

TOWN OF FORT SMITH

TOURISM & RECREATION SERVICES

- 1 Roberta Bondar Observatory
- 2 Queen Elizabeth Park and Campground
- 3 Kay Ferguson Park
- 4 Soccer Field
- 5 Riverside Park
- 6 Snowboard Park and Lookout
- 7 Tennis Courts
- 8 Track & Field Grounds and Soccer Field
- 9 Northern Life Museum & Cultural Center
- 10 Community & Recreation Centre
- 10 William Schaefer Memorial Pool
- 10 Curling Club
- 10 Mary Kaeser Library
- 11 Centennial Arena
- 12 Fort Smith Mission Historic Park
- 13 Joan's Health & Fitness Club
- 14 Wood Buffalo National Park Office
- 14 Visitor Information Centre
- 15 Gateway Park (*Trans Canada Trail*)
- 16 Conibear Park
- 17 Harry Sudom Ball Park and Johnny Ayers Ball Park
- 18 Kid City Playground
- 19 Pelican Rapids Golf Club (*Seasonal*)

COMMUNITY SERVICES & SCHOOLS

- 1 Joseph Burr Tyrrell Elementary School
- 2 Paul W. Kaeser Secondary School
- 3 Aurora College, Thebacha Campus
- 4 Fort Smith Animal Shelter
- 5 SRFN Business & Conference Centre
- 6 Fire Hall
- 7 Town Hall
- 8 Sunset Chalet
- 9 Northern Lights Special Care Home
- 10 Health Centre
- 11 Post Office
- 12 Service Canada
- 13 Royal Canadian Mounted Police

PLACES TO EAT/LOUNGES

- 1 Tim Horton's
- 2 Aunty's Korner Store
- 3 Berro's Pizzeria
- 4 JavaPunks
- 5 The Hawkey Hut (*Seasonal/Inside Arena*)
- 6 Kentucky Fried Chicken
- 7 Royal Canadian Legion
- 8 Dirty O'Fergies
- 8 Pelican Restaurant
- 9 Desnedé Farmers Market (*Seasonal*)
- 10 Anna's Home Cooking
- 11 Pelican Rapids Golf Club (*Seasonal*)

HOTELS/BED & BREAKFASTS

- 1 The Whooping Crane Guest House (872-3426)
- 2 Riverside BnB (872-8304)
- 3 Wood Buffalo Inn (872-3222)
- 4 Whispering Pines Cottages (872-2628)
- 5 Pelican Rapids Inn (872-2789)
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FUEL, AUTO REPAIR & VEHICLE RENTAL

- 1 Petro-Canada
- 2 N.U. Mechanical Car Wash
- 3 Fort Smith Construction -
Visa Truck Rentals Representative
- 3 Guy's Tire Repair
- 4 RDV Mechanical
- 5 Pelican Rapids Inn Vehicle Rentals
- 6 TDC Contracting
- 7 Rapid Petroleum Products
(Card lock/credit cards only)

CHURCHES

- 1 Pentecostal Church
- 2 Saint Joseph Cathedral
- 3 Saint John's Anglican Church

ARTS & CRAFTS

- 1 Northern Life Museum & Cultural Center
- 2 Visitor Information Centre
- 3 Pelican Rapids Inn
- 4 Desnedé Farmers Market (*Seasonal*)

RETAIL OUTLETS

- 1 Petro-Canada
- 2 Kaeser's Home Furnishing
- 3 Lou's Small Engines (*Propane*)
- 4 Red Fox Pharmacy
- 5 Uptown Convenience
- 6 NSixty
- 7 Field's
- 8 Aunty's Korner Store
- 9 Northern Hound Supply
- 10 Liquor Store
- 11 Northern Store (*Propane*)
- 12 Kaeser's Stores
(*Propane & NT Fishing Licences*)
- 13 Home Hardware
- 14 Wally's Drugs
- 15 TDC Contracting
- 16 Ace Building Supplies
- 17 Ink and Iron Beauty Salon
- 18 Roots and Ruminants (*Seasonal*)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 Airport
- 2 Boat Launch
- 3 Roaring Rapids Hall
- 4 Cascade Graphics
- 5 Uncle Gabe's Friendship Centre
- 6 Recycling Depot
- 7 Bank of Montreal
- 8 Rapids of the Drowned
- 9 Deeplee Rooted Hair Studio

