

B.C. Nature Gavin Lake Field Camp, May 30 to June 5, 2010

The Williams Lake Field Naturalists will host a field camp in 2010 at the [Gavin Lake Forest Education Centre](#) from Sunday, May 30 to Saturday, June 5. This facility is located about 80 km from Williams Lake on the road to Likely, B.C. and is situated adjacent to the University of British Columbia [Alex Fraser Research Forest](#). There are 11 heated sleeping cabins, a washroom building with showers and flush toilets, a central dining hall, a sauna and canoes. We will provide five days of field trips and there will be evening presentations too.

Descriptions of the field trips:

1) UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest

The natural area surrounding Gavin Lake is managed for researching, demonstrating and teaching about forests and forestry. We will visit old growth, walk interpretive trails and find out what's new in forest research with a staff biologist.

2) Beaver Valley

The Beaver Valley Creek watershed that feeds into the Quesnel River is regionally unique in climate and vegetation. Lush, deciduous cover along south-facing slopes that parallel wetlands, lakes and hay meadows make for terrific birding. Local biologists will lead the way to highlight the history and ecology of the area.

3) Quesnel Forks

The historic gold mining town is set at the dramatic junction of the Cariboo and Quesnel Rivers offering interesting natural and human history. We will explore this semi-open area surrounded by forest for both bird and plant life. As well we will learn about the history of the town.

4) Horsefly River

The Horsefly River, known for its salmon stocks, flows from the Quesnel Highlands to Quesnel Lake. Starting at the Horsefly spawning channel in the village of Horsefly and ending at the beautiful Horsefly Falls, we will explore the aquatic and terrestrial life of this river valley.

5) Chilcotin Grasslands

The Cariboo-Chilcotin region contains some of the most nearly-pristine and unique grasslands of the intermountain region of western North America. We will visit representative upper elevation grasslands on the west side of the Fraser River near Riske Creek. Local biologists and ecologists will lead an exploration of unique plant communities, grassland birds, insects, and some management issues.

The cost for this field camp will be \$450 (this includes both accommodation and meals). Registration is limited to 24 participants. **Registration will start at 10 am on Sunday, February 14.** Phone Fred McMechan at 250-392-7680 or email fred_mcmechan@telus.net

Notes about the Gavin Lake Field Camp:

1) Accommodation:

Three or four people will share the larger cabins. In the smaller cabins couples may be accommodated. All cabins have single bunk beds with newer mattresses and mattress covers. There is a central washroom building with wash basins, toilets, and showers. Each person will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, towel, soap and other toiletries. A flashlight will be handy for night-time outings.

2) Meals:

All meals will be provided starting with a dinner meal on Sunday, May 30 and finishing with a breakfast meal on Saturday, June 5. The meals will be served in a large dining hall, except for lunches. Lunches will be picked up at breakfast time. Consider bringing slippers for use in the dining hall, as well as lunch containers and a water bottle.

3) Travel

Gavin Lake Camp is 6.5 from the Likely Road along the gravel, 2-wheel drive compatible Gavin Lake Road. Both hiking and carpooling will be involved in the field trips. Hiking may be on rough trails or terrain. Bring sturdy boots and be fairly fit. For carpooling bring cash to pay the driver. Carpool fees are not included in the registration. As well, expect some mosquitoes so bring insect repellent and clothing to keep the insects at bay.

4) Insurance policy

All camp participants must be a direct member of BC Nature or a member of a B.C. Nature club. You will have to fill in the B.C. Nature Waiver of Liability form to participate.

