

BATTLE RIVER PADDLE GUIDE: TIDE CREEK

Gilwood Dock, Pigeon Lake (Hwy 771) to Range Rd 22

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Why Go?

Tide Creek is a tributary to Pigeon Lake, and is a popular spot for locals. It's a short and easy 7 km paddle, with the turnaround point at the Range Rd 22 bridge. This may take around 1-2 hours. There is beautiful scenery to enjoy as you paddle. Tide Creek meanders through Crown Land and the George and Joan Mitchell Memorial Conservation Site, which is owned by the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) and partners. Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA) is the watershed stewardship group in this area.

Know Before You Go

If launching at the dock, make sure to watch out for boat traffic. Water levels fluctuate and water quality may vary throughout the season. Check conditions and any AHS advisories before you go. Hazards on the creek may include downed trees and beaver dams.

Bring your safety gear, and if you venture on



shore make sure to check for ticks at the end of your trip. If you do find one, make sure to report it to [eTick](#).



Plant and Animal Life

As you start the paddle on Pigeon Lake, keep an eye out for birds such as pelicans, cormorants, and red-necked grebes. Along the creek there is a beautiful birch forest filled with song birds, creating a nice and calming ambiance. If you're lucky, you might be able to see a muskrat or beaver swimming on the creek. There were a few places along the creek where raspberries were growing right along the shore.



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Local Attractions

Rundle's Mission: Established in 1847, Rev. Robert Rundle chose the northwest shore of Pigeon Lake for a mission where missionaries and Indigenous Peoples could meet for worship and council. Today it is designated as an Alberta Historic Site where people can stay for a retreat and enjoy the events and services they provide, as well as access 220 acres of conservation lands.

Pigeon Lake Provincial Park Campgrounds:

The Pigeon Lake and Zeiner Campgrounds are nearby, and can be accessed from Hwy 771. Both have day use areas available to the public, as well as beaches and playgrounds for kids.

Check out the health of Tide Creek on the [Riparian Web Portal](#).

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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