

Black Bear - Northeast Region Upper Athabasca Operational Region

Provincial Grazing Reserves

General Grazing Reserve Information	
Area:	17,044 acres (6897.5 hectares)
Year Established:	1968
Terrain:	Level to moderately rolling, with a few strong slopes
Vegetation:	Mixed forest, riparian, tame pasture
EcoRegion:	Mid-boreal mixed wood forest
Nearby Municipalities:	22.5 km northeast of Jarvie
Water Bodies:	Nil

Livestock Management Information	
Responsible Association:	Black Bear Grazing Association (privatized April 1, 1999)
	Looks after livestock and maintains the developed pastures in good, productive condition.
	Maintains all fence lines, dugouts, corrals and the buildings located at the headquarters site.
Grazing Season:	Mid-May to Mid-October
Cattle:	Approximately 9