

Outdoor Recreation Checklist for Provincial Crown Land

Plan to have a safe and enjoyable trip



Know Before You Go

- Know the regulations of the area you are planning to visit. Download [Alberta's Guide to Outdoor Recreation on Crown land](#).
- Have a map of the area and plan your route on trails designated for your activity.
- Check for area and trail closures by visiting [alberta.ca/PublicLandClosures](#) or [albertaparks.ca/advisories](#).
- Know the terrain and be prepared for all possible weather conditions.
- Be sure to pack:
 - Food and water
 - First Aid kit
 - GPS or compass
 - Communication device (Spot, InReach)
 - Flashlight, and a lighter or matches.
- Purchase your [Kananaskis Conservation Pass](#) if entering Kananaskis Country and the Bow Valley.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Be BearSmart. Carry bearspray year-round, and know how to use it.



Be Lawful

- Don't disturb artifacts, fossils, livestock, property or wildlife.
- It is illegal to discharge a firearm within 400m of a [provincial trail](#).
- Get permission before accessing leased Crown land, and follow conditions.
- Follow all posted signs and markers.
- It is illegal to chase wildlife.
- Keep pets under control.
- Do not use exploding targets or fireworks.

- Follow the rules for random camping:
 - Within a Public Land Use Zone (PLUZ), camp at least 1km away from Provincial Recreation Areas and Public Land Recreation Areas, and 30m (100 ft) from a waterbody
 - Within Wildland Provincial Park, camp at least 1km from a park campground
 - Avoid camping near well sites and other industrial infrastructure

Non-compliance may result in a fine.



Be Respectful

- Share the trail and respect other users.
- Always leave gates and fences as you found them – open or closed.
- Stay alert and look for signs of wildlife.
- Never feed or approach wildlife.



Camping Information

- Ensure your camping facilities are temporary and portable.
- Keep your campsite clean.
- Purchase a [Public Lands Camping Pass](#) if you are random camping along the Eastern Slopes.
- Limit your stay:
 - To 16 days in provincial parks.
 - To 14 days on public land. After 14 days, random campers must move by 1km for 72 hours.
- Camp in open areas with hard surfaces.
- Store food, pet food and garbage in a bear proof container or in a bear hang away from camping units.



Campfire Information

- Check for fire bans and conditions at [AlbertaFirebans.ca](#).
- Bring firewood with you from a local source if it's not provided. Do not cut down live trees without a permit.
- Do not use lighter fluid or gasoline as a fire starter.
- Supervise your fire at all times.



Leave Nothing Behind

- Bring containers for garbage and recycling, and take it home with you to properly dispose of.
- Be prepared for no washroom facilities when you're out in the backcountry. Dig a hole at least 15 cm deep away from any trails and bury your waste with dirt or other organic matter or properly pack out and dispose of sewage.



Off-Highway Vehicles

- Equip vehicles with insurance, registration, licence plate, headlamp, rear lamp and spark arrestor.
- Prevent start of a wildfire – keep your machine free of debris.
- Wear protective clothing and a CSA approved helmet.
- Keep your wheels out of the water. Only use approved watercourse crossings shown on provincial maps.
- Use trails designated for your vehicle and stay on trail tread. Obey signs for weight, width, or other size restrictions.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Check for [motorized recreation on public land](#) rules and updates.



Numbers to Know

Call 310-LAND (5263) to report public safety incidents, illegal activities and enforcement concerns.

Environmental
Hotline:
1-800-222-6514
Report A
Poacher:
1-800-642-3800

Report a Wildfire:
310-FIRE (3473)
Fire Ban
Information:
1-866-394-3473