

# Regs

Contravention of regulations in provincial parks and recreation areas may result in eviction and/or a court-imposed fine or restitution order.

Conservation officers are special constables in the Province of Alberta. They are responsible for preservation and maintenance of the public peace. Conservation officers work with local police authorities to ensure your visit is a safe and pleasant one. Please contact any conservation officer if you have questions or if you experience difficulties during your stay.

## Firearms & Hunting

- Hunting and carrying or discharging of firearms are prohibited in provincial parks and most provincial recreation areas. Hunting is permitted in wildland provincial parks, and there are limited hunting seasons in Lakeland and Cooking Lake-Blackfoot provincial recreation areas; the hunter must hold a valid hunting licence for the kind of wildlife and the wildlife management unit to which the open season applies.
- Dressing, hanging and storage of big game are not permitted without authorization from a conservation officer.
- Obtain a copy of the annual "Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations" for detailed information about hunting licences, hunting regulations and wildlife management units, or visit the Sustainable Resource Development website at [www3.gov.ab.ca/srd](http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd).

## Fire Prevention

- When the fire hazard is extreme, or when a forest fire situation is so serious that it poses a danger to the public, travel restrictions and/or campfire bans may be put into effect.
- If you see a wildfire in a forested area, report it immediately to the nearest ranger station, or call collect 780-427-FIRE (3473).

## Crime Prevention

We experience very little serious crime in our parks and recreation areas, and we ask your co-operation in helping us to keep it that way:

- Checkstops: in co-operation with police, vehicle checks are made periodically at park entrances.
- Vandalism: report acts of vandalism to conservation officers or police.
- Camp-watch: be a good neighbour; help protect one another's property.
- Operation identification: help deter thieves; mark your valuables.

## Information

**NOTE:** This information is intended as a general guide to some of the regulations under the *Provincial Parks Act* that deal with recreational activities in provincial parks and recreation areas; it is subject to change without notice. To view the *Provincial Parks Act* and the complete regulations, visit [www.qp.gov.ab.ca](http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca) (catalogue search key word "*Provincial Parks Act*").

For additional information, contact your local Parks & Protected Areas office or call Parks & Protected Areas Division in Edmonton at 780-427-3582 (toll-free 1-866-427-3582).

Visit our web site at [www.cd.gov.ab.ca/parks](http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/parks).

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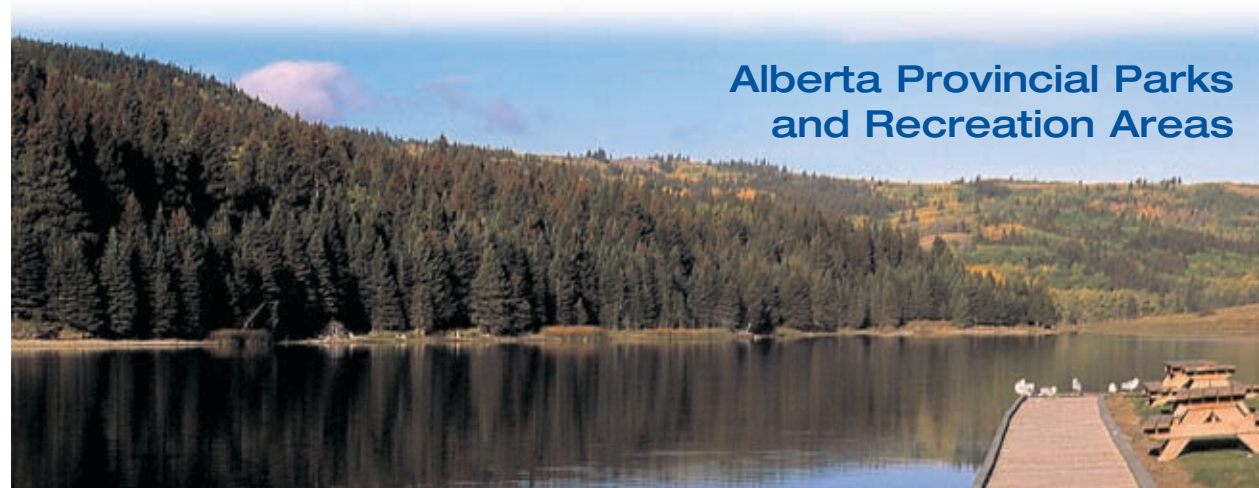
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**Alberta**  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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**Alberta Provincial Parks  
and Recreation Areas**




# Regulations at provincial parks and recreation areas protect plants and animals, and ensure that all visitors enjoy their stay. You can help by reporting problems and complying with regulations.

