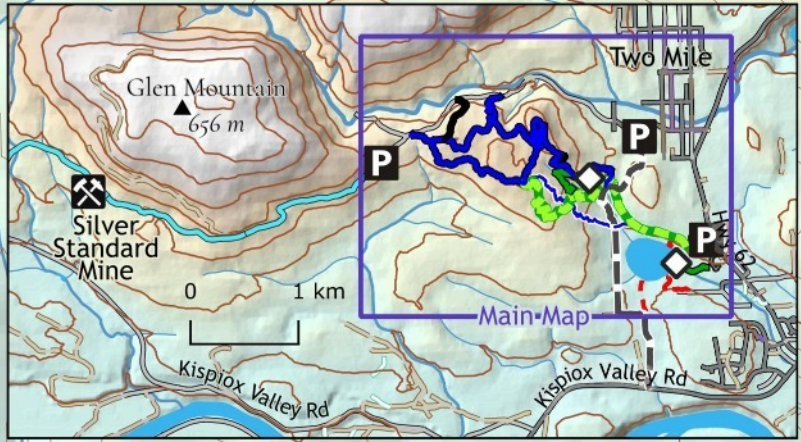
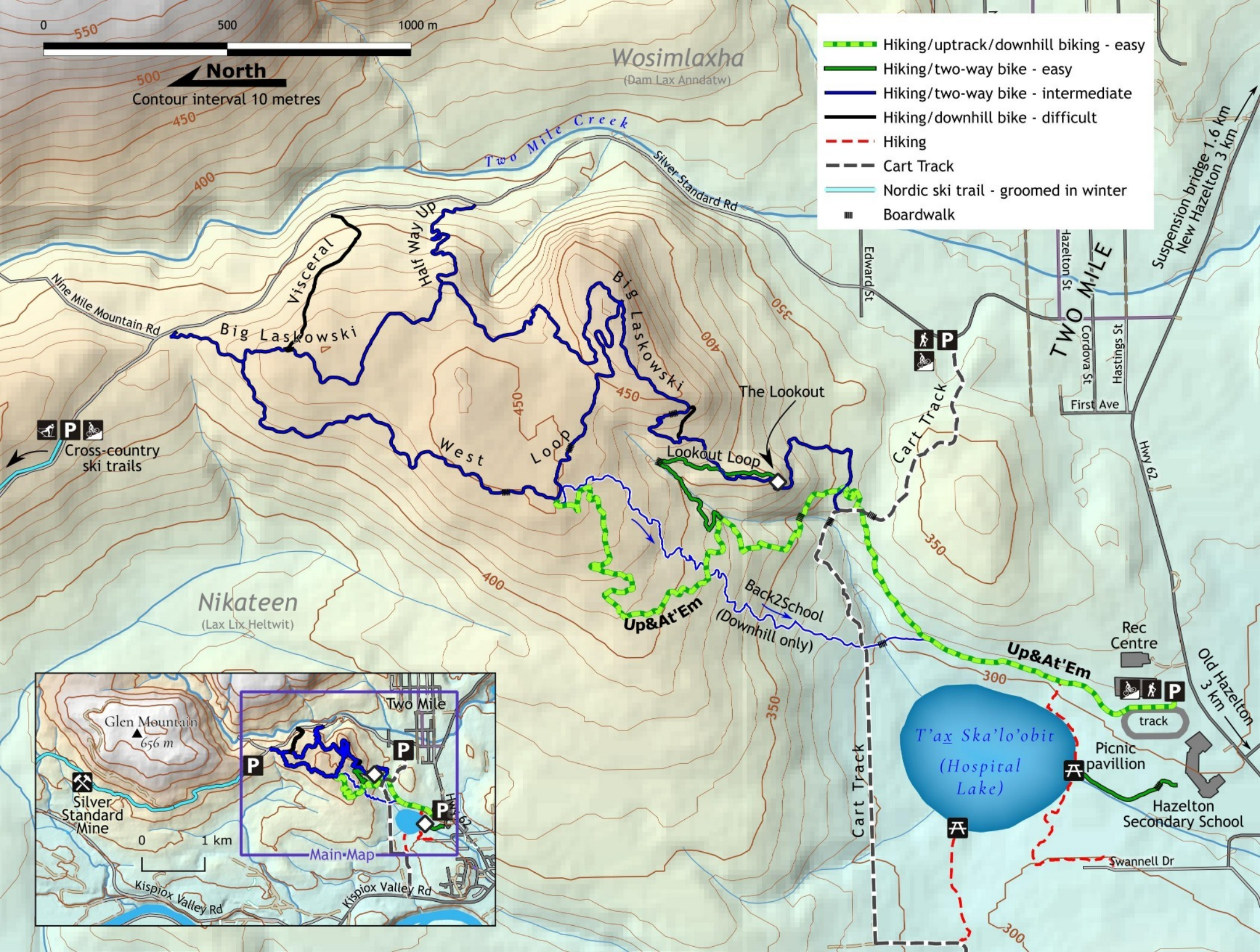


