

Did You Know?

Bear Mountain Wind Park (BMW) is British Columbia's first commercial wind facility.

BMW was started by Peace Energy - A Renewable Energy Cooperative, in partnership with Aeolis Wind Power. BMW is now owned by AltaGas Ltd.

It took just under two years to build BMW. It was officially commissioned in October 2009 and will operate for a minimum of 25 years.

The 34 turbines were manufactured in Germany by Enercon. Among the largest in the world today, each 3 million watt turbine produces enough energy to power 1000 homes.

The steel towers were made in Saskatchewan, are 78 metres/256 feet tall and weigh 214 tonnes/236 tons each.

Each blade weighs 7 tonnes/7.7 tons and is 41 metres/135 feet in length for a full rotor diameter of 82 metres/270 feet.

The wind quality in the BC Peace Region is among the best found anywhere in the world and is estimated to be sufficient to power more than 3.5 million homes.

Why wind?

Wind has the lowest carbon footprint and lowest overall environmental impact of any energy source and it produces no pollution during operation.

Wind is the greenest source of energy and is one of the most important ways we have to fight global climate change.

Wind power facilities easily co-exist with other land uses such as farming, ranching and recreation.

Wind power developments create significant economic and employment opportunities plus significant tax revenues.

Wind power is now cost-competitive with all other energy sources, even without allowing for the value of low environmental impact. Wind and solar power are the cleanest, fastest growing and lowest cost energy options in the world today.



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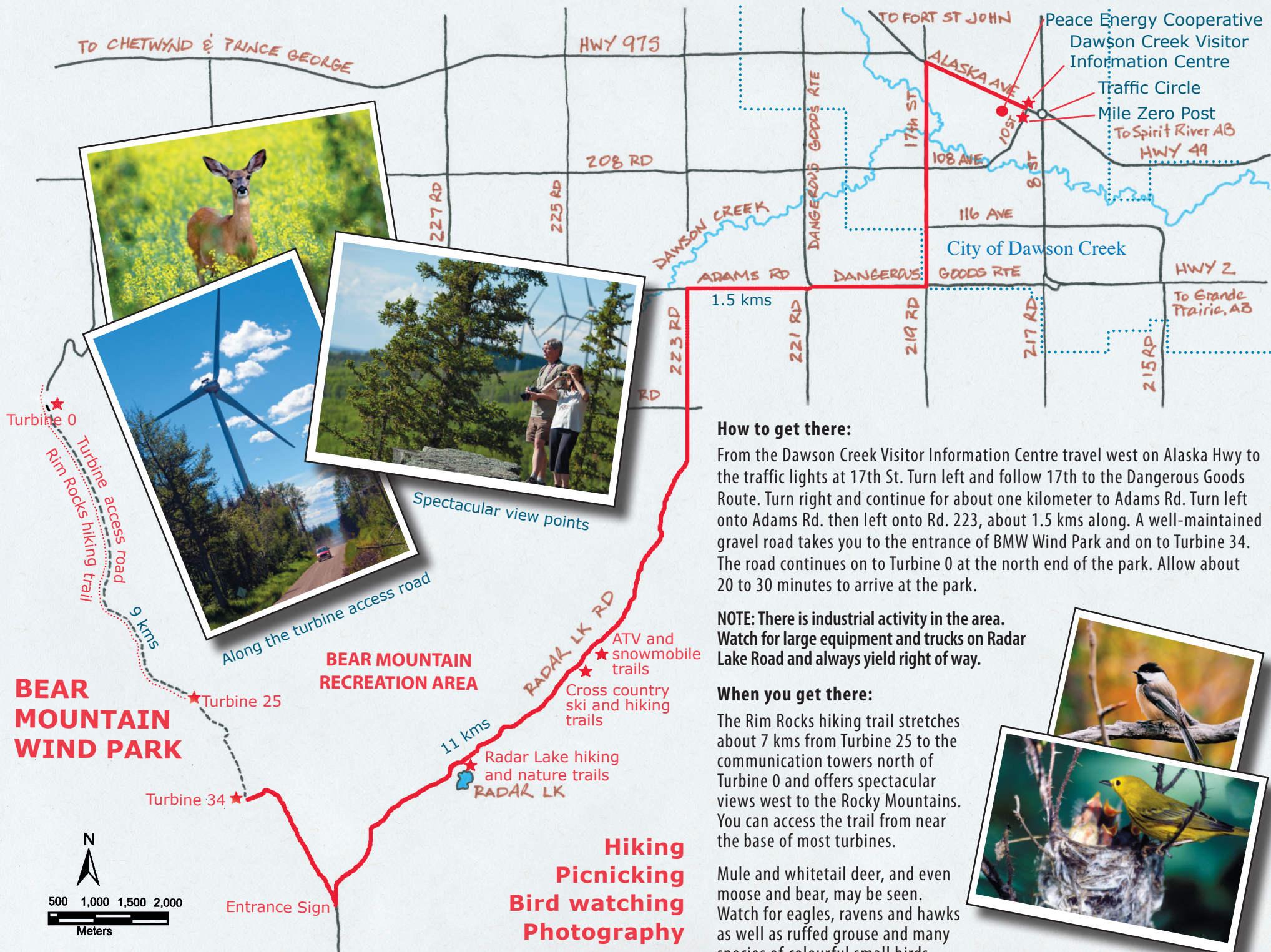
visit Bear Mountain WIND PARK

How to get there

What to see and do

Take a picnic, hike and explore
British Columbia's beautiful and
historic Bear Mountain Wind Park





How to get there:

From the Dawson Creek Visitor Information Centre travel west on Alaska Hwy to the traffic lights at 17th St. Turn left and follow 17th to the Dangerous Goods Route. Turn right and continue for about one kilometer to Adams Rd. Turn left onto Adams Rd. then left onto Rd. 223, about 1.5 kms along. A well-maintained gravel road takes you to the entrance of BMW Wind Park and on to Turbine 34. The road continues on to Turbine 0 at the north end of the park. Allow about 20 to 30 minutes to arrive at the park.

NOTE: There is industrial activity in the area. Watch for large equipment and trucks on Radar Lake Road and always yield right of way.

When you get there:

The Rim Rocks hiking trail stretches about 7 kms from Turbine 25 to the communication towers north of Turbine 0 and offers spectacular views west to the Rocky Mountains. You can access the trail from near the base of most turbines.

Mule and whitetail deer, and even moose and bear, may be seen. Watch for eagles, ravens and hawks as well as ruffed grouse and many species of colourful small birds.

