

Hidden Lakes, 4.1 km

This is a pretty, hilly hike, quite open and with lots of views. Basically it's a hike around Hidden Lake #1. Hidden Lake #1 and #3 are stocked lakes.

These trails are mapped on the Whitehorse Recreational Trail Guide; there's also an app you can buy for your smartphone.

Trailhead: Drive along the Chadburn Lake Road and take the first left side dirt road, about 2 km along the road. The sign says "stocked lake." Drive down this rutted road and park in the turnaround area.

There's a couple of interpretive signs down at the lakeshore, and a trailhead kiosk. Take photos for later reference if you need a map.

1: The trail goes along the side of the hill past the trailhead kiosk.

2: Take the right-hand path. Follow along the lake, ignoring any trails on your right. Follow the new, easier, more gradual trail up the slope.

3: Watch for beavers swimming in the small pond below. The trail ahead goes down, then back up.

4: From this point you drop back down closer to the lakeshore.

5: The trail goes gradually up to a view over the lake.

6: This is likely the steepest down section of this loop as you again drop down to the water. From here on, it's easier ups and downs until the hill going up to a bench.

7: Have a seat on this memorial bench. Enjoy the beautiful views and peaceful setting. The trail ahead cuts across the rolling hillside coming down almost to lake level at the north end of the lake. You'll pass another bench just before the end of the lake.

8: There are many trails coming at the end of the lake. Follow the one that hugs the edge of the lake, cutting along the side of the hill.

9: This last, harder bit on this loop hike is a short up section. It's clear sailing from here!

10: Cut back towards the trailhead on a nice piece of side trail above the lake. Keep right at the junction above Hidden Lake #2 and you'll be back at the parking lot. Don't forget to have a look at the trailhead kiosk to familiarize yourself with where you just hiked.