North
Contour interval 10 metres

- Hiking/uptrack/downhill biking - easy
- Hiking/two-way bike - easy
- Hiking/two-way bike - intermediate
- Hiking/downhill bike - difficult
- Hiking
- Cart Track
- Nordic ski trail - groomed in winter
- Boardwalk



Suspension bridge 1.6 km
New Hazelton 3 km

Old Hazelton
3 km

TWO MILE
Hazelton St
Cordova St
Hastings St
First Ave

Edward St

Rec Centre

track

Picnic pavillion

Hazelton Secondary School

Swannell Dr

T'ax Ska'lo'obit
(Hospital Lake)

Back2School
(Downhill only)

Up&At'Em

Lookout Loop

The Lookout

West Loop

Big Laskowski

Big Laskowski

Visceral

Half Way Up

Two Mile Creek

Silver Standard Rd

Nine Mile Mountain Rd

Cross-country ski trails

Nikateen
(Lax Lix Heltwit)

Wosimlaxha
(Dam Lax Anndatw)

Glen Mountain: hike and bike trails in Hazelton
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In Hazelton (well, between Old Town and Two Mile, technically), in Gitksan territory, you might find some students hard at work after school, wielding shovels and saws. They've been constructing a set of hike and bike trails over the past two years with the support of the Hazelton Trails Society. The result is an extraordinary set of ride-able and hike-able paths halfway between Old Hazelton and New.

The trail system goes under the name of the Glen Mountain trails. At present, the best access is to park at the new Rec Centre just adjacent to the high school (Hazelton Secondary School) and walk to the back of the oval track. Here you're into the trail system. There is also access along the old Cart Track from Silver Standard Road.

The history of the trails goes back to the 1990s when local doctor Alfred Laskowski began exploring where he could go running in these hills. Over time, he wore a few paths into trails people could follow. With grants over the past couple of years the HTS has been able to improve them further, with many of them becoming nicely-constructed bike routes.

The central axis of the trail system is Up&ArEm, a bi-directional route which takes you to the high point of the area. Up here the West Loop and Big Laskowski take you around the summit. On descent you can choose between Back2School, Up&ArEm or descending Big Laskowski via the Lookout.

The view from the lookout site is superb. Students have begun carving timber posts in the 'Ksan workshop to support a small shelter that will eventually be erected here. Although one is looking south toward the high school and highway 62, there are very few other buildings in sight: just acres and acres of forest, plus beautiful body of water called T'ax Ska'lo'obit. (*the lake before the rocks*—meaning these rocky hills that separate Two Mile from Gitanmaax). It's likely that it picked up the name "Hospital Lake" because of nearby Wrinch Hospital, whose original land grant included the lake.

The trail system also includes a trail from behind the school to the lake, where students have constructed an impressive picnic shelter.

Out the back (that's the north end) of the site are some old forestry roads that wind around Glen Mountain itself. These are track-set in the winter as cross-country ski trails.

This has really been a community effort, with the Hazelton Trails Society receiving significant support from local organizations like the Silver Standard Mine and Skeena Wild Conservation Coalition, which has assisted in administering the grants that have made it possible. Through contacts with Pinkbike, one of the HTS members was able to get a donation of eight new mountain bikes for students to ride.

Come walk or ride these trails through some beautiful mixed forest. If you're a mountain biker, you can also check them out on the Trailforks app.