

HIKING ROUTES OFF THE BOUNDARY ROAD

The Boundary Road, or Heritage Highway East, leads southeast from Tumbler Ridge, eventually turning northeast and joining Highway 2 near the BC Alberta border. It will be fully paved by 2008. There are five interesting hiking areas and trails that can be accessed from it.

1) UPPER FLATBED CREEK

The Flatbed Forest Recreation Site is 33 kilometers from Tumbler Ridge, on the right side of the road just before it ascends some switchbacks. From this site a short 300 meter trail leads south over a tributary creek, then upstream beside Flatbed Creek, to a bench and viewpoint between two spruce trees. Here the upper reaches of Flatbed Creek widen to form an intriguing wetland. The best way to explore upstream for a kilometer or more is by canoe. There are some interesting cliffs to ascend and explore.

2) MOUNT CLIFFORD

48 km from Tumbler Ridge there is a road to the right. After nine km it crosses Honeymoon Creek, followed by a junction. Straight leads to a pleasant rustic campsite on Kinuseo Creek after one km. Left leads for a further eight km up the lower slopes of Mt Clifford. Stop just before the road is gated, and head up the old ditched road to the right (west). This climbs steadily, reaches an old gas pad site, and then climbs some more via an old exploration road. The ATV route onto Mt Clifford branches sharply off this to the left, and rises above the tree line. From the top of the ridge simply follow the ATV route west, along a succession of summits and ridges at or above the tree line. The views of the Rockies are magnificent, with Bone Mountain in the foreground and the Monkman and Bulley Glaciers in the distance. Below is the wide valley of Kinuseo Creek, the route of the Monkman Pass of the 1930s. Return the way you came. Mt Clifford also provides a tough but rewarding mountain biking trip – please stick to the trail in the alpine areas to avoid damage to the fragile tundra.

3) STONEY LAKE

54 km from Tumbler Ridge is the turnoff on the right to the Stoney Lake Forest Recreation Site. A sometimes rough road leads for 1.6 km to the lakeshore. Launch your canoe here, and cross the short distance to the far shore. Proceed right, around the corner, and to the sign with the logo of the Monkman Pass Memorial Trail. Disembark and follow the well signposted trail, which

soon becomes the old Monkman Pass Highway of the 1930s. This can be followed west for about two kilometers. Amazingly, the old ruts are still visible, along with stretches of corduroy at two small creek crossings, and places where the effects of pick and shovel in leveling the sidehill grades can be appreciated.

4) KRUGER'S FLATS

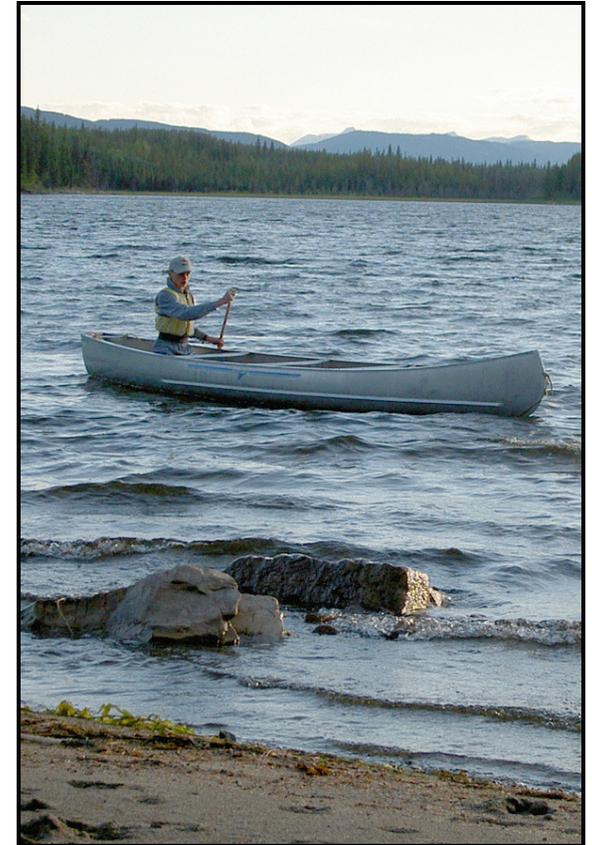
72 km from Tumbler Ridge the Stoney Creek Road branches off on the right. Follow it over the creek (300 meters), then park on the left by a large clearing another 100 meters on, and follow the signs. This is another fascinating stretch of original Monkman Pass Highway, leading for three kilometers to Kruger's Flats. Here Emil Kruger had a mink ranch in the 1930s. Although it has seen subsequent owners, the Flats remains a remarkable site, with old cabins in disrepair. Please respect this site, do not disturb it or remove any items, and leave it for others to enjoy. Caution: This flat trail is shared with ATVs. There can be a few short wet sections in wet years. This trail is also a very pleasant mountain biking trip.

