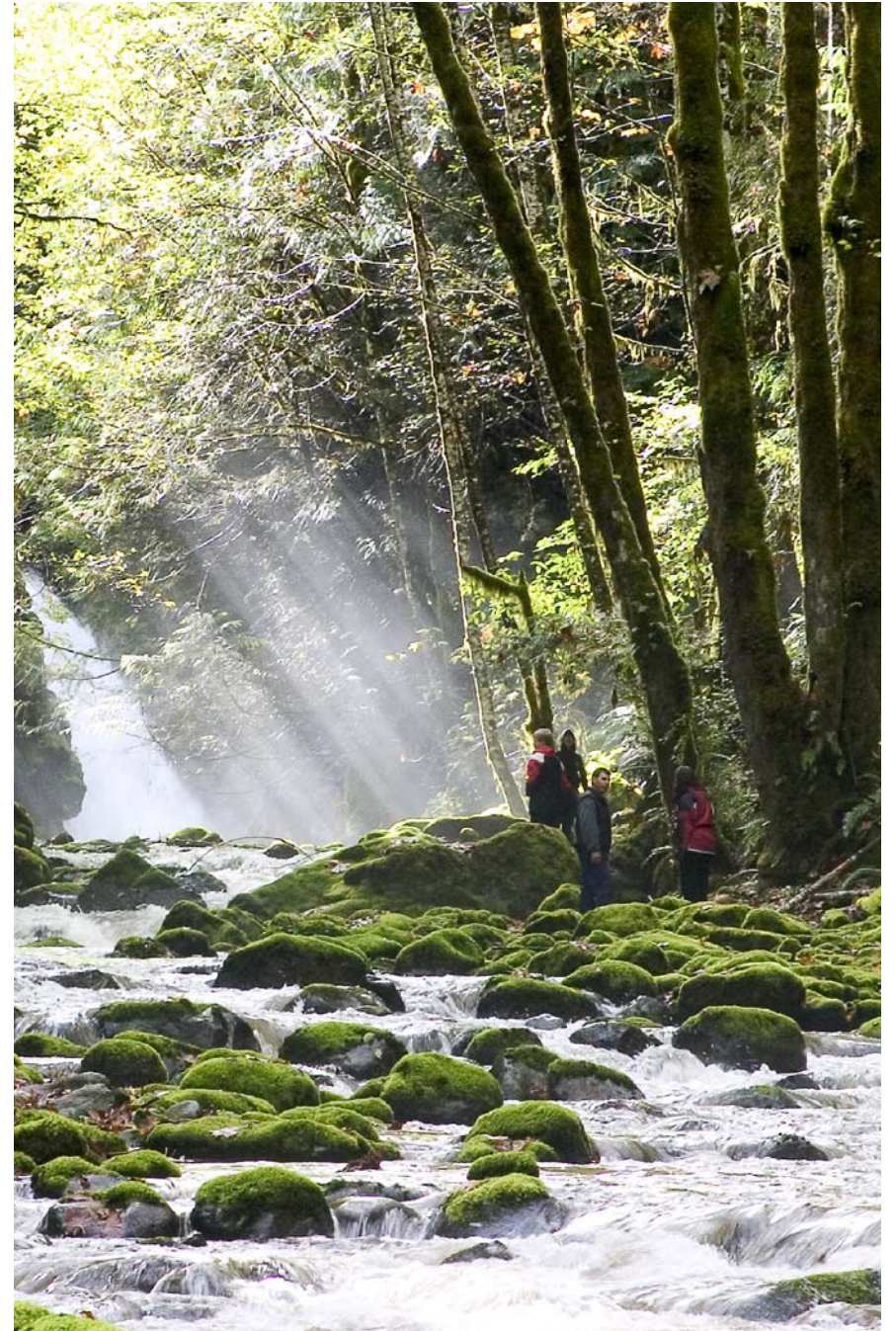


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## Trail description

**Vehicle access:** 2WD

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Driving time:** 30min

**Elevation gain:** 60m

**Trail length:** 2.5 km

**Time:** 2 hours

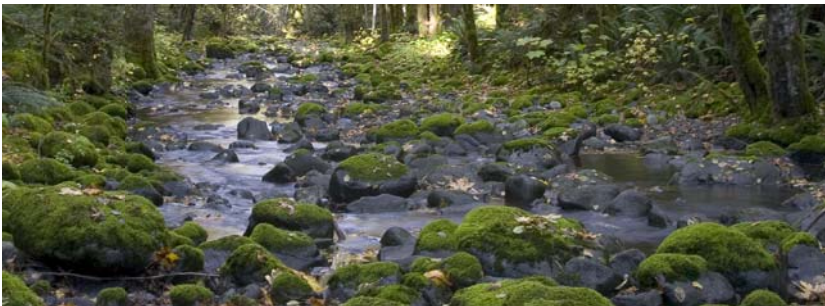
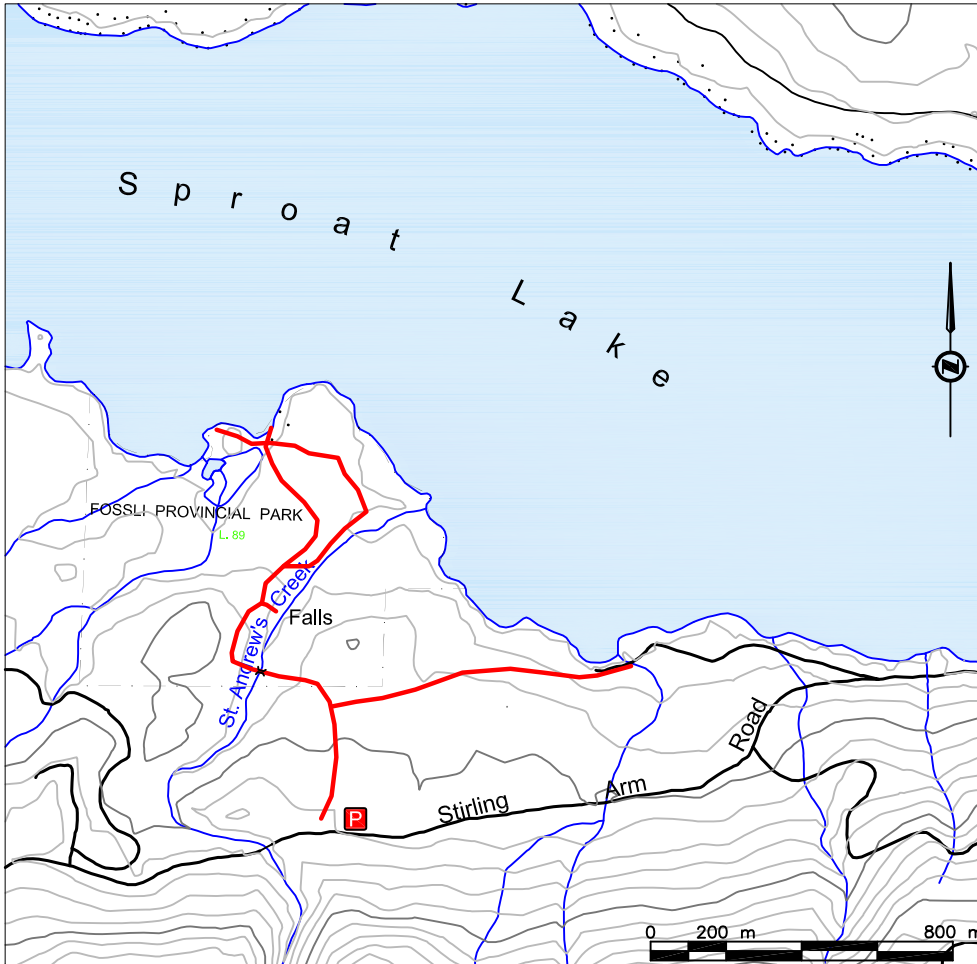
## Access to Trailhead:

Leave the Visitors Information Centre and travel west 4.2 km on Highway 4, to the intersection with the Pacific Rim Highway. Turn right onto the Pacific Rim Highway (Hwy 4) and continue 3.5 km to McCoy Lake Rd., the second left turn after crossing the Somass River. Follow McCoy Lake Road for 3.0 km and turn left on to Stirling Arm Drive. Continue along Stirling Arm Drive 1.7 km and turn left onto a gravel road immediately after Herbert Rd. Use caution, this and the next road are major logging routes. Travel 0.9 km to a junction just past a large fill over the pipeline. Turn right onto Stirling Arm Road and continue past the Sproat Lake Water Sports Association for 4.0 km. The trailhead and parking area are on the right just before the bridge crossing St. Andrew's Creek

## Trail Features:

Take the old logging road leading down hill and bear left at the first junction with another old logging road. A short distance further, is the boundary of the provincial park. The trail to the left leads to a suspension bridge. Cross the suspension bridge and continue down hill on a rather rough but well marked trail. At the bottom of the hill a short path leads to St. Andrew's Creek and Fossli water falls. (Fossli was the name of a Norwegian waterfall). To reach Sproat Lake continue a short distance through a deciduous forest to another junction. The trail bears left to the beach and grassy area that are all that remain of the homestead of Helen and Armour Ford who donated the land to the province in 1974.

There is a good beach for swimming and in the fall coho salmon can be seen spawning in St. Andrew's Creek. A short trail heading west from the beach leads to a small pond and a beaver pond which is a good spot for bird watching in the spring.



### MAP REFERENCES:

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