

Tweedsmuir Park West Chilcotin

South Tweedsmuir Park, which forms the north western boundary of the West Chilcotin, is 506,000 hectares and Hwy 20 goes right through the middle of it. However, that's pretty much the extent of 'easy' park access. The rest of the park is pure wilderness and a summer and winter playground for outdoor enthusiasts. From the Chilcotin side, North Tweedsmuir is only accessible by floatplane, hiking or horseback.

The Chilcotin Side

From the east, you enter Tweedsmuir near Heckman Pass at the top of the Bella Coola Hill. On your right hand side before going down the Hill, there is an



Photo courtesy Ted Hlokov

entry point with a large parking lot for snowmobile trailers in winter and horse trailers and visitor vehicles in summer. There is a washroom there and picnic area. Here is where the Rainbow Trail begins and it is the best way to access Tweedsmuir Park from Anahim Lake.

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Winter Activities

The Rainbow Mountains are becoming very well known for their quality of snow for BC wide snowmobile enthusiasts. The Tweedsmuir Ski Club does a terrific job of operating a small ski and snowboard hill with a handle bar tow. Their volunteers groom 30 km or 20 miles of cross country ski trails, as well as maintain access to the alpine for snowmobiles.



The Wildlife

Tweedsmuir Park is well known for its abundant wildlife including black bears, grizzly bears, moose, caribou, mountain goat, deer, wolves, coyotes, cougar and numerous small mammals including wolverine and marmot. You are encouraged to exercise caution in all areas of the park as it has a large concentration of grizzly and black bear. Prime viewing of these animals is during the salmon runs when bears venture down from higher elevations to feed on the fish.



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Hiking/Riding the Rainbow Range

The Rainbow Range in the Park is well known for its colors caused by minerals involved in the volcanic formation of the range. This wild, rolling alpine is a favorite of hikers but is even better seen from the back of a horse. Check with your accommodations provider about hiking or riding through the range. It is also a favorite of snowmobilers and cross country skiers.



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