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Welcome to the East Shore - One of Kootenay Lake's best kept secrets!

The East Shore has a dynamic and rich history, which includes trail routes which were used to transport necessities between communities, access resources, develop remote milling operations and, most famously, operate a lighthouse. Historically, the communities around Kootenay Lake were accessed by canoe, steamers and sternwheelers. Roads were few and far between which resulted in trail route establishment. In more recent years, these trails have been maintained and expanded for recreation purposes. If you find a trail not described here, it is headed towards private property. Please stay on the trails listed and respect landowners.

Hiking Trails on the Crawford and **Pilot Peninsulas**

This map divides the peninsula trails into non-motorized multi-use trails and designated hiking routes. The hiking trails are in the Pilot Bay Provincial Park and lighthouse as well as the southern crown land trails that connect to the trail hub. These trails have not been designated for mountain biking due to park regulation, land use changes and general trail design which doesn't make for the best cycling experience. If you find yourself mountain biking on these trails, please be extra considerate with hikers you encounter by dismounting your bike as you pass. Communication is key for a safe passing. For detailed access information go to: www.estba.ca

Mountain Biking on the Crawford Peninsula

We are pleased to offer an exciting mountain biking experience on the peninsula's multi-use trail system. These trails include the historic William Fraser, Fraser Hill Viewpoint, Woodlot and Height of Land trails. There are three ways to access the Crawford Peninsulas multi-use trails. For the best mountain bike experience, we suggest dropping a vehicle in Crawford Bay and driving up the Pilot Point forest service road (FSR) either to the North Spur Rd (shorter ride) or 3.5 km to the trail hub. Riding up the trails and the Pilot Point FSR from Crawford Bay is not uncommon and will guarantee a serious work out.

For detailed access information go to: www.estba.ca. Please use caution on Forestry roads.

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Trans Canada Trail AKA The **Great Trail**

The East Shore segment of the Trans Canada Trail begins in Kootenay Bay. The traveller, after crossing on the Kootenay Lake Ferry, will follow HWY 3A through the Artisan community of Crawford Bay. Continuing south for 1km, the authorized off-highway route begins at Weasel Creek FSR. A trail-head kiosk greets trail users with orientation, historical information, user sign in, and a map.

*This off highway route is not recommended for road bikes. As the trail reaches the first private property in Gray Creek, it descends back to the highway past a number of inviting public beach accesses including Starbelly Beach after which the local music festival was named. From here it's a short 2km to the Gray Creek Store. It's here that up-to-date information on the rest of the route over the Pass Rd and on to Kimberley can be acquired. Gray Creek Pass TCT online info: https://trailsbc.ca/tct/east-kootenay/ graycreek-pass



Crawford Creek Regional Park

This recently established regional park consists of a significant wetland, cottonwood forest, easy hiking and mountain biking trails as well as two gorgeous public beaches.

The wetland is well known as a bird viewing area. Birders from around the world who have visited the wetland are quick to indicate that this is something special. You can pick up your copy of the Birding in Crawford Bay pamphlet with over 92 listed bird species at the visitor's centre and other fine businesses.

It is very important to stay on the trails while visiting the wetland. Please do not venture into the delicate fen or tromp through the muck. If you can't keep your dog under close control without a leash, then leash your dog. The Crawford Bay Wetland is an important wildlife breeding site for ground nesting birds from early April to mid-July. Dogs running free can disturb breeding wildlife and their young.

Kokanee Springs Loops and **Bridges Trail**

At the resort's primary entrance on Woolgar Rd. you can park on the other side of the bridge. This loop is best enjoyed in a counter-clockwise direction. Nice, wide, undulating trails offer a lovely family forest adventure. Interpretive plaques offer information on local flora and fauna. The loop does incorporate a service rd. (follow signs), which takes you to the eastern section of the loop. Continuing north along the side of the golf greens, you cross a number of bridges before the trail has been closed due to creek washout. It's best to access the paved road for a scenic and smooth journey around to Woolgar Rd and your vehicle. There are also a number of smaller trail loops to enjoy.

