

The Bighorn Backcountry is managed to ensure protection of the environment, while allowing responsible recreation use. It is your responsibility to know what, where and when activities are permitted in the area. For additional details, refer to the Bighorn Backcountry brochure.

**Fishing** – People enjoy many opportunities in this area for fishing. If you are planning to fish for your supper or otherwise enjoy this sport, ensure you consult the current *Alberta Guide to Sport Fishing Regulations*.

**Share the Responsibility** – This area is very popular and is frequented heavily by hikers. Set up your camp in existing random camping sites where available and practice a ‘leave no trace’ approach when using and staying in the Allstones Area.

**Be Wildlife Aware** – You are definitely in bear country, an area which both black and grizzly bears call home, as well as cougars, wolves and coyotes. Improve your safety and enjoyment by doing the following:

- Cook and store food at least 100 metres away from your camp. Hang supplies either between two trees with a rope 3-4 metres off the ground or use bear poles if provided.
- Never use or store food or toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc) inside your tent.
- Camp away from dense bushes or trees, lakeshores, streambanks, animal trails and natural food sources such as berry bushes. At night, move around with caution and always use a flashlight.
- When on the move, be constantly aware of the need to avoid bears and to alert bears of your presence. Make noise around blind corners and dense shrubs, when going into the wind or along streams and rivers.
- When mountain biking, remember that the mountain bike is quick and quiet. Ride with friends and make as much noise as you can.
- Carry bear spray, keep it handy and know how to use it. Noisemakers such as bear bangers or an air horn are also a good idea.
- Pack out all garbage in sealed bags.
- If fishing, clean fish well away from camp and seal the fish in plastic bags. Wash your hands.

**Human Waste** – Human waste and associated paper products are a concern in the backcountry. Outdoor backcountry toilets have been installed along many high-traffic trails and lake destinations. These toilets are not intended for garbage, food items and food waste, diapers, metal or glass. The pathways to the backcountry toilets are signed, with the toilets located away from main traffic for privacy.

**Geocaching** – There are multiple geocache sites located within the Bighorn Backcountry. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to locate a geocache container hidden at that location. To find various sites visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).



**The trails in the Allstones Area are non-motorized.** Different non-motorized users may be on this trail at the same time. Some portions of this trail were developed

by volunteers. **By being responsible and obeying regulations, you will be respecting the efforts that volunteers have invested in providing you with this opportunity.** Everyone has a stewardship role to play. If you see volunteers working on a trail, stop and lend a helping hand.

Some areas or sections of trail may be closed due to environmental and safety concerns. You are required to obey all posted signs and notices, and keep the area in a clean and tidy condition. Remember, continued access to this trail depends on the actions of those who use it.

No matter how you enjoy Alberta's public lands, your presence has an impact. **Stay on the designated trail at all times. Do not shortcut or trail braid. Shortcutting and trail braiding can result in soil erosion and deep ruts.**




## Bighorn Backcountry Public Land Use Zones






# Allstones Area








# Legend

-  Information Kiosk
-  Backcountry Campsite
  - backcountry toilet and/or
  - informal campsite
-  Backcountry Toilet

