

# **Community Forest Interpretive Trail**



Rating: Moderate





Time: 1 hour











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The Community Forest Interpretive Trail was developed as an initiative of the Tumbler Ridge Community Forest (TRCF) with significant contributions from the District of Tumbler Ridge and with input from students at Tumbler Ridge Secondary School. The mission of the TRCF is to manage our Community Forest in an environmentally sound and ecologically sustainable manner, providing direct benefits to the community.

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### **Directions to the Trailhead**

The trail, which has 19 interpretive signs, begins directly behind the Tumbler Ridge Visitor Centre. It passes through mixed pine, spruce and aspen forest, and has a shallow pond in the middle.

#### **Trail Information**

You are in the Tumbler Ridge UNESCO Global Geopark, which celebrates local geology, wildlife, history and culture. The interpretive signs along the trail describe the plants and animals found in the area, the archaeology and early exploration history, as well as the mining history of the Geopark. They explain important stories of Indigenous peoples of the area, which include Cree, Dunne-Za, Saulteau and Tse'Khene. Some of the signs share words from these predominant regional Indigenous languages.

Learn about the pond in the centre of the trail, which is likely a Kettle Pond created by glaciation. The rocks, soil and sediments that surround the trail are also described. In winter this trail is great for snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

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