

Trail Directions Contd.

The second half of the trail climbs away from the creek and is characterized by more small ups and downs with one longer climb up. There are switchbacks on all larger hills.

The final descent back down to the creek and falls is fairly steep with trail switchbacks. Once the falls are in sight the trail ends and it is a choose your own adventure to find a pleasant, safe place to enjoy them. There are many!



Photo Credit:
Hannah Magee

(Black Bear Near Trail)

Safety Precautions

- Be cautious if leaving the trail. Cut banks on the creek are steep and can be unstable.
- Be cautious around the waterfall as there is no safety fence.
- Be prepared for wildlife encounters.



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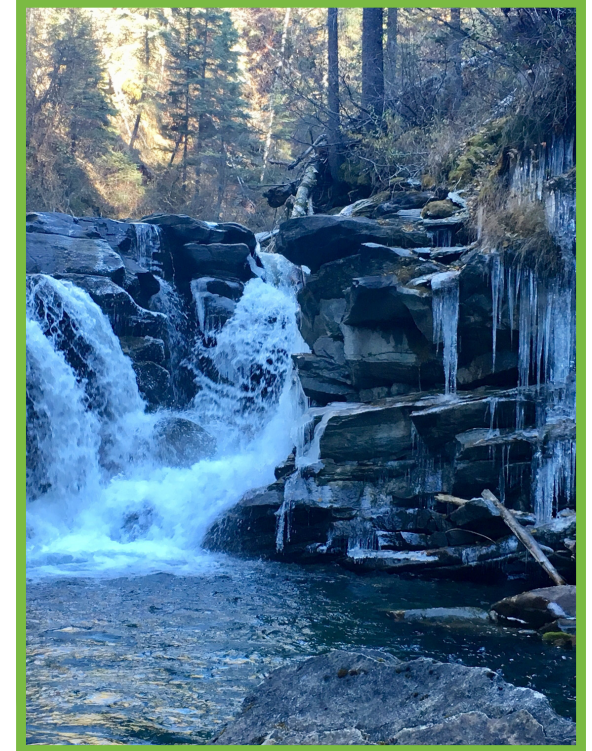


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Cut Thumb Falls in Spring
Credit: Erin Tripp

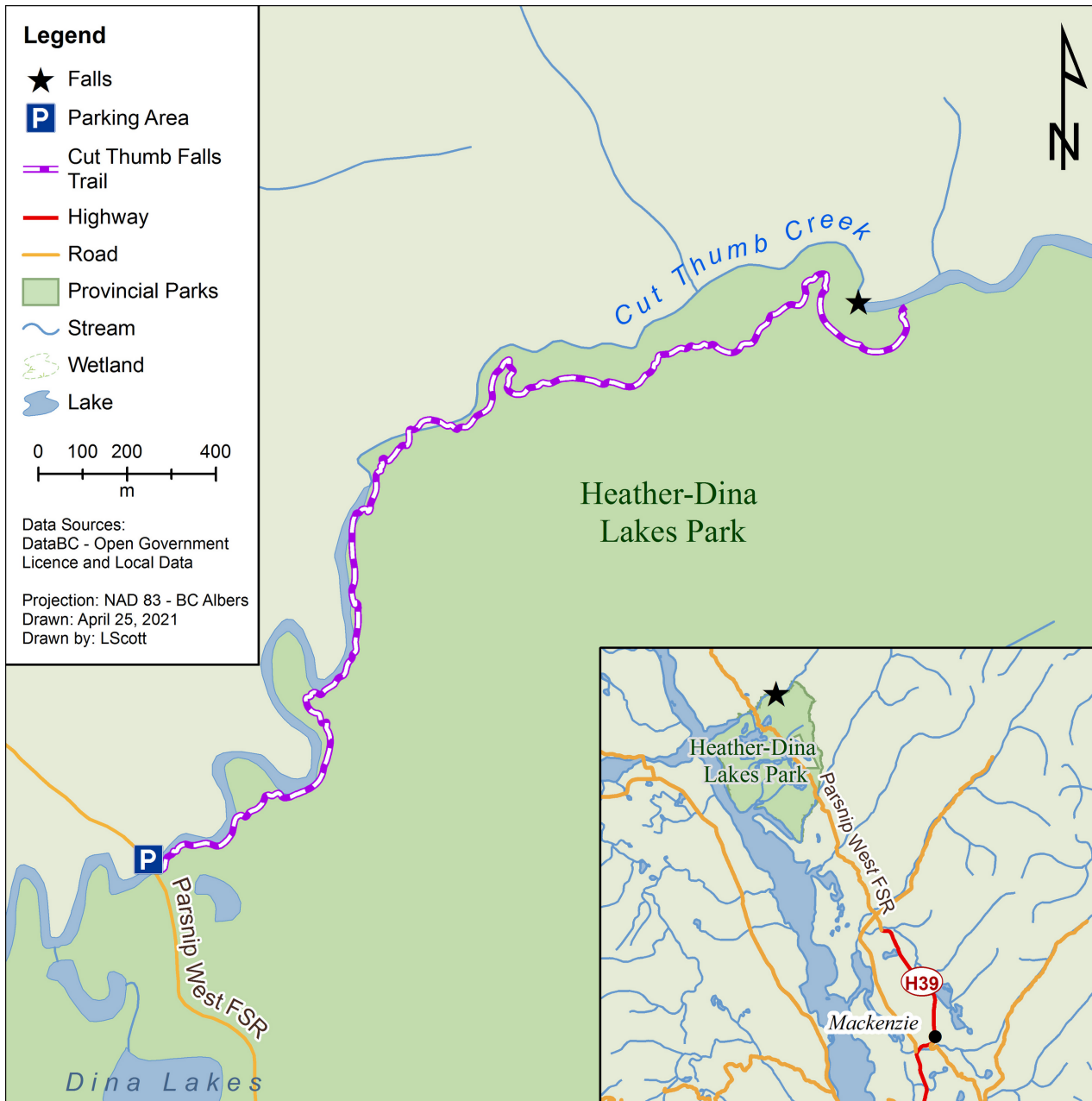
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Cut Thumb Falls



Rating: Easy ●
Distance: 5.1 km
Elevation Gain: 208m





Cut Thumb Falls Trail

- Assume bears are in the area...always pack your bear spray!
- Watch for industrial traffic. Keep to your side of the road at a safe speed.
- Pack out what you pack in

Cut Thumb Trail

Cut Thumb Waterfalls is accessed by an out and back trail that follows the south side of Cut Thumb Creek. The views of the creek and falls are lovely and worthwhile to visit in various seasons.

Directions to Trailhead

From Mackenzie, drive north on Highway 39 until you reach a gravel road and keep going straight. You will hit a stop sign at 12km on the Parsnip West FSR, turn right here. Follow this road until the 32km sign where you will go over a bridge. Parking is just past this bridge on the right. (Resource Road Channel 1)

Trail Directions

After parking, walk back (south) over the bridge and look for the trailhead on the left of the road (east). There is a small sign marking the trailhead.

The first half of the trail runs along a bench above Cut Thumb Creek. This part of the trail is flat, offers great creek views and has an abundance of highbush cranberries. There may be a few wet spots along this part.