

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 going. Download the [Outdoor Recreation Guide](#).
- Only travel on trails designated for your activity.
- Plan your route.
- Check for area and trail closures by visiting [alberta.ca/PublicLandClosures](https://open.alberta.ca/publications/outdoor-recreation-checklist-for-provincial-crown-land) or albertaparks.ca/advisories.
- Have a map of the [Public Land Use Zone](#) or area you are visiting.
- Know the terrain and be prepared for all possible weather conditions.
- Obtain permission before accessing Crown land that is leased for agriculture.
- Be prepared to share the trail with other users.
- Always leave gates and fences as you found them – open or closed.

Camping Information

- Limit your camping stay to 14 days on Crown land and 16 days in Provincial Parks.
- Camp 30 m (100 feet) away from waterbodies.
- Do not use exploding targets or fireworks.
- Ensure your camping facilities are temporary and portable.
- Camp in open areas with durable surfaces.
- Camp at least 1 km away from Provincial Recreation Areas, Public Land Recreation Areas and Provincial Parks.

- Avoid well sites and other industrial infrastructure.
- Stay away from animal trails and berry patches.

Campfire Information

- Check for fire bans and conditions at [Albertafirebans.ca](https://albertafirebans.ca).
- Bring firewood with you from a local source if it's not provided. Do not cut down live trees without a permit.
- Supervise your fire at all time and extinguish it before leaving the campsite by soaking it, stirring it and soaking it again until the coals are cold to the touch.
- Do not use lighter fluid or gasoline as a fire starter.
- Have water nearby and a large bucket.
- Use existing fire pits when possible, or build select a safe site for your fire:
 - On sand, gravel or clay.
 - Away from debris that can burn.
 - Away from structures and equipment.

BearSmart Information

- Keep your distance from wildlife.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.
- Store food, pet food and garbage in a bear proof container or on a bear hang away from tents and trailers.

Leave Nothing Behind

- Bring containers for garbage and recycling, and plan to take it home with you to properly dispose of.
- Keep your campsite clean
- 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 off-highway vehicles with helmets, insurance, registration, licence plate, headlamp, rear lamp and spark arrestor.
- Wear protective clothing.
- Keep your wheels out of water and off the shoreline of wetlands and waterbodies.
- Stay on designated trails and only use designated watercourse crossings.
- Follow all posted signs and markers.

Safety Information

- Call **310-LAND** to report all public safety and enforcement concerns, and any damage to public land.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Be sure to pack:
 - Food and water
 - First Aid Kit
 - GPS or Compass
 - Communication device (Spot, InReach)
 - Flashlight, and a lighter or matches
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.

Numbers to Know

General Information:
310-3773

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

Report illegal activity on Crown land:
310-LAND (5263)