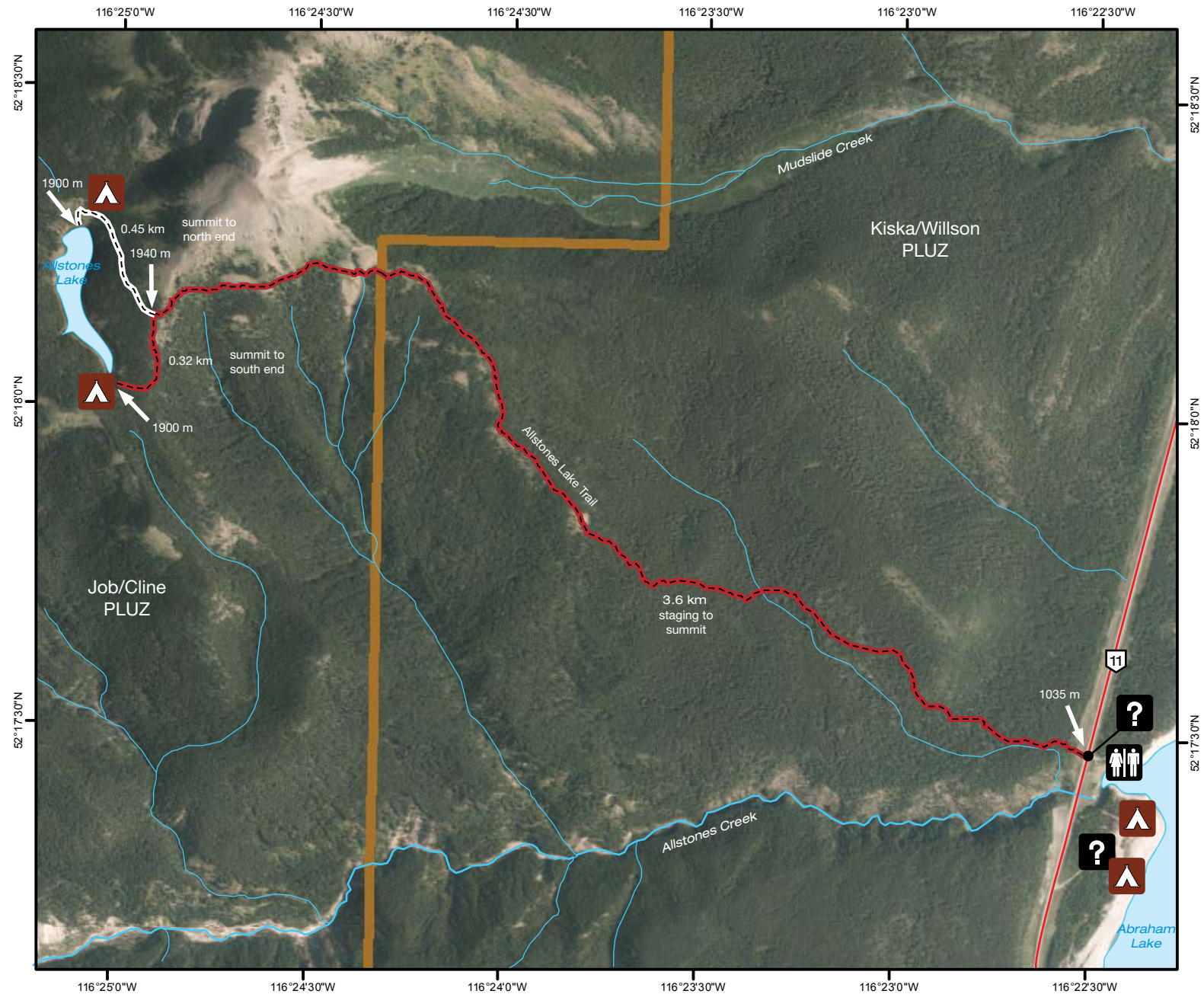
-  Paved Highway
-  Gravel Road, two lane
-  Gravel Road, one lane
-  Lakes and Rivers
-  Creeks

## Trail Classification

-  Bighorn Backcountry Public Land Use Zones Boundary
-  Major trails (**only** non-motorized use is permitted, unless otherwise posted).
-  Trails with timing restrictions for equestrian users. Trails open for equestrian use October 1 to May 31, all other non-motorized users permitted year-round, unless otherwise posted. Off-highway and snow vehicles not permitted on these trails.



Scanning this QR code will take you directly to the Bighorn Backcountry website for new digital mapping options and downloads.



Trail access may be amended, modified or closed by an Officer in response to fires, fire hazard, flooding, wildlife or other environmental and safety concerns. Please ensure you have the most recent information on the area you are travelling to before you arrive and obey all posted signs and notices.

Ensure you are aware of the regulations and guidelines when travelling into adjacent areas from the Bighorn Backcountry.