AIR CHARTERS & FLIGHT-SEEING

- Air Tindi (888-545-6794)
- Northwestern Air Lease Ltd. (872-2216)
- Reliance Air Ltd. (780-722-5062)

OUTFITTERS & FISHING LODGES

- Andrew Lake Fishing Lodge (872-5272)

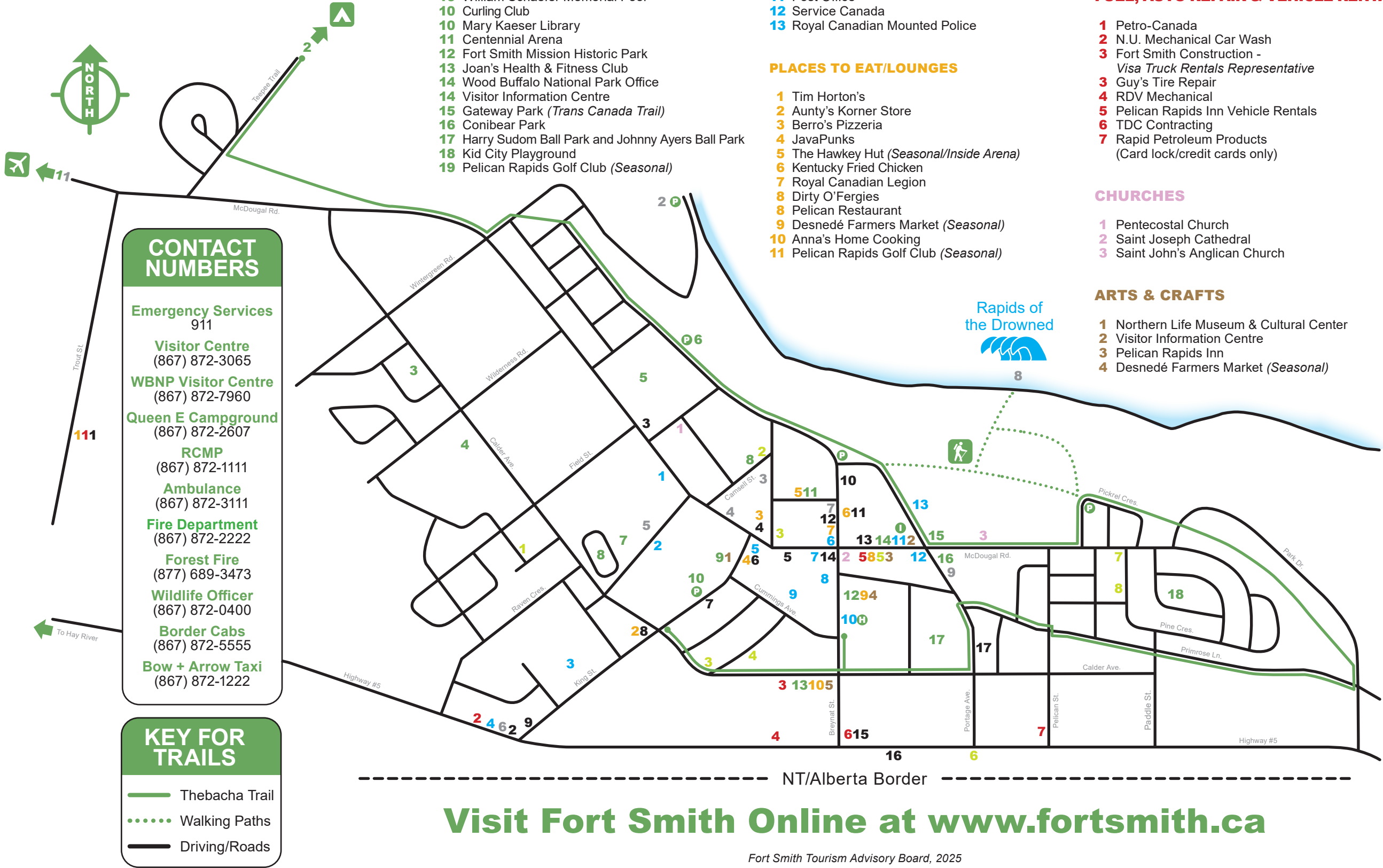


Fort Smith
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

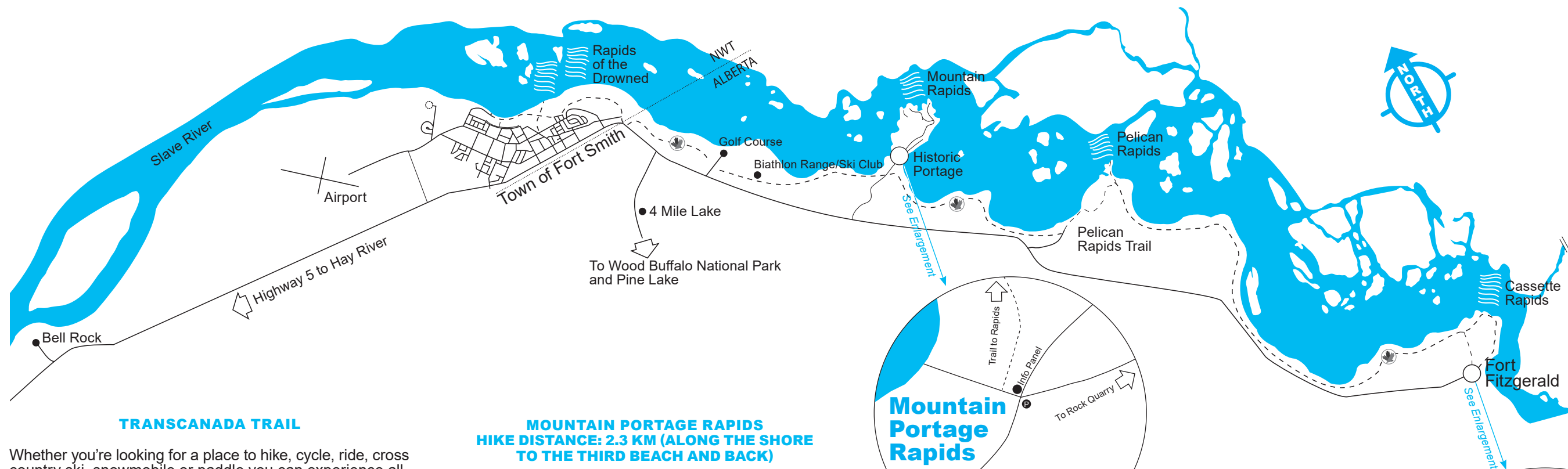
To Fort Fitzgerald,
Wood Buffalo National Park,
4 Mile Lake Float Plane Base

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Fort Smith Tourism Advisory Board, 2025



SLAVE RIVER RAPIDS CORRIDOR



DRIVING DISTANCES

Rapids of the Drowned	Below Town
Golf Course	4km/2.5 miles
Mountain Rapids	8km/5 miles
Bell Rock	12km/7.5miles
Pelican Rapids	12km/7.5miles
Fort Fitzgerald	25km/15.5 miles
Salt River Day Use	27km/16.75 miles
Pine Lake	62km/38.5 miles
Peace Point	119km/74 miles
Hay River	265km/165 miles

TRANSCANADA TRAIL

Whether you're looking for a place to hike, cycle, ride, cross country ski, snowmobile or paddle you can experience all of it along one of this area's many trail sections.

