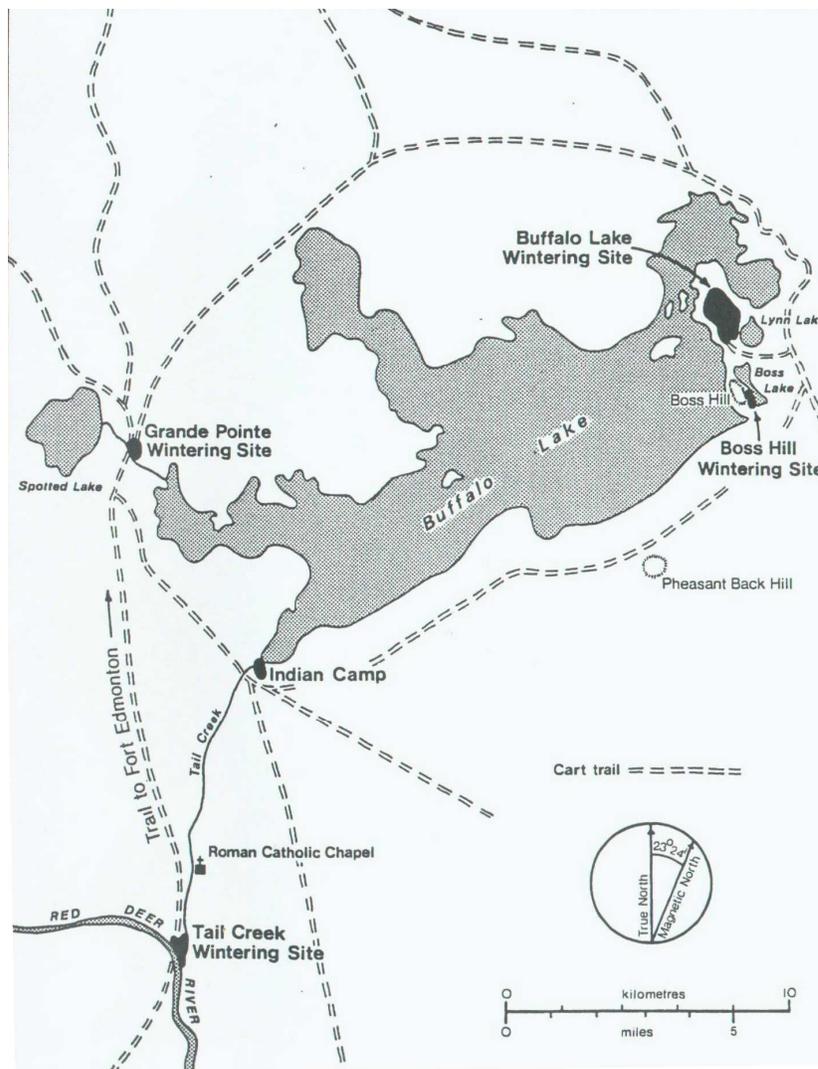


Buffalo Lake and the Battle River Valley

Buffalo Lake and the Battle River Valley in present day Alberta came to prominence as a Metis gathering places after the great small-pox (*la picotte*) epidemic of 1870. The Metis fled from locations such as St. Albert, Lac St. Anne and Edmonton to escape the disease. There were four nearby Metis wintering sites: Salois' Crossing near Duhamel, Tail Creek near Boss Hill, Todd's Crossing near Ponoka, and Dried Meat Hill. The Buffalo Lake site is located between Lynn and Buffalo Lakes southeast of Edmonton.





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