**Distance:** 1.3 km  
**Trip time:** 1/2 hr.  
**Surface:** Compact dirt  
**Modes of Use:** Biking, hiking

Point	GPS	Description
①	50° 12' 15" N 117° 42' 38" W	Beginning of Trail
②	50° 12' 11" N 117° 42' 29" W	Path to marshy area
③	50° 12' 6" N 117° 42' 21" W	Trail follows FS road
④	50° 12' 15" N 117° 42' 46" W	Road behind lake



## Trail Description

Box Lake Loop provides a gentle walk through a second growth cedar/hemlock forest typical of most valleys in this area. The path winds from the Forest Service camping area (GPS Point 1 on the map) for 500 metres through the mature, moist forest. Very little sunlight reaches the forest floor here, so the undergrowth is sparse. A thick carpet of step moss covers the ground, and patches of boxwood, mushrooms and Devil's club are seen. Look for stumps from original logging many years ago and dead snags where birds and small animals have made their homes.

The trail winds near the marshy creek inlet, to the left of the trail. The marsh affords perfect riparian habitat for ducks, frogs, eagles, and larger mammals and can be observed best from the little spur leading off the trail to the left, about 200 metres along the main trail (GPS Point 2). After observing the lively marsh, hikers can return to the main trail and follow it to the Box Lake Forest Service Road (GPS Point 3). Turn right onto the road, which will continue the loop for 700 metres back to the campsite parking lot.

Box Lake Loop provides excellent introductory hiking for children, as it not only holds the allure of interesting forest and marsh habitat, but also a lake for swimming or tossing stones and campsites for a picnic. Roasting marshmallows, exploring the Box Lake Loop, and playing at the lakeshore provide an easily accessed morning or afternoon of delightful adventure.

For hikers or bikers looking for a longer trek, there is a rough road behind Box Lake connecting to Brouse Loop Road at its far end. The road is accessed by taking the spur road leading off of the sharp corner in the road leading into the campsite (GPS Point 4). This old road is a favourite of local bikers, opening up some great territory behind Box Lake. Be respectful; the road goes through private property.

## Access

From Nakusp, head south on Highway 6, toward Nelson, for about 10 km. After passing Box Lake on the right, a brown wooden sign marks the Box Lake Forest Service Road, also on the right; follow this well-kept dirt road for 2.2 km until you switch back toward the lake to arrive at the Forest Service campsite. Walk, ride or drive to the last campsite, where the gentle Box Lake Loop trail begins.

## Modes

Box Lake Loop is easy travelling on foot and easy to moderate on a bicycle. The extension behind Box Lake provides moderate biking.



Spectacular foliage framed-view from the Box Lake Forestry campsite

## Past and Future

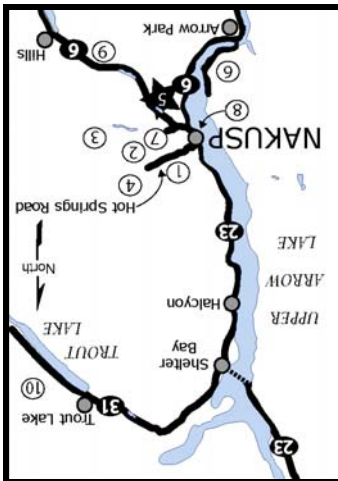
The Box Lake Loop was developed as a nature walk over the years by campers using the BC Forest Service campsite. The campsite is user maintained, so be sure to clean up after yourself.

## If You Liked This Trail

If the Box Lake Loop appealed to you, try Wrap Around Nakusp, Cedar Grove Trail or portions of Rosebery Railway Trail; all are relatively short, easy hikes.



Youngsters love Box Lake Loop



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Playing amongst the trees.

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**General Information**  
 Be prepared for hiking. Even if your journey is a short one, you should have:  
 - solid walking shoes or boots  
 - water and nutritious food  
 - first aid supplies  
 - comfortable clothing – loose layers with rain gear  
**In the backcountry, prepare for the unexpected:**  
 - tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return  
 - bring emergency supplies eg. warm clothes, extra food & water, matches, knife, compass, map  
 - make noise to alert wildlife to your presence eg. sing, whistle, clap  
**Trails are shared by many and maintained by few, so follow trail etiquette:**  
 - keep to the designated trails  
 - take only pictures; leave only footprints  
 - foot traffic yields to horses, bikes and motorized traffic (only use on trails allowing motors)  
 - travel in pairs or groups, and keep kids in sight at all times  
 - keep pets under control; be aware they may pose a hazard with backcountry wildlife  
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Playing on the shore near the beginning of Box Lake Loop