5) Payment policy

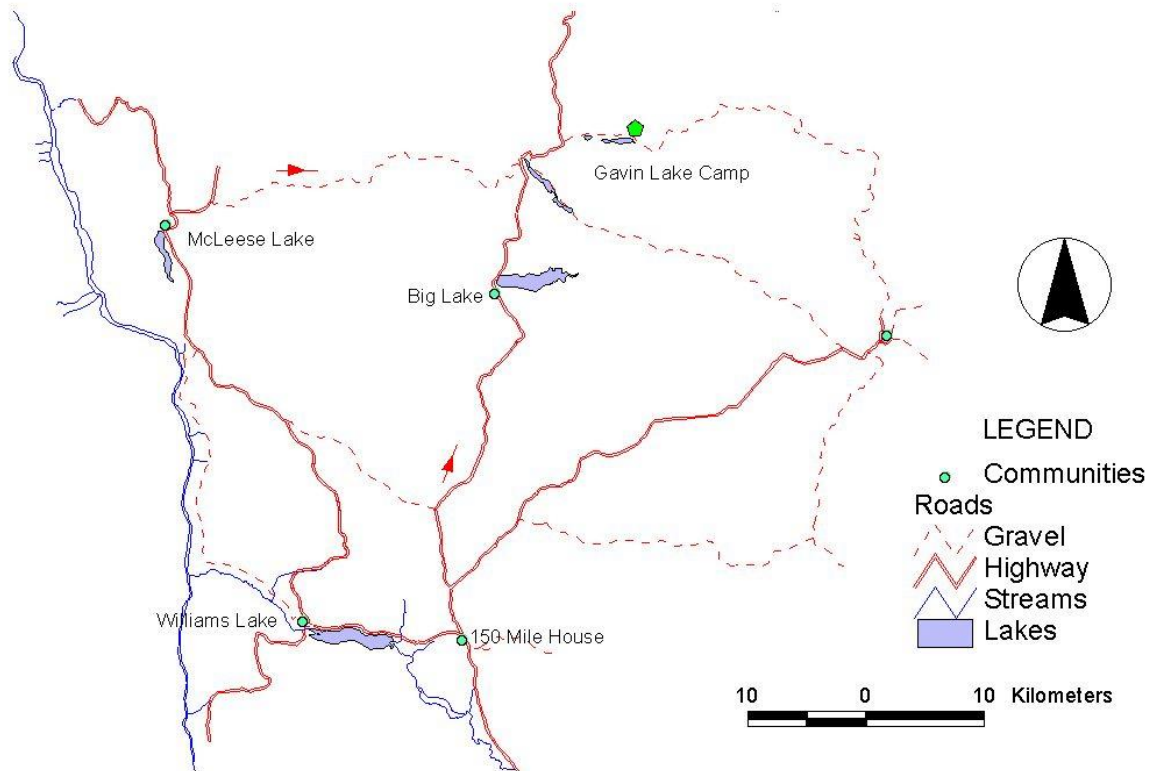
The total cost for the camp is \$450. A deposit of \$225 (a cheque to B.C. Nature) will be required at the time of registration and the remaining balance of \$225 will be paid with a post-dated cheque dated April 15, 2010.

6) Cancellation policy

In the event that a participant withdraws from the Camp at any stage after paying the fee, a refund will be given as follows: (i) up to April 29, 2010 a refund of \$425 will be issued (\$450 minus \$25 administration fee) , (ii) for a cancellation after April 29, 2010 a refund will be given if someone else can be found to fill the place. In the event that a substitute can be found the refund will be \$425. A waiting list will be kept.



TO GET TO GAVIN LAKE CAMP



Quick Sheet
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The Gavin Lake Camp, adjacent to the UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest, is located 6.7 km (4 miles) off the paved Likely Road on good gravel.

To reach Camp from the south, turn “east” (in highway terms) at 150 Mile House towards the communities of Likely and Horsefly. After 4 kms, take the left fork (Likely Rd.) and follow this for 44 km. Turn right on Gavin Lake Road at the Gavin Lake Forest Education Centre and UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest signs and follow this road for 6.7 km (don’t turn onto the Fire Lake or Shelterwood Rds.). **Watch out for roadside deer.**

From the Williams Lake airport, take Hwy. 97 south, through Williams Lake, to 150 Mile House and then follow the above directions. The drive takes about 1.25 hours.

From the north, turn east off Highway 97 at McLeese Lake onto Beaver Lake Road, and continue for 3.3 kms. Continue right onto the gravel Beaver Lake Road. Follow this route until it meets the Likely Road (approx. 35 kms). Turn north (left) for about 6 kms to the Gavin Lake Road. Turn right at the Gavin Lake Forest Education Centre and UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest signs and follow this road for 6.7 km.

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