5) LONG LAKE

78 km from Tumbler Ridge is a major junction, with the Redwillow Forest Recreation Site on the right. Turn right here, and follow the road over the Redwillow River. The road forks after 1 km. Keep left, for another 2.6 km (3.6 km from where you left the Boundary Road). There is a parking lot on the left, built by ConocoPhillips for WNMS in 2007. Here a short (270 meter) hiking trail leads north to a peaceful promontory on the shores of this unusual lake, which is a kilometer long but never more than 100 meters wide. It has a rocky shore, is deep in places, and is ideal for swimming. Watch for Trumpeter Swans, which nest in the marshy area at the east end of the lake. Caution: Watch for industrial traffic on the radio controlled access road, and park well off the road.

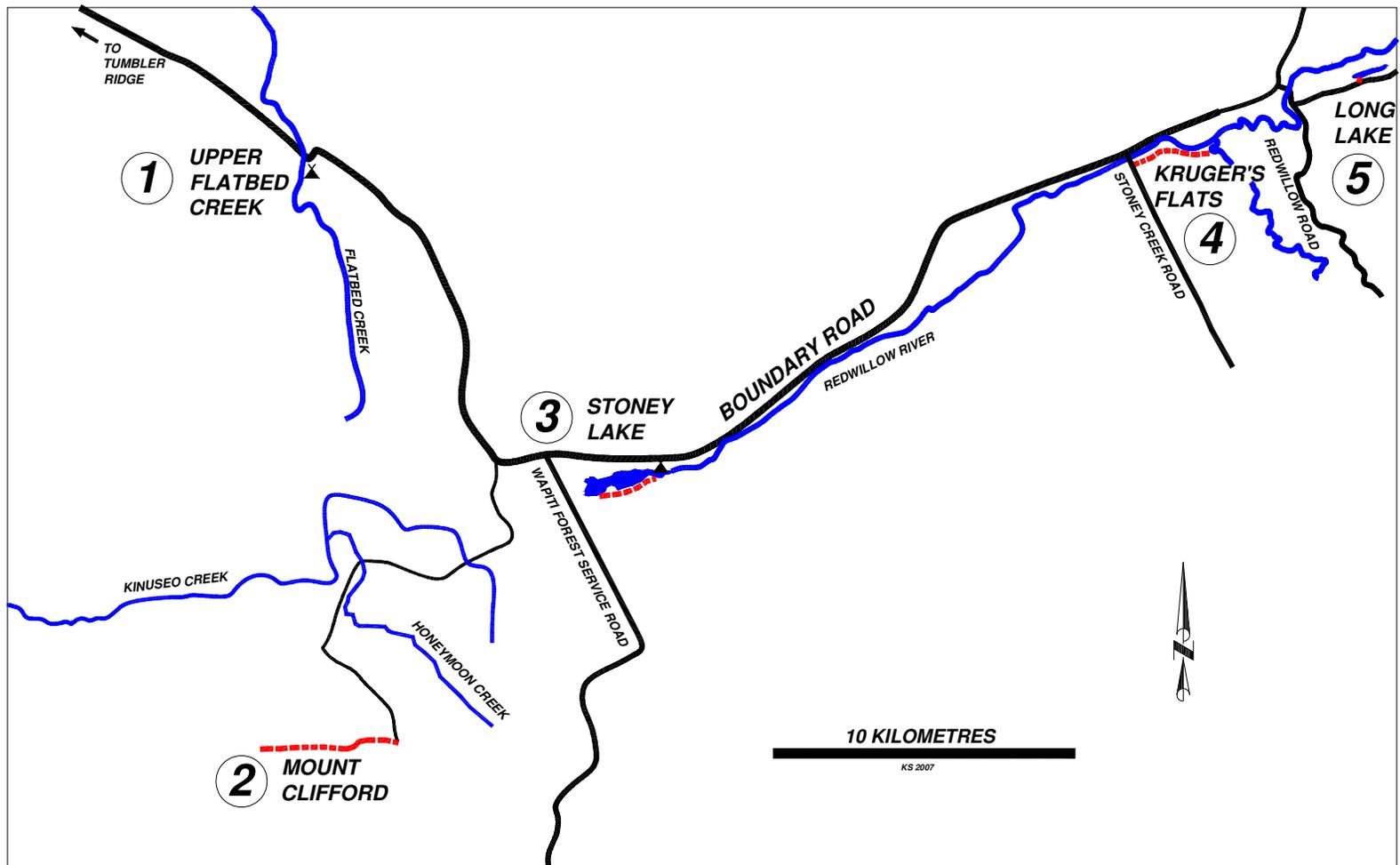
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Cabin At Kruger's Flats