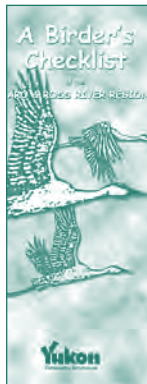
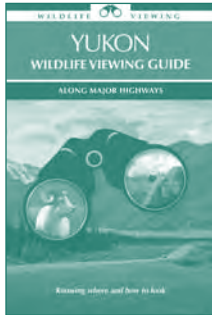
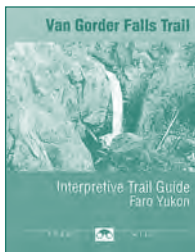


## Faro

Faro lies in central Yukon along the Tintina Trench, a dramatic geological feature extending from British Columbia to Alaska. The trench acts like a funnel for migrating birds, giving Faro prime bird viewing. The region also boasts some of Yukon's highest numbers of Moose, Fannin Sheep, and Gray Wolves.

Pick up the following guides at the Robert Campbell Interpretive Centre or Environment Yukon office.



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This map is a guide to the highlights of the region, but is not exhaustive. Talk with residents, staff at the Robert Campbell Interpretive Centre, or Conservation Officers to find out more about the area's history, wildlife and backcountry.

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**Campbell Region Interpretive Center**  
(867) 994-2288 (seasonal May-Sept)

**Conservation Officer**  
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**Wildlife Viewing Program**  
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# viewing wildlife in Faro



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### ① Campbell Region Interpretive Centre

Start your tour of Faro at the Interpretive Centre. Local staff can help you plan your visit. Exhibits describe unique geology, natural history and historic culture. The Centre is open May to September.

### ② The Van Gorder Falls Trail

A trail brochure is available at the Interpretive Centre that will bring to life the plants and animals on this 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) trail. Start at the John Connolly RV Park, across from the Interpretive Centre.

### ③ The Faro Arboretum

Located 800 metres north of the Campbell Street turnoff to downtown Faro, this site showcases native plants and animals. Interpretive panels, viewing decks and resting benches are found along the 1.2 km (.75 mi.) walking loop trail.

### ④ The Fingers Site

A creek cuts a deep trench along the west side of the road, 2.5 km (1.5 mi.) north of Faro. The resulting erosion leaves the impression of “fingers” on the steep walls of the trench. A short walk from the parking lot takes you to the viewing platform for a look at the cliffs commonly used by Fannin Sheep rams. Here you can also see a Common Raven’s nest, or in the spring and fall, flocks of Sandhill Cranes overhead during their migration. Enjoy this excellent site for a picnic, complete with RV parking and outhouse facilities.

### ⑤ The Bear Trail

Starting on the Van Gorder Falls trail at the John Connolly RV Park, the Bear Trail breaks off to the right and follows a wide path around the town centre. This 4 km hike has some steep sections, but wonderful views of the Pelly River and surrounding valley. You can add extra loops to this trail for a longer hike. The trail is suitable for hiking, biking, or snowmobiling. Pick up a copy of the Faro Trails brochure for a more detailed map of this trail and others.

### ⑥ Sheep Mountain Viewing Deck

5.5 km (3.5 mi.) along the Blind Creek Road you will find a pullout. A short trail leads to a platform with a splendid view of Sheep Mountain. The vegetation here is representative of food that is important to sheep. The best time to see Fannin Sheep is between November and May. In the fall and winter, Fannin rams are often seen on the slope northwest of the ewes and lambs.

**Warning:** The pullout is on a steep S-curve. Watch for oncoming traffic.

### ⑦ Mount Mye Sheep Centre

Follow the Blind Creek Road for 7.5 km (4.6 mi.) and stay left when it forks. The road ends at a gate with a parking area, and small interpretive cabin at the foot of Sheep Mountain. From this ideal vantage point, sheep are visible along the mountainside through the fall, winter, and spring.

In June they move into the alpine areas of Mount Mye. Interpretive panels inside and outside the cabin describe the sheep and this important wildlife key area.

### ⑧ Sheep Mineral Lick bluffs

Found 11.5 km (7.5 mi.) along the Blind Creek Road, take the right fork and follow the Lower Blind Creek Road to the parking lot trailhead. The path leading from the parking area along the bottom of the bluff offers a pleasant walk through the valley bottom. Fannin Sheep are often visible along the top edge of the bluff where they lick minerals from the exposed soil. Wind scours this area and keeps it snow-free during the winter.

**Warning:** The Lower Blind Creek Road is a rough 2-wheel drive gravel road and is not recommended for long vehicles such as RVs.

### ⑨ Johnson Lake Campground

A variety of waterbirds can be found around this marshy lake. Pick up *A Birder’s Checklist of the Faro/Ross River Region*, available at Visitor Information Centres, to keep track of birds you see here. Camping for an evening is a great way to hear loons and other night creatures.

