



Lake Windermere Winter Map & Stewardship Guide

I pledge...

To be a good steward of the frozen lake in winter

To plan ahead, be safe, and prepare for winter conditions

To pack out all trash, dog poop, and waste that I bring on the ice so that I "leave no trace"

To respect all fish, birds, and wildlife that I come across

To keep my campfire contained and remove ashes or any debris from the ice

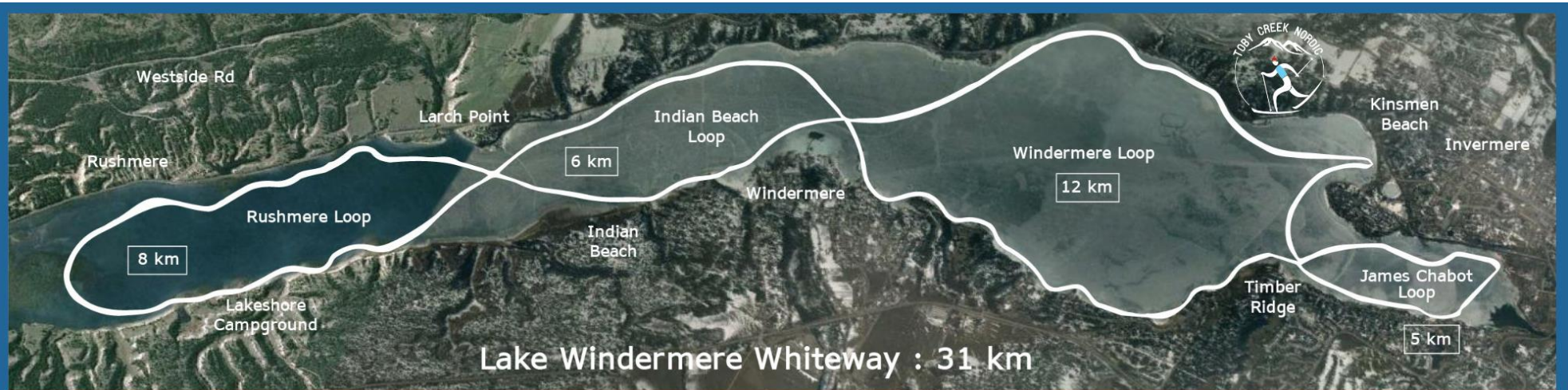
To remove all materials I place out on the ice before the lake melts out in spring

To share this space with all other users, and be courteous, friendly, and respectful to others

- I will lend a helping hand if needed;
- I will respect public safety by driving with caution and staying a safe distance away from pedestrians;
- I will minimize my impact on rinks and trails;
- I will notify 9-1-1 and request Fire/Rescue services in case of emergency.

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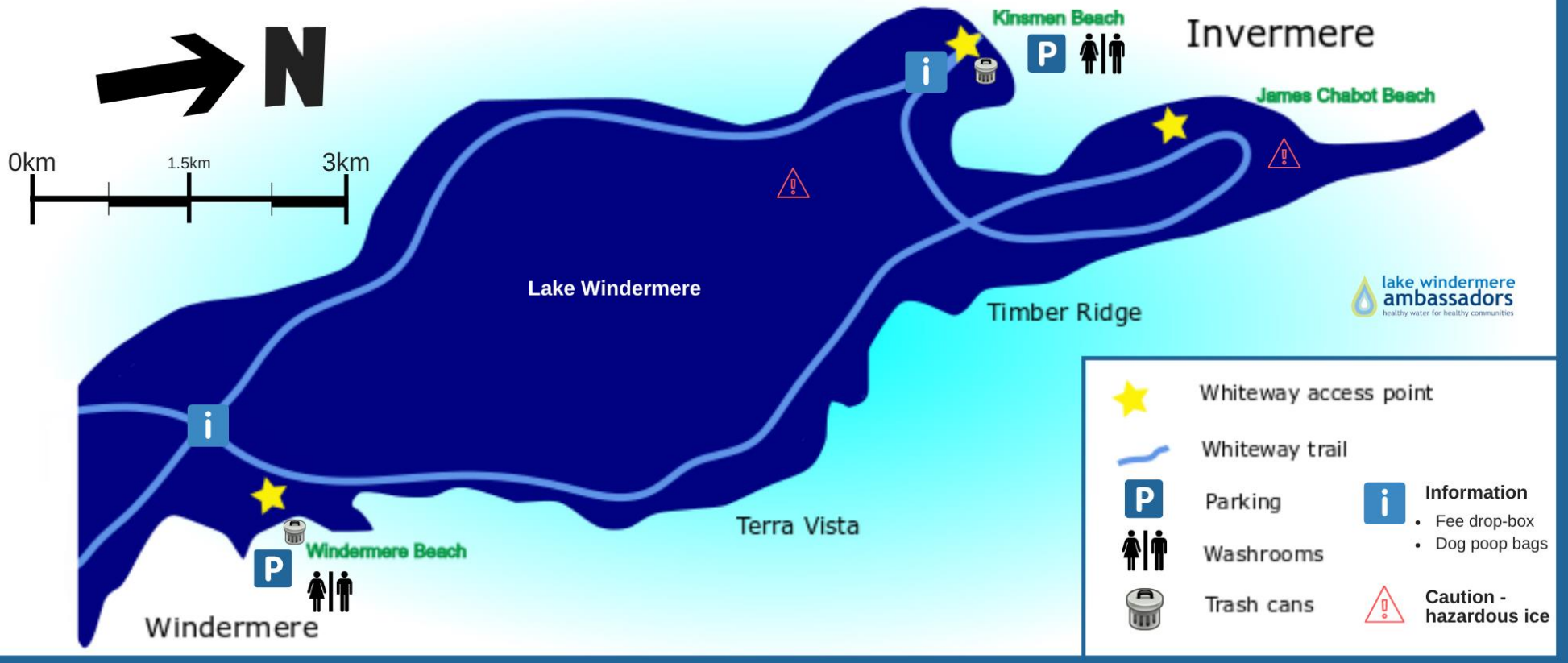
CAUTION:

