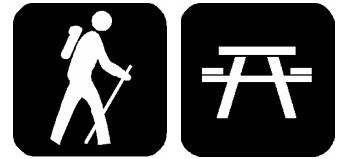


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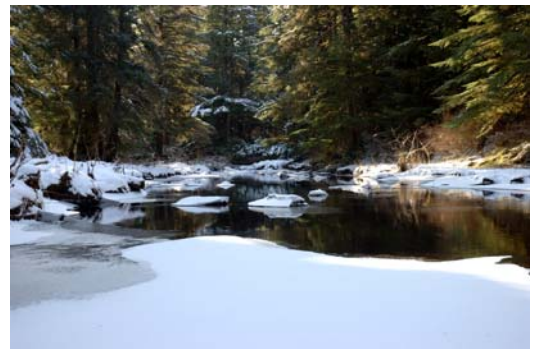
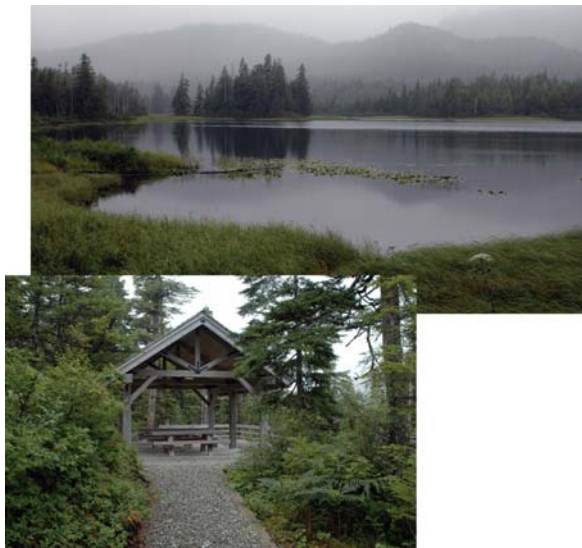


BALLS LAKE TRAIL & PICNIC AREA

DESCRIPTION: The picnic area contains a large community shelter built of locally milled yellow cedar timber, and includes a fire ring and two picnic tables. A trailhead for Balls Lake Trail is located near the shelter. Follow the 2.2 mile trail around the lake or take the 0.5 mile trail to the Eagles Nest Campground and interpretive trail. There is vehicle parking for ten passenger cars and one ADA accessible parking space. There is a vault toilet but **no potable water**.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The roomy shelter and large fire ring make this a great place to hold group gatherings. Work up your appetite for a big barbecue by hiking the loop trail, or put your canoe in at the launch at Eagle’s Nest campground for a leisurely paddle around the lake. On a sunny winter day, the snow-capped peaks surrounding the lake provide a peaceful setting for revitalizing your senses. Don your hat and gloves and experience the beauty of Prince of Wales island during the winter months.



LOCATION: The picnic area is located approximately 16 miles west of Thorne Bay on State Highway 929, 18 miles northeast of Klawock on State Highway 929, or 2 miles east of the junction of Forest Road 20 and State highway 929.

TRAIL:

- Distance:** 2.2 miles (round trip)
- Trip Time:** 1.5 hours (round trip)
- Difficulty:** Moderate
- Elevation Change:** 100 feet
- Trail Tread:** Natural tread and boardwalk
- Special Considerations:** Make sure you have your boots, some sections are muddy!

