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Walk Around Lake Country
Mission Statement

*To develop and promote walking
and hiking trails in and around the
District of Lake Country.*

The beautiful Spion Kop recreation area, currently Crown Land, is over 350 hectares (880 acres) and is bound completely by private property, some well delineated, some not well marked. Please stay on the marked trails. Please pack out what you packed in and if possible help maintain this amazing space by picking up any trash you see.



Publication of this map in no way assumes liability for the conditions of the trails nor dangers encountered thereon. Hikers are cautioned to take sufficient water and be prepared for wildlife encounters and hazards at all times.

Please contact the District of Lake Country with any concerns. Special thanks to the District of Lake Country for funding this Trail Guide.

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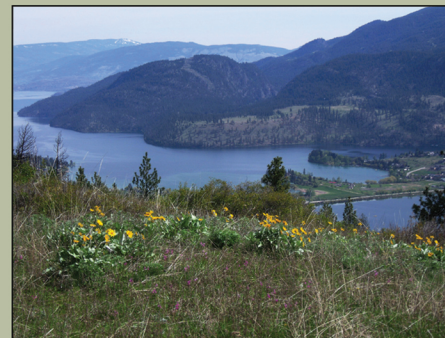
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SPION KOP

It is thought the name Spion Kop was first used by Leslie Caesar, a veteran of the Boer War. Spion Kop, a Dutch term for “look out hill” is the name local residents have been using for the past 100 years.



*Take only photographs
- leave only foot prints*



Driving Directions to Spion Kop Trail Heads:

PELMEWASH PARKWAY TRAIL HEAD

- northbound on Highway 97: Exit Highway 97 (just North of the Tim Horton's at Highway 97 and Oceola Road), onto Pelmewash Parkway, drive 2.4 kms north and park in the pullout on the east side alongside Wood Lake. Southbound on Highway 97: Exit Highway 97 onto Pelmewash Parkway, drive 3.8 kms south of Oyama Road and park in the pullout on the east side of Pelmewash Parkway alongside Wood Lake.

OLD MISSION ROAD TRAIL HEAD

- from Pelmewash Parkway (Old Hwy 97) turn onto Ponderosa Rd. Turn onto Old Mission Road and park at end near South Underpass.

UPPER LAKES TRAIL HEAD

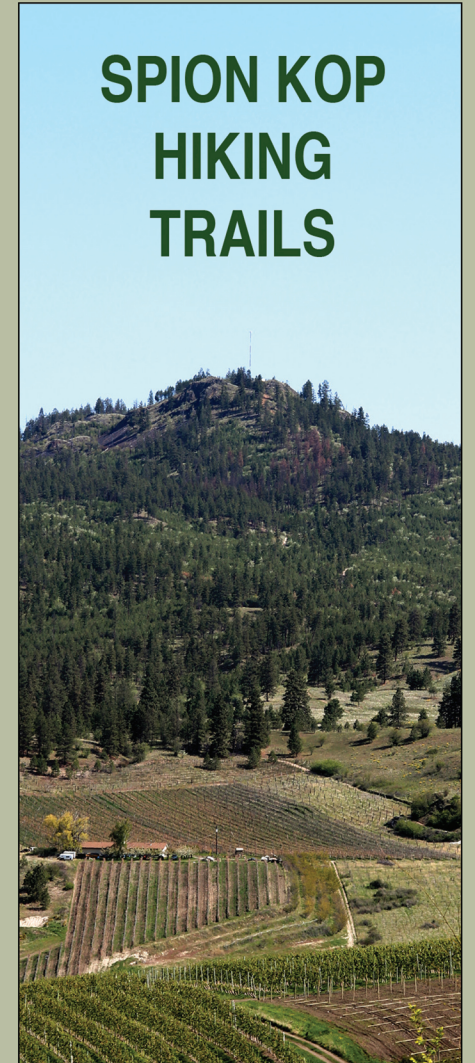
- from Hwy 97 take Oceola to the roundabout and take Lake Hill Dr. Turn left onto Shoreline Dr, left onto Apex Drive, left onto Apex Lane, left on to Trethewey Dr., take the gravel road up to the left to the parking area.

RAVEN RIDGE TRAIL HEAD

- from Highway 97 take the Oceola Road exit, follow Oceola past The Lakes subdivision, turn north onto Carr's Landing Road. Turn onto Moberly Road then left onto Forest Hill Road. Enter the Raven Ridge subdivision on Townsend Drive, take Northstar Lane to the very top. Park near the water tank. If the gate is closed, park at the gate and continue on foot to the water tower.



