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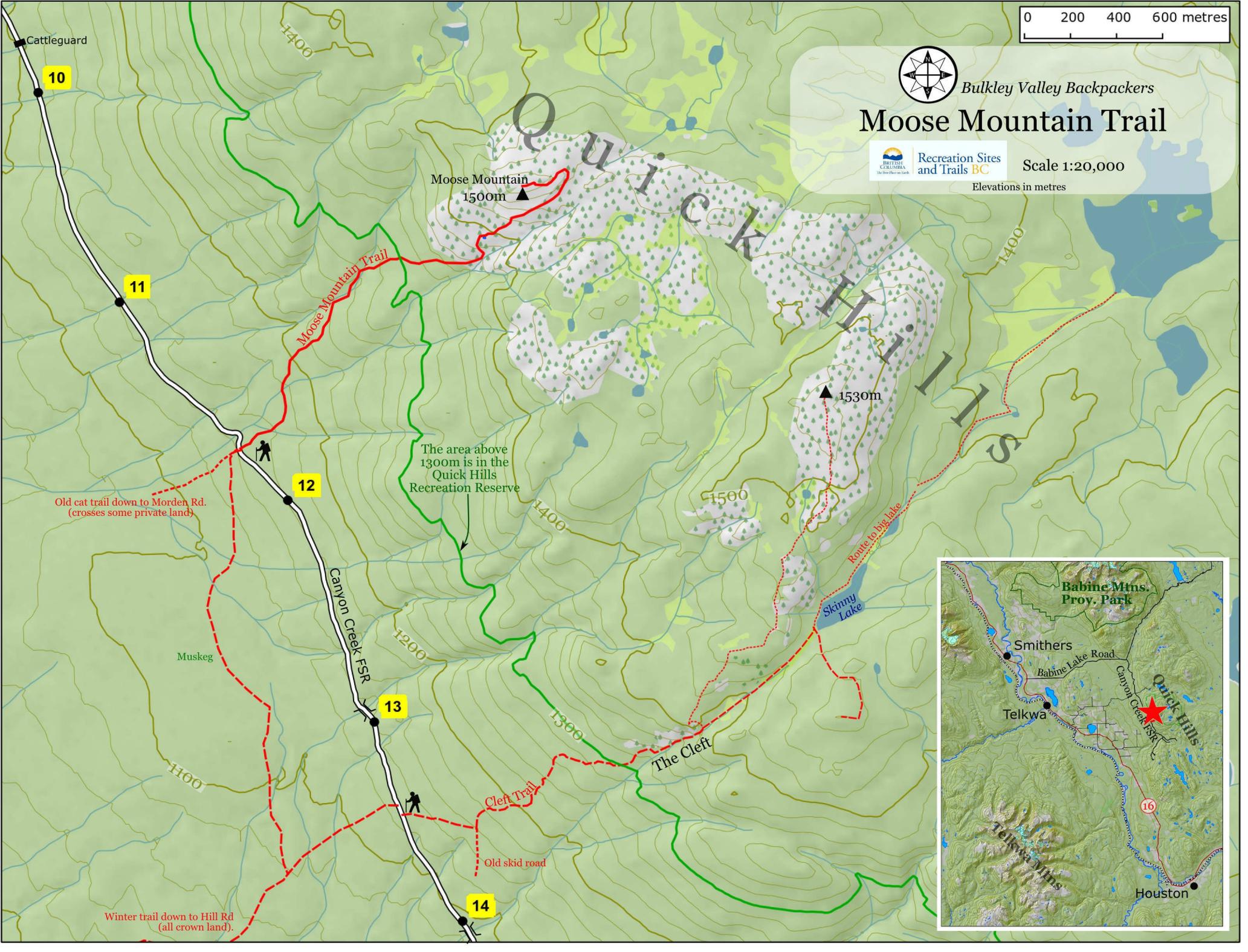
# Moose Mountain Trail



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Scale 1:20,000

Elevations in metres



Cattleguard

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Moose Mountain Trail

Moose Mountain  
1500m

Quick Hills

1530m

1500

1400

1400

1200

1300

1000

Muskeg

Canyon Creek FSR

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Old cat trail down to Morden Rd.  
(crosses some private land)

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The Cleft

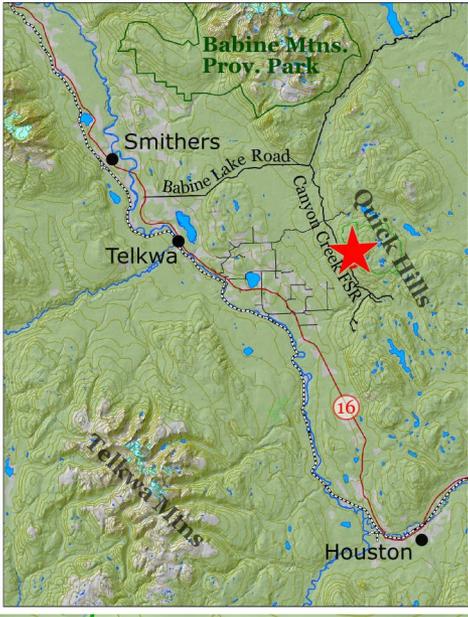
Route to big lake  
Skinny Lake

Cleft Trail

Old skid road

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Winter trail down to Hill Rd  
(all crown land).



Babine Mtns. Prov. Park

Smithers

Babine Lake Road

Telkwa

Quick Hills

Houston

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# MOOSE MOUNTAIN and CLEFT TRAILS (QUICK HILLS)

## Directions for Moose Mountain and Cleft Trails

From Smithers, drive to 19.5 km on Babine Lake Road and turn right onto Canyon Cr FSR. From Quick, on a rougher road, drive up Woodmere Rd and turn onto Deception Lake FSR. These roads intersect at 7.5 km of the CCFSR. The Moose Mountain trailhead is at 11.75 km, marked by a brown post on the left (east). The Cleft trailhead is also on the left, at 13.5 km. A large barrier at 14.5 km blocks vehicle traffic; however, bikers or hikers can continue down the CCFSR to the Deep Creek Waterfalls Rec Reserve.

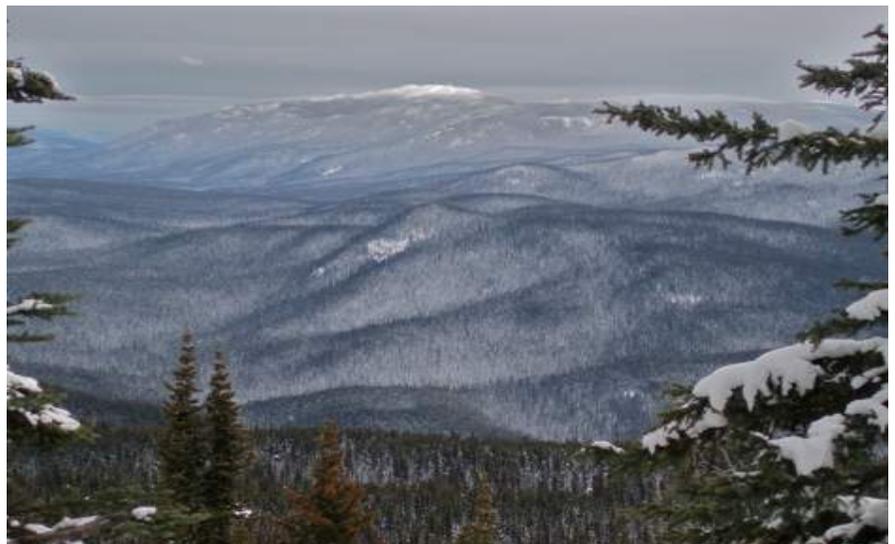
Moose Mountain Trail For most of its length, this trail passes through spruce-fir forest with the occasional pine and alder. It is well-worn and easy to follow. The trail goes to the east end of the summit and then doubles back along its top to the high point, where there is a survey marker. Or one can access the top from the west side by scrambling up the rocks.

Cleft Trail For the first 1.5 km, the trail is not difficult to hike/snowshoe, but it can be difficult to find in some places. It is marked in the trees with flagging tape. Just as you arrive at the Cleft, and rock faces begin to appear uphill on your left, the trail loses itself in meadows. If in doubt, follow your compass East, and travel up next to the creek. From the top of the Cleft you can scramble up onto the rocky outcrops to the left, and then make your way along a broad, treed ridge, visiting a series of successively higher outcrops, to a summit. In summer it's preferable to go along the ridgetop and avoid the wet meadows; in winter, the meadows make for easier travel.



In late winter/early spring, when the days are longer, one can do a cross-over, between the Cleft and Moose Mtn, that will likely take 5-6 hours. This route is not marked.

Winter access to both Moose Mountain and the Cleft Trails depends on if/how far the Canyon Creek Road is plowed. There will be no logging/plowing during winter of 2015-2016. For information, you are advised to contact Min of Forests at 250.847.6300 to find out the status of the Canyon Creek Road.



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