## Camping

- ❑ Please register your campsite and limit your stay to 16 consecutive days; **checkout time is 2:00 p.m.**
- ❑ Camping fees are payable when the permit is issued; camping permits are not transferable.
- ❑ You must immediately occupy the campsite designated by the permit with your camping accommodation unit (i.e., tent, trailer, RV). 
- ❑ Camping permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, except in sections of a campground where a campsite reservation service is in effect.
- ❑ Camping permit holders are responsible for the actions of all camping party members and any visitors to their campsite.
- ❑ The maximum number of motor vehicles, tents, recreational vehicles and trailers permitted on a campsite is three, of which only two may be used as sleeping quarters (except when two tents are used as sleeping quarters, in which case two motorized vehicles may be permitted); if a conservation officer is of the opinion that a campsite cannot hold the maximum permitted, the officer may set lower limits. The full camping fee may be charged for each tent and/or recreational vehicle on a campsite.
- ❑ No more than six people may occupy a campsite, unless they are all members of a single-family unit.
- ❑ Campfires are permitted only in facilities provided; **never leave your campfire unattended**; make sure your campfire is completely out before you leave your campsite.
- ❑ Liquid and solid waste must be disposed of in receptacles provided. Pouring waste water on open ground or in sump holes dug beneath trailers is prohibited. In any areas of provincial parks and recreation areas where waste receptacles are not provided, waste must be carried out of the area for disposal.

- ❑ Please do not bathe or clean clothing, fish, or cooking and eating utensils near drinking fountains, water taps and water wells.
- ❑ Help yourself and other campers to enjoy the peace and tranquility of our parks and recreation areas by avoiding excessive noise at any time of the day. Loud partying, use of stereos at high volume and other rowdy behavior is not tolerated. **Quiet hours are in effect from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.**

## Boating

- ❑ For the protection of swimmers and boaters, please obey all signs at boat launches and on lakes. 
- ❑ Boats used on any water body must conform to federal small vessel regulations; to obtain information on boating safety regulations or for general boating safety information, contact the Canadian Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety at 1-800-267-6687, or visit their web site at [www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca](http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca).


## Day Use

- ❑ Day use areas are available for use from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. only.

## Horses

- ❑ The use of horses and pack animals is limited to designated areas and trails. To find out which provincial parks and recreation areas provide equestrian facilities, call 780-427-3582 (toll-free 1-866-427-3582) or visit [www.cd.gov.ab.ca/parks](http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/parks) & go to the "equestrian staging areas" page under "planning your visit".

## Fishing

- ❑ If you are an Alberta resident between the ages of 16 and 65, you must obtain an Alberta angling licence; non-residents must obtain an Alberta angling licence regardless of age. 
- ❑ For detailed information about fishing licences, fish management zones and changes to fishing regulations, visit the Sustainable Resource Development web site at [www3.gov.ab.ca/srd](http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd), or obtain a copy of the "Alberta Guide to Sportfishing".

## Liquor

- ❑ In accordance with the *Alberta Gaming and Liquor Act*, consumption of alcohol is restricted to registered campsites.
- ❑ Liquor is prohibited on roads, trails and beaches, and in washrooms, cook shelters, picnic sites and other public areas.


## Motor Vehicles

- ❑ Please drive cautiously and obey all speed limits. Children may be playing in the area and campground roads are often used as pathways.
- ❑ To prevent damage to trees and other vegetation, please keep all vehicles on designated roadways.
- ❑ Operation of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) is not permitted in provincial parks; OHV use is permitted on designated trails only in a limited number of provincial recreation areas and wildland provincial parks; for information, call 1-866-427-3582, or visit [www.cd.gov.ab.ca/gateway](http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/gateway) (activity search key word "OHV trail access").


## Pets

- ❑ To protect your pet, wildlife and other campers, please keep your pet on a leash during your stay and while using trails.
- ❑ Pets are not allowed on public beaches, in swimming areas or in public buildings.
- ❑ Please be considerate and pick up after your pet.

## Plants & Fossils

- ❑ To protect the natural beauty of our parks and recreation areas, it is illegal to remove, deface, injure or destroy plants, fossils and rocks. 
- ❑ Collection of, or excavation for, historic resources is not permitted.

## Wildlife

- ❑ For your safety, and to protect local wildlife, please do not approach, harass, or attempt to feed wild animals. These actions may cause a wild animal to feel threatened, and a threatened animal can pose a danger to humans and/or their pets. 
- ❑ It is illegal to feed wildlife in provincial parks and recreation areas.
- ❑ To "Report A Poacher" dial toll-free (in Alberta) 1-800-642-3800; if using a cell phone, on Telus Mobility only, dial #3473.