SAFETY TIPS:

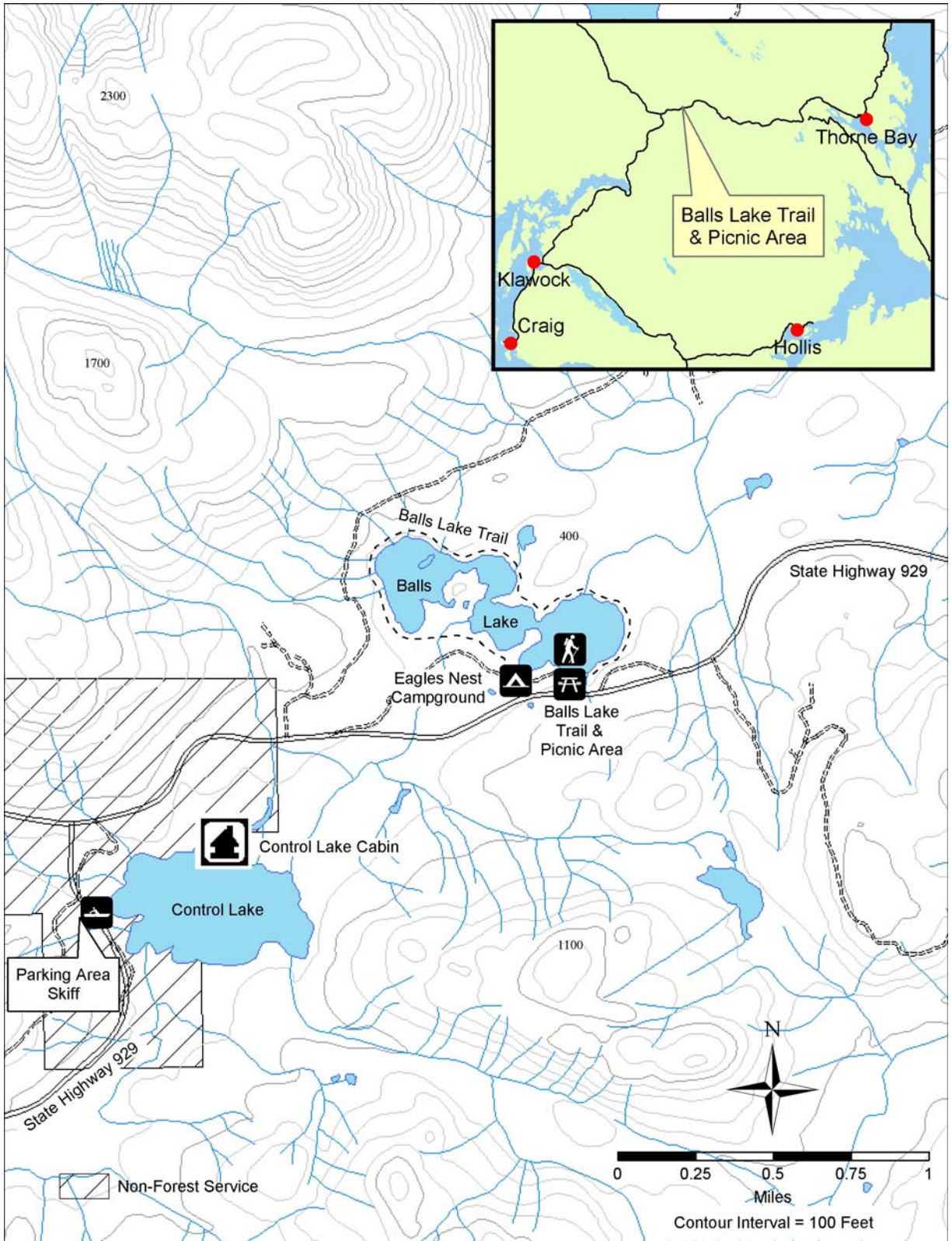
- ✓ *Discharging firearms is prohibited within 150 yards of buildings, campsites, developed recreation sites, or occupied areas*
- ✓ *Fireworks or other explosives are prohibited*
- ✓ *Use only fire rings provided by the Forest Service*
- ✓ *Be respectful of others and keep your pets under control*
- ✓ *Do NOT feed or approach bears!*
- ✓ *Water for consumption should be treated or boiled*
- ✓ *Rubber boots, rain gear and insect repellent are recommended*



Recommended Seasons:

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Plan ahead and prepare
Pack it in, pack it out
Leave what you find



Minimize campfire impacts
Be considerate of others
Respect wildlife