

## **Trail 11: Dinosaur Provincial Park**

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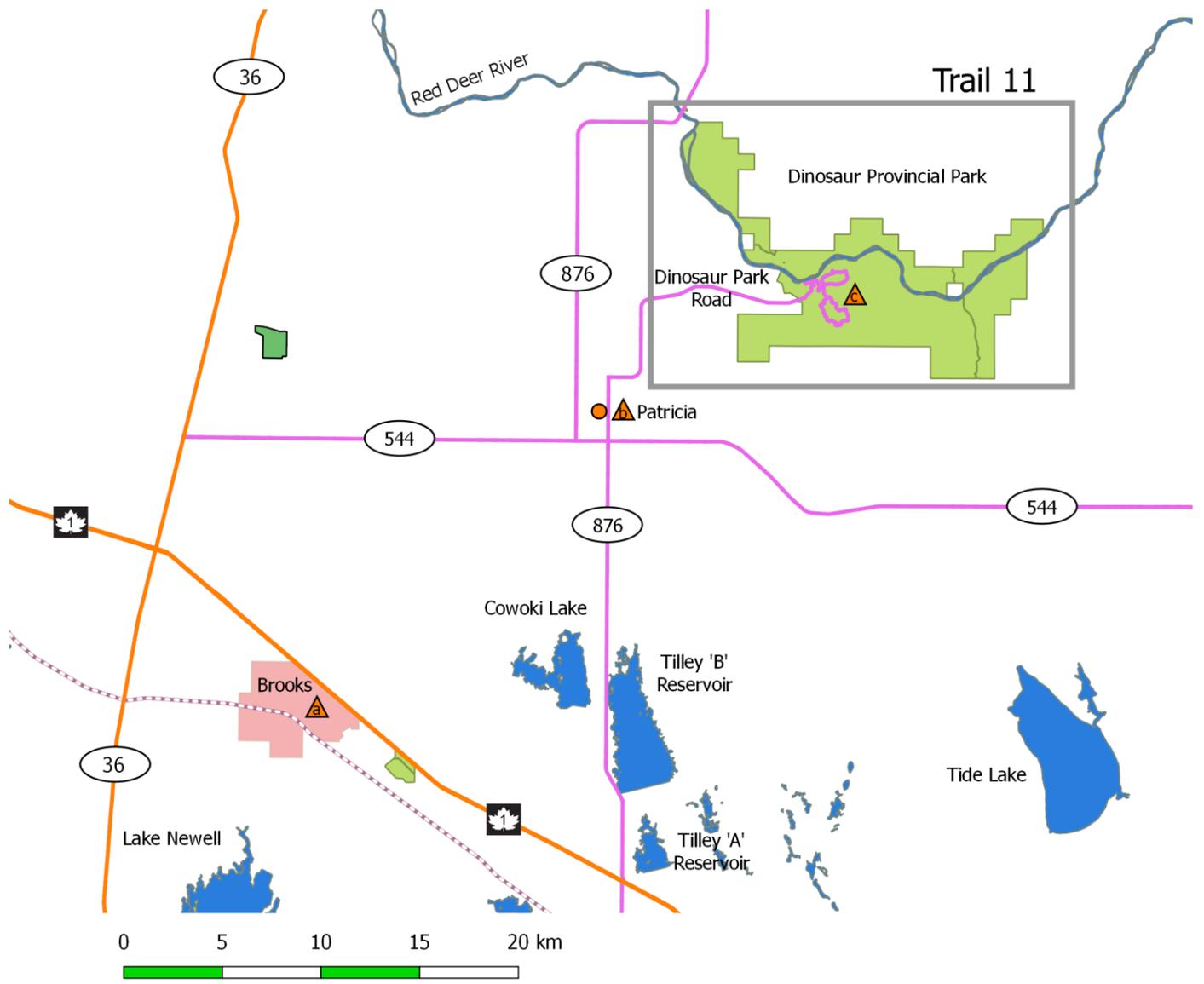
This park has a great diversity of birds in and adjacent to it. Species which can be found here with regularity include: Yellow-breasted Chat, Say's Phoebe, Lark Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, Brown Thrasher, Lazuli Bunting, Prairie Falcon, Rock Wren, Eastern and Western Kingbirds, a variety of other flycatchers, Common Nighthawk, and Baltimore Oriole. Rarities that have been found in this area include Northern Mockingbird, Bullock's Oriole, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, and Bobolink.

Dinosaur Provincial Park is located northeast of the city of Brooks and is well signed from the Trans Canada Highway and from other major routes in the area. This is one of the premier provincial parks in the province and as such is very busy during the camping season. It has excellent campground facilities but is often full so one should make reservations. The draw of course is the Red Deer River Badlands with its hoodoos, erosion features and of course the paeleontology sites and corresponding interpretive programs.

Several well maintained hiking trails allow birders to investigate all habitats within the park. The large cottonwoods and brush around and in the campsite harbor a significant number of birds. The circle drive east of the campground through the badlands can also produce a variety of species. While the park staff are primarily involved with the paeleontology features, and tours of the park they might be able to inform you as to what birds are currently being found.

The campground service center has a small restaurant. The rustic hotel in Patricia has a small café. Brooks is only about a half hour away and is rife with hotels, motels, restaurants and other tourist facilities. Of course Brooks could be used as a center for birding this park as well as other trails around Brooks, which are described in more detail in Trails 12 and 13.

For more information regarding park events, camping, trails, amenities, etc. visit the Dinosaur Provincial Park website: <https://www.albertaparks.ca/media/123302/dppmapv2.pdf> .



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- ▲ Amenities
- ▲ a Brooks: all amenities
- ▲ b Patricia: meals and lodgings
- ▲ c Dinosaur Provincial Park: meals, camping, restrooms and interpretive centre

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