Riondel Heritage Trail

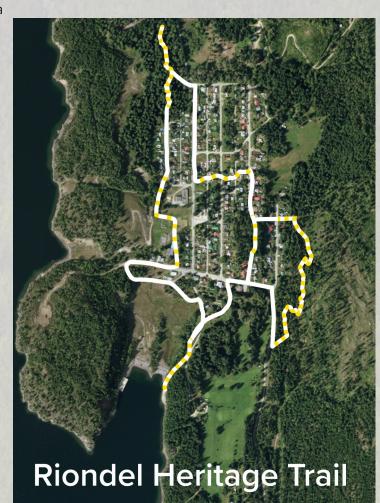
users a unique introspective into the historic community of Riondel. The route connects segments of

new forest trails with parks, alleys and other green spaces. The trail route offers many natural and educational experiences as it travels through old growth forests, local parks, and local remembrance garden with many views of the historic Bluebell Mine workings. The trail is complete with benches, storyboards and interpretive

Basic wilderness skills are required.

There are safety hazards such as standing dead trees and drop-offs. Use caution, especially when with young children. Bears and cougars are in the area. Be aware of your surroundings and make some noise in the way of conversation, bells, or occasional calls. If you meet a bear, do not make eye contact or run; move quietly away from the bear. Never come between a bear and her cubs. Do not let small children run ahead of your group.

- Bring extra water as there are limited opportunities to refill bottles
- Bring a first aid kit
- Mountain bikers should have tools and an extra tube
- Be sure to tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return



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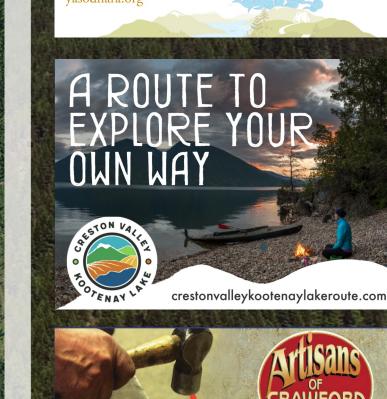
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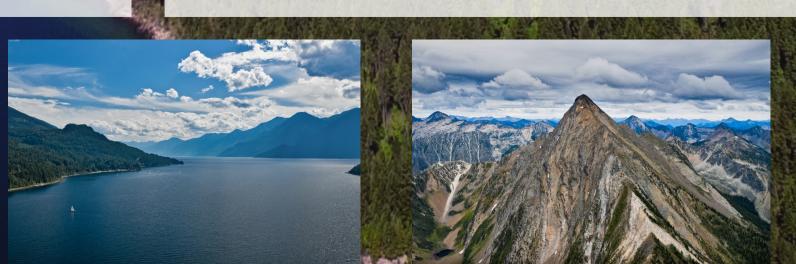
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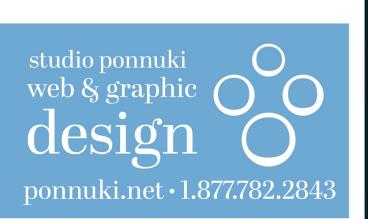
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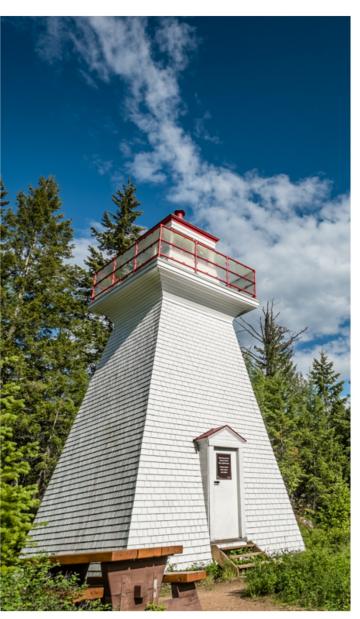