SPION KOP HIKING TRAILS

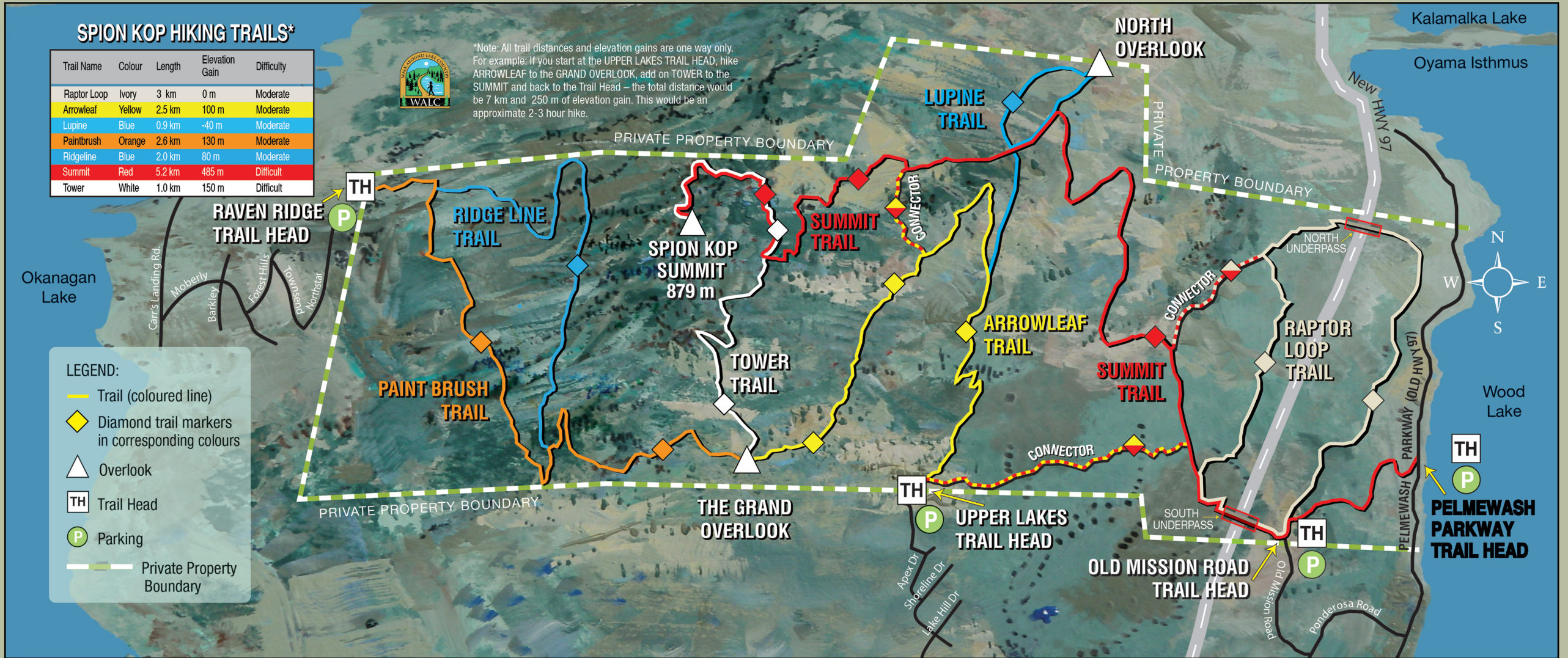


SPION KOP HIKING TRAILS*

Trail Name	Colour	Length	Elevation Gain	Difficulty
Raptor Loop	Ivory	3 km	0 m	Moderate
Arrowleaf	Yellow	2.5 km	100 m	Moderate
Lupine	Blue	0.9 km	-40 m	Moderate
Paintbrush	Orange	2.6 km	130 m	Moderate
Ridgeline	Blue	2.0 km	80 m	Moderate
Summit	Red	5.2 km	485 m	Difficult
Tower	White	1.0 km	150 m	Difficult



*Note: All trail distances and elevation gains are one way only. For example: If you start at the UPPER LAKES TRAIL HEAD, hike ARROWLEAF to the GRAND OVERLOOK, add on TOWER to the SUMMIT and back to the Trail Head – the total distance would be 7 km and 250 m of elevation gain. This would be an approximate 2-3 hour hike.



LEGEND:

- Trail (coloured line)
- Diamond trail markers in corresponding colours
- Overlook
- TH Trail Head
- P Parking
- Private Property Boundary

RAVEN RIDGE TRAIL HEAD TH

Paintbrush Trail

This main trail connects Raven Ridge Trail Head to the Grand Overlook. It climbs through lovely, cool forested areas and after the big switchbacks breaks out into great vistas of Okanagan Lake.

Ridgeline Trail

This loop off Paintbrush travels along the top of an old glacial ridge with striking views of Okanagan Lake, Terrace Mountain and Fintry Landing.

GRAND OVERLOOK & SUMMIT

Grand Overlook Junction

Main trails meet at the Grand Overlook which offers a stunning panoramic view of the valley including: Wood, Duck and Okanagan lakes, Little White, Knox, Bear and Terrace mountains.

Tower Trail

Connects Grand Overlook to the summit of Spion Kop. This trail is very steep with a short scramble near the top.

Spion Kop Summit

You made it! Views of the Central Okanagan Valley unfold below you with unparalleled views of Kalamalka Lake all the way around the compass points to Terrace Mountain. Try the different views from each of the basalt outcroppings of the summit of Spion Kop - you deserve it.

UPPER LAKES TRAIL HEAD TH

Arrowleaf Trail

This main trail connects the Upper Lakes Trail Head to the Grand Overlook. Stop along the way to take in the beautiful views of Wood Lake and the Oyama benchlands. As you start to climb you will cross pioneer horse logging trails and the vistas continually expand with more lakes coming into view.

Lupine Trail

Connects Arrowleaf to the North Overlook. This trail passes through a cooler climate zone – note the abundance of fir trees and moss. Watch for “twisted sisters”, a rare tree growth.

North Overlook

This overlook showcases the Oyama isthmus, gorgeous Kalamalka Lake and Silver Star Mountain

PELMEWASH PARKWAY TRAIL HEAD TH

Summit Trail

This challenging trail is perfect for those looking for a workout; it has the most elevation gain to the peak of Spion Kop. You'll enjoy several cool forested areas and pass under a spectacular basalt cliff near the top where it joins Tower Trail (White) to the summit.

OLD MISSION TRAIL HEAD TH

Raptor Loop Trail

This easy loop takes you along a bluff with dramatic views of Wood Lake and the Oyama benchlands. This area is home to many large raptors; can you spot the eagle nests? This trail will take you through the North Underpass and back to the trail head along parts of the Old Mission Road constructed in the late 1800's.