

BATTLE RIVER PADDLE GUIDE: LITTLE BEAVER LAKE

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Why Go?

Little Beaver Lake provides paddlers of all experience levels a chance to get out and explore close to home! Camrose, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, and Maskwacis are only just over a half hour away from this gem beside the village of Ferintosh. Little Beaver Lake is a great choice for paddlers not interested in traveling great distances, like on other local streams in this guide with no shuttle and driving arrangements complications.



Know Before You Go

Little Beaver Lake is a place where you can completely immerse yourself completely in nature, as their hiking trails are generally ungrouted. Paddlers interested in taking the hike should be aware that they may encounter uneven ground, and overgrown vegetation in peak summer. If your sticking to the water, keep in mind the deepest point of the lake is found near the water treatment plant, but gets much shallower towards the north shore, so if using a motorized vessel- beware! Though recent years have been clear, be sure to check for blue-green algae advisories from Alberta Health Services.



Plant and Animal Life

Little Beaver Lake is home to a variety of fish and minnows, though most commonly angled for is Northern Pike! An informal hiking trail lines the lake and offers a peek into the lives of the creatures of this beautiful natural area, unsurprisingly including beaver and muskrat. In the spring, the lake is surrounded by wild roses in full bloom, and during the summertime the trails are a mycology enthusiast's dream!



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Local Attractions

Ferintosh Campground

The Ferintosh Campground is conveniently located on the eastern shore of Little Beaver Lake. Only a short walk away from all the amenities of Ferintosh, which including the Ferintosh Hotel- a pub with a patio and a rustic feel. Users of the campground will be happy to find washroom facilities and a children's playground available for public use. The picnic shelter can be great for warming up after an early spring paddle! But it will cost you. \$25.00 gets you a full day with the picnic shelter all to yourself! Additionally, the Ferintosh campground has a central boat launch for bigger boats and canoes.



Please use discretion when choosing a paddling route. You are expected to follow all traffic and boating laws, be aware of weather, respect private property, and assess hazards before going out. Prepare to be out longer than expected- bring extra food, water, and lights. The Battle River Watershed Alliance holds no responsibility for injuries or damage sustained on your paddle.

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