Crawford Bay Area Trails









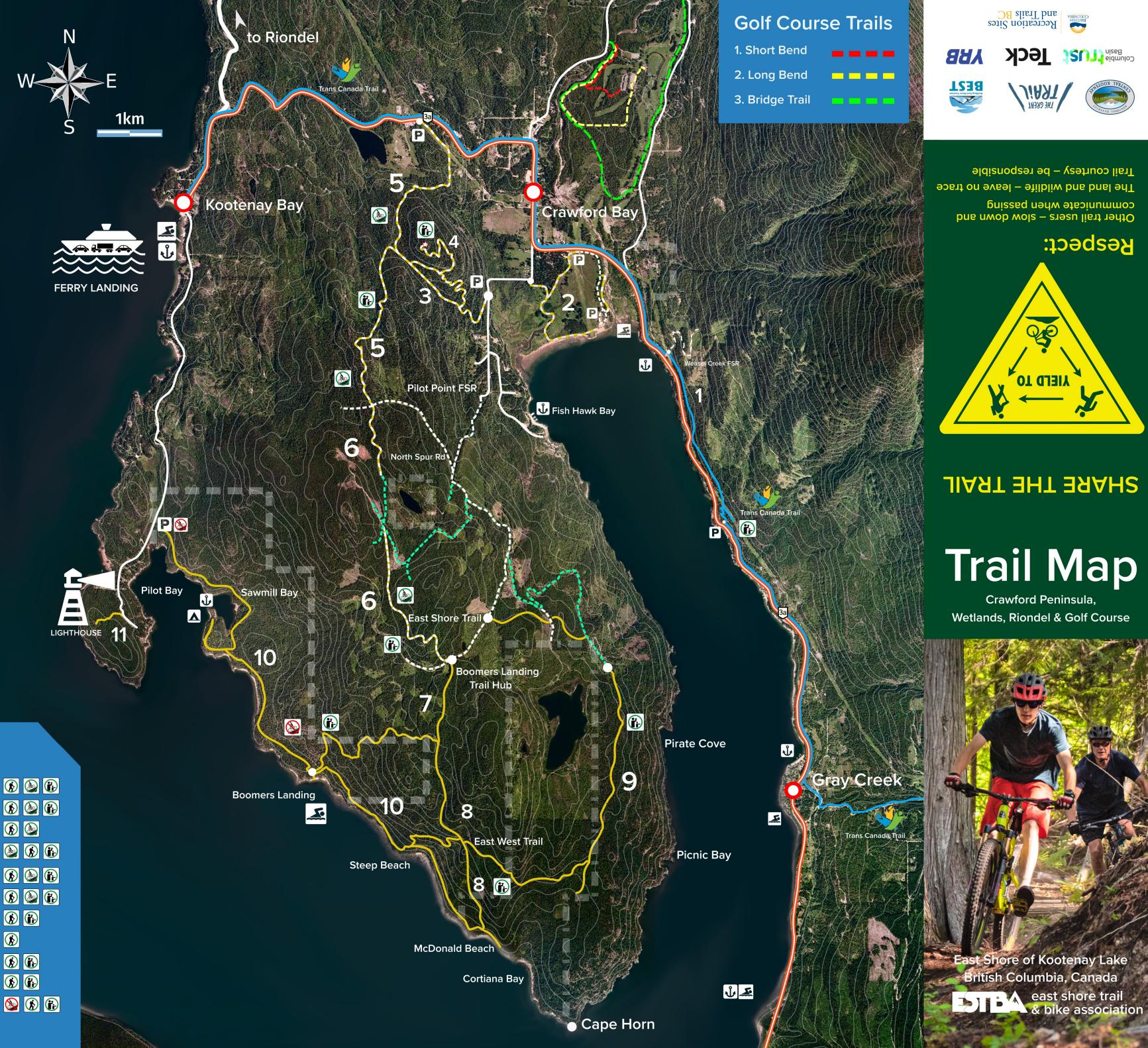


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4km Moderate

1.5km Easy

5.5km Moderate 0.5km Easy



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