### ⑩ Fisheye Lake

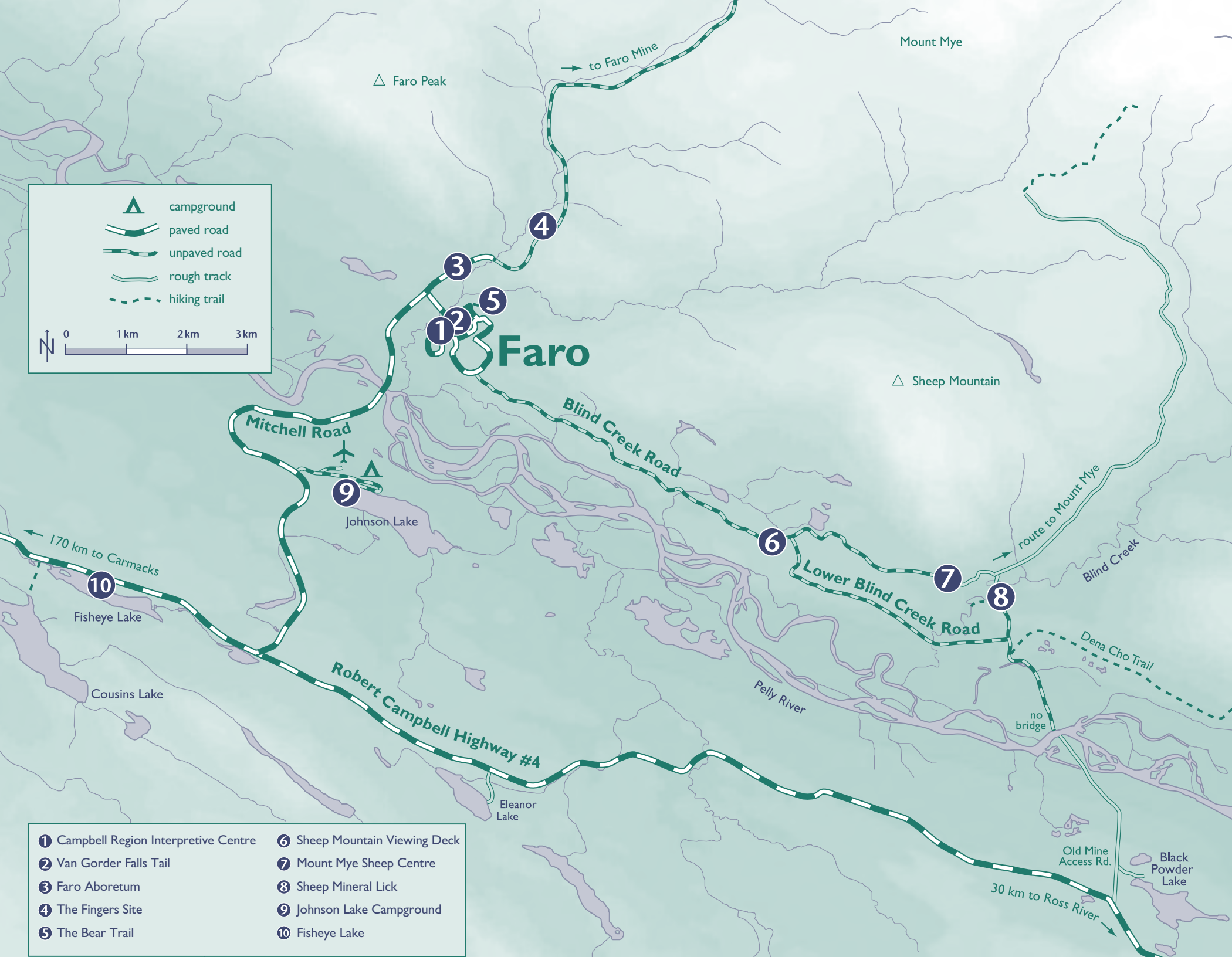
This day-use area is equipped with a boat ramp, picnic facilities, and a children’s play area. Watch for diving ducks and loons. Fishing is good as this lake is stocked with Rainbow Trout and Kokanee (land-locked Sockeye Salmon).

# Places to see and learn



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### Other places to visit and experience nature:

Several local lakes are good for fishing. Short dirt roads lead to **Eleanor Lake** and **Black Powder Lake**. Eleanor Lake is rumoured to have good Northern Pike fishing. Cousins Lake is an easy portage from the highway. Canoeing and Arctic Grayling fishing are highlights.

A short drive down the old mine access road near **Black Powder Lake** provides access to the **Pelly River** upstream of town. Overnight and day hikes can be planned to **Faro Peak** and **Rose Mountain**, or multi-day trips to **Ross River** or the **Deno Cho Trail**. Pickup a *Faro Trails* brochure for details. These roads and trails are not marked, and some are not maintained, but local people may help you find these out-of-the way places.



# Wildlife Viewing Tips

- Faro's Fannin Sheep are very sensitive and extra care should be taken to give them space.
- Bring binoculars or a spotting scope for a closer look without disturbing the animals.
- Get to know the species you wish to see.
- Find out which habitat it prefers, when it is active, and where it is most likely to be found.
- Spend time quietly observing after your arrival. Hiding animals may reveal themselves once they sense no danger.
- If you find what appears to be an orphaned animal please don't pick it up. The parents are most certainly nearby, waiting for you to move away so they can retrieve their offspring.
- Keep your dog on a leash and under control at all times.
- If you see someone harassing wildlife, ask them to stop or report it.
- Please report wildlife harassment, or illegal hunting, trapping, or fishing to the Yukon "Turn in Poachers" (T.I.P) hotline at 1-800-661-0525.