Scan the QR code below for more detailed information about hiking trails in the area:

Check out the All Trails app for detailed map directions to a number of hikes in the area:



RAPIDS OF THE DROWNED HIKE DISTANCE: 1.3 KM (STARTING ON PICKEREL CR.)

You can access the trailhead from Pickerel Cr. where there is a small parking space for one or two vehicles. Or you can park along Marine Dr. just past the arena and access a steeper trail leading down to the river and Rapids of the Drowned.

- This short hike is located next to the downtown area of Fort Smith and is the best spot to see American White Pelicans up close!
- The hike leads you to an outcropping of rocks next to the rapids. A must-do hike while you are in Fort Smith.
- You can watch pelicans pluck fish from the churning water or throw a line in and try your own fishing luck. Walleye, northern pike and goldeye are the most common species at this point in the river. A \$5 fishing license is available at Kaeser's Store.

MOUNTAIN PORTAGE RAPIDS HIKE DISTANCE: 2.3 KM (ALONG THE SHORE TO THE THIRD BEACH AND BACK)

Drive south from Fort Smith towards Fort Fitzgerald for about 8 km, just past the golf course, and look for the Mountain Portage highway sign that instructs you to turn left. Drive for another 2 km along the dirt road until you reach a fork in 2 directions. The path on the left goes up, the right-hand path leads down. Park in the clearing right before the fork. On your left there should be a trailhead and a large rock with an interpretive panel.

- Walk all the way down the trail on your left of the interpretive panel to explore the shoreline or take the forest path that branches off on the right-hand side of the trail.
- This trail will take you all the way to the "Third Beach".
- When you arrive at the site you will be able to see the secluded pelican nesting islands. If you brought your binoculars, you may be lucky enough to see a chick.
- This hike passes through the lands of the Smith's Landing First Nation. Please treat the land and area respectfully.

PELICAN RAPIDS (HALFWAY) HIKE DISTANCE: 6.4 KM (OUT AND BACK)

Drive south from Fort Smith towards Fort Fitzgerald, past the Mountain Portage highway sign and look for a dirt and gravel road that leads to a large circular parking lot/area. It is approximately halfway between Fort Fitzgerald, AB and Fort Smith, NWT. Park your vehicle here and continue to the trail.

- Follow the old roadway/trail east for about a kilometer until it ends at the river.
- The path branches to the right, dips down to a muddy creek, with a foot bridge going over it, then climbs a large hill.
- The roar of the rapids will increase as you near the end of the trail.

Mountain Portage Rapids

- Soon you are on a shrub-covered bluff overlooking the river.
- Keep left down the hill and onto the peninsula of pink granite stretching way out into the tumultuous river.
- This hike passes through the lands of the Smith's Landing First Nation. Please treat the land and area respectfully.

CASSETTE RAPIDS HIKE DISTANCE: APPROXIMATELY 4 KM (FOR THE FULL LOOP)

Drive south from Fort Smith about 24 km. When you arrive at Fort Fitzgerald follow the road to the river then to the left as it winds back up the hill past a building on your left and three houses on your right and then branches to the right. A few hundred meters and you come to a road on the right with a sign to the rapids. You can leave your vehicle parked to the side or continue a short drive along the road to a parking lot area.

- On the road near the "Rapids" sign there is a path in the forest leading down with another sign that says "To the Rapids".
- Take this path to view Cassette Rapids. The woods are thick, but the path is easy to follow.
- Approximately seven minutes down the trail there's a lookout on the right, a gray shoulder of granite jutting out into the current of the Slave River.

Fort Fitzgerald

- Another five minutes and you should be just above the first set of these rapids.
- You can continue to see more of the rapids and do the full loop by following the trail up a hill and through the woods for about 30 minutes before you reach the clearing from an old farm site.
- From there you follow a sandy road and then turn left back onto the trail to your vehicle.
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- This is a spectacular winter hike with stunning winter scenery of trees thickly covered with hoar-frost from the mist off the rapids.

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