This map/guide is meant for information purposes only, and does not reflect real-world conditions. Ice conditions can change rapidly & unmarked hazards do exist.

There are holes in the ice. These are occasionally marked with a Christmas tree. Use caution near these holes and never approach them.

Travel over ice is inherently dangerous. Never venture onto the ice unless you are 100% confident it will support your weight.

All users of this guide access the ice at their own risk, and acknowledge that accident or injury may occur as a result of venturing onto the ice.



Protect your lake!

Lake Windermere is a drinking-water source!

With increased use in winter, there has been an increase in garbage, debris, and human & dog waste left on the ice. This includes wood, ashes, gasoline, empty cans, and furniture.

Plastics, metals, and other waste will end up in the water once it melts and can contaminate the lake.

Did you know?

One cigarette butt can contaminate up to 4 L of water with carcinogens.

Pack it in, Pack it out!

Littering harms fish and wildlife. Everything left on the ice will end up in the water in the spring. If you wouldn't leave it on the beach, don't leave it on the ice!



leave no trace | sans trace
CANADA

- **Poop happens** 

Watch your dog closely! It is harder to tell when an off-leash dog is pooping. **Your dog's poop is always your responsibility** - there are no "poo-crews" picking up after you on the frozen lake!

If you plan to be out ice fishing for a long time, make sure you have a portable toilet or waste bucket with you. Dispose of it back at home in your toilet.

Dog and human poop contains *E. coli* and other bacteria which can transmit diseases. Septic waste also contains phosphorous and ammonia, which can cause poor water quality.

- **Report poaching and polluting**



If you see something that you think is illegal, harming the lake's water quality, or damaging the lake's fish habitat or shoreline, please call the 24-hour RAPP hotline:
1-877-952-7277



250-341-6898
lakeambassadors.ca

Resources

- SKATE & SKI RENTAL
- ICE FISHING
- EVENTS! (JAN - FEB)

Columbia River Cafe
(@ Kinsmen Beach)
1707 5 Ave, Invermere
Ph: 250-342-7397

Inside Edge
905 7 Ave, Invermere
Ph: 250-342-0402

Columbia Cycle & Ski
375 Laurier St, Invermere
Ph: 250-342-6164

Reel Axe Adventures
Ph: 250-409-4276
reelaxeadventures@gmail.com

Bonspiel on the Lake
curlinginvermere.ca/

Kinsmen Snow Golf & Kinsmen Fishing Derby
facebook.com/kinsmenclubofwindermerevalley/

Nipika/Toby Creek Loppet
nipika.com/loppet/

CV Rockies Pond Hockey
rockieshockey.ca

For more, check out "Invermere BC Events" on facebook

Don't forget! Before you fish,
you need your B.C. angling
license:
fishing.gov.bc.ca



Conservation Officers: 1-877-952-7277 (Report poaching or illegal dumping)
Invermere RCMP: 1-250-342-9292 (Report impaired driving or public safety risks)

Fire & Rescue Emergency: 9-1-1

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