

LOCAL WILDLIFE

Forests in this area are home to a wide variety of wildlife, of all sizes. As the trail winds its way through the forest, watch for movement in the trees or signs of wildlife such as game trails, tracks, scat and tree rubs.

A *Local Wildlife interpretive* sign is located approximately 800 metres from the northern trailhead. Learn about eight of the common animals in this area: White-Tailed Deer, Black Bear, Cougar, Moose, Coyote, Snowshoe Hare, Ruffed Grouse and Chipmunk. Information on the sign includes a description, habitat and habits, photographs and samples of tracks.

TREE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

Unlike some regions which have predominantly one species of tree, much of the forests in the Nakusp and Arrow Lakes region are composed of the "Kootenay Mix" - several tree species, many of which are commercially viable for varied use ranging from building logs and timbers to pulp and paper products.

As you hike, watch for species identification signs on select trees beside the trail. Also, a *Tree Species Identification* sign is located with the *Local Wildlife* sign, approximately 800 metres from the northern trailhead. You will be able to compare the images and descriptions for nine of the common tree species: Interior Douglas-Fir, Western Redcedar, Western Hemlock, Western Larch, Lodgepole Pine, Western White Pine, Engelmann Spruce, Paper Birch and Black Cottonwood.

Trails are shared by many and maintained by few, so follow trail etiquette:

- Keep to designated trails
- Be aware and considerate of other users
- Keep pets under control; be aware they may pose a threat with wildlife.



Photo: Arrow Lakes Historical Society

LOCAL HISTORY AND PATTERNS OF CHANGE

Since the late 1800s when the first European settlers arrived here, the landscape of the Arrow Lakes valley has changed significantly. Natural disturbances also have an effect on the landscape.

A *Local History and Patterns of Change* interpretive sign is located at the second viewpoint approximately 3.5 km along the trail, where you will be rewarded with a view overlooking the Brouse farmland and the Saddle Mountain ridge in the distance.

For Further Information:

Visitor Information: www.NakuspArrowLakes.com
Community Forest: www.NakuspCommunityForest.com
Trails Society: www.NakuspTrails.ca

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JACKRABBIT INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

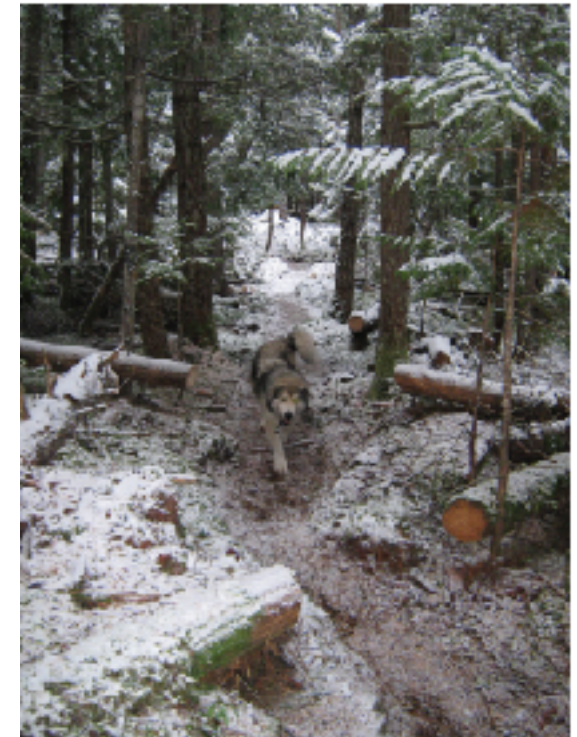


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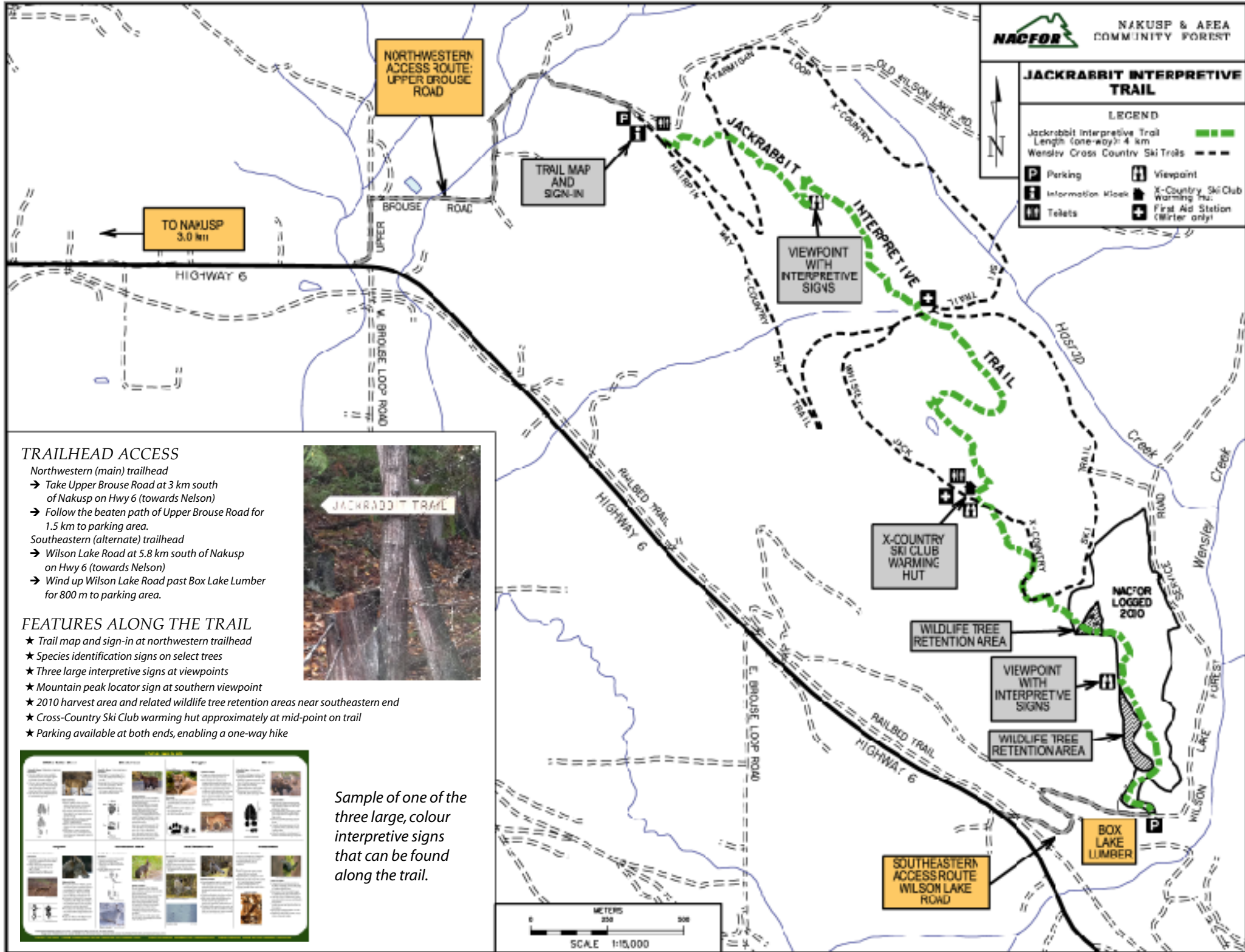
FAST FACTS

- * Just a 5-minute drive from downtown Nakusp
- * Easy 2WD access to trailhead
- * 4 km one way hike with parking at other end
- * Interpretive signs along the way
- * Viewpoints and hut along the way

JACKRABBIT INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

LEGEND

Jackrabbit Interpretive Trail Length (one-way): 4 km	
Wensley Cross Country Ski Trails	
Parking	Viewpoint
Information Kiosk	X-Country Ski Club Warming Hut
Toilets	First Aid Station (Winter only)



TRAILHEAD ACCESS

- Northwestern (main) trailhead*
- Take Upper Brouse Road at 3 km south of Nakusp on Hwy 6 (towards Nelson)
 - Follow the beaten path of Upper Brouse Road for 1.5 km to parking area.
- Southeastern (alternate) trailhead*
- Wilson Lake Road at 5.8 km south of Nakusp on Hwy 6 (towards Nelson)
 - Wind up Wilson Lake Road past Box Lake Lumber for 800 m to parking area.



FEATURES ALONG THE TRAIL

- ★ Trail map and sign-in at northwestern trailhead
- ★ Species identification signs on select trees
- ★ Three large interpretive signs at viewpoints
- ★ Mountain peak locator sign at southern viewpoint
- ★ 2010 harvest area and related wildlife tree retention areas near southeastern end
- ★ Cross-Country Ski Club warming hut approximately at mid-point on trail
- ★ Parking available at both ends, enabling a one-way hike



Sample of one of the three large, colour interpretive signs that can be found along the trail.