

General Grazing Reserve Information	
Area:	5,963 acres (2,413.1 hectares)
Year Established:	1979
Terrain:	Level to gently rolling
Vegetation:	Dryland tame pasture, irrigated tame pasture, native rangeland
EcoRegion:	Dry mixed grass sub-region of the grassland natural region
Nearby Municipalities:	0.8 km east of the Hamlet of Hays
Irrigation Source:	Bow River Irrigation District
Water Bodies:	Nil

Livestock Management Information	
Responsible Association:	Badlands Hills Cattle Grazing Association (since April 1, 1997) Maintains the fences, dugouts, the corral site and the buildings located at the headquarters site. Supplies bulls for the breeding program.
Grazing Season:	Mid-May to Mid-October
Cattle:	Approximately 6400 Animal Unit Months (AUMs)
Minimum number of Patrons:	21 patrons
Application:	Please contact 403 529-3677 for grazing allotment application. Application deadline is January 15 th .

Alberta's sheep producers formed an association in 1973, and were given a grazing permit on this pastureland. In 1979, Alberta Energy and Natural Resources assumed control of the Hays site and made it a grazing reserve. For a number of years, sheep and cattle were run together to maximize the use of the irrigated forage on the reserve. The grazing of sheep was phased out by 2006.

Within the reserve approximately 2,165 acres (876.1 hectares) are developed for mechanical irrigation. In the fall of 2005, a buried waterline was installed to provide fresh livestock drinking water to a water trough in each of 10 pivot circles and four dryland fields.

Provincial Grazing Reserves are popular recreational sites for the general public. Recreational access condition information for Provincial Grazing Reserves can be found at:

- [Recreation on Agricultural Public Land](#)

You must contact the grazing reserve agrologist prior to accessing the reserve at:

- Tel: 403 529-3677

Hays Provincial Grazing Reserve

Recreational Access Map

Contact Information:
 Medicine Hat
 Rangeland Office
 Phone: (403) 529-3677

- Public Access
- Headquarters
- Corral
- Cattleguard
- Dugout
- Gate
- Water Well
- Abandoned Well Site
- Well Site
- H2S Well Site
- Fence
- Designated Route
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Unimproved Road
- Cutline Trail
- Pipeline
- Permanent Stream
- Recurring Stream
- Waterbody
- Section
- Township
- PGR Boundary

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