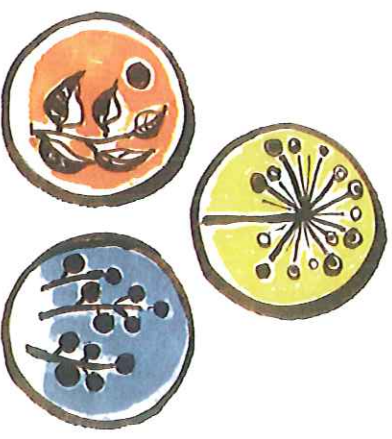


# THOMAS HAYES ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

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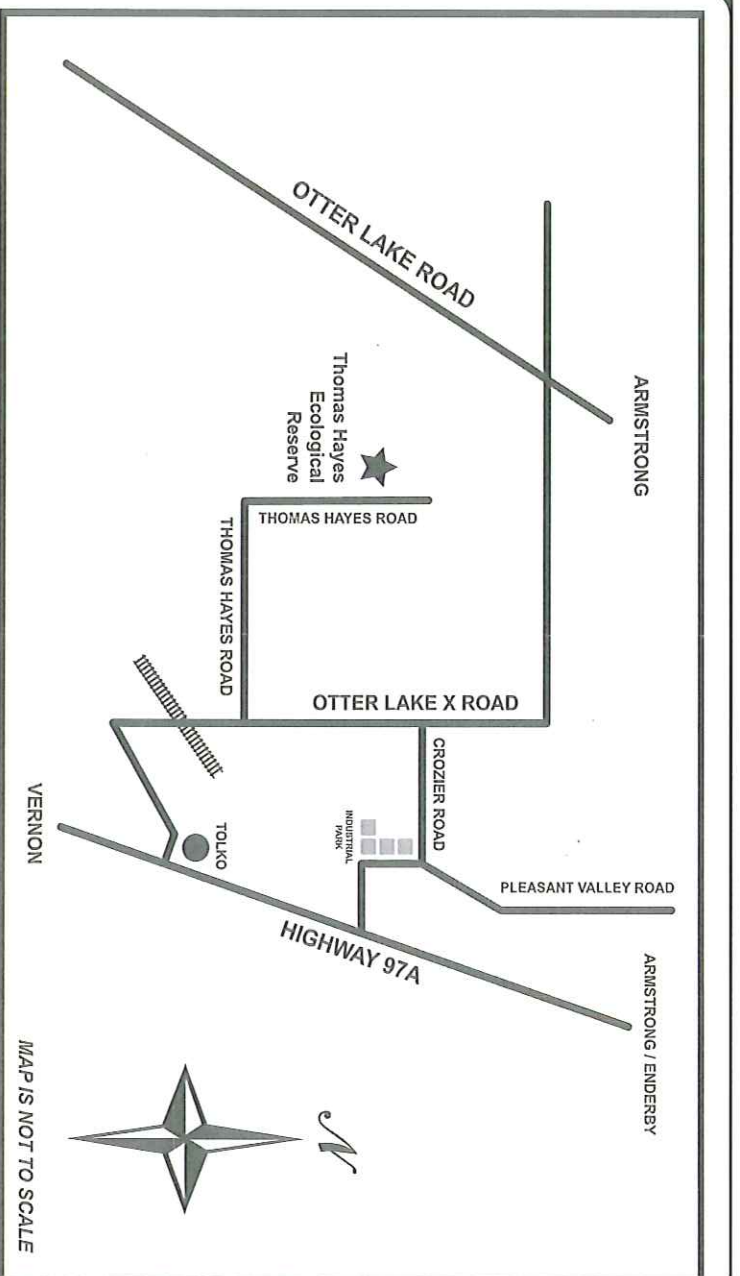
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## HISTORY BEHIND THE NAME

This land was pre-empted by Thomas Hayes in the 1880's. He and his family farmed the area until the 1960's. In the early 1980's, 58 hectares were set aside as a park and wildlife refuge to protect a large colony of nesting Great Blue Herons. Although the herons have since moved elsewhere, the area is still home to a wide diversity of plants, birds and animals. The area has been preserved in the name of Thomas Hayes on a joint lease by Armstrong/Spallumcheen from the Ministry of Environment Lands and Parks.

In 1988, an Environmental Youth Corps group developed trails, erected signs, and built a pit toilet. Various service clubs (Lions, Fish and Game, Active Communities), businesses and volunteers have taken on the stewardship of the area. They provide people-power and funding to maintain this site.

## DIRECTIONS TO :

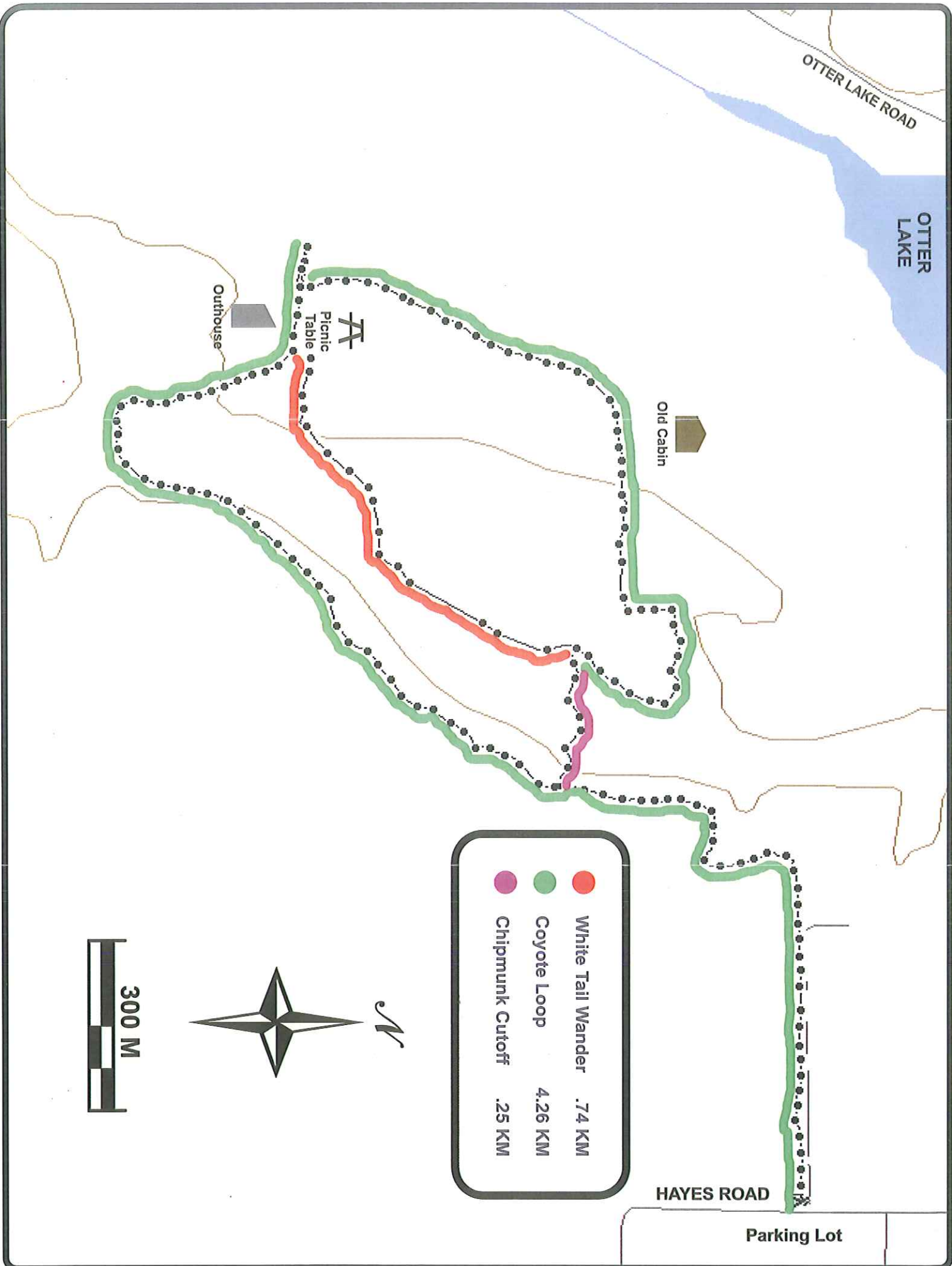
### *Thomas Hayes Ecological Reserve*

The Reserve is located off Otter Lake Crossroad which intersects Highway 97A near the Tolko mill. Turn down Thomas Hayes Road about 100M north of the railway track. The parking lot is about 100M past the dog leg on the left side of the road.

## WARNING & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

All visitors are reminded that this area is an ecological reserve and human impact needs to be kept at a minimum so please leave your dogs at home. The reserve also includes part of a working farm so please stay on the designated trails.

There is no water available so you will need to bring your own. Bears have been spotted on the reserve so visitors need to take precautions.



OTTER LAKE ROAD

OTTER LAKE

Outhouse

Picnic Table

Old Cabin

HAYES ROAD

Parking Lot

- White Tail Wander .74 KM
- Coyote Loop 4.26 KM
- Chipmunk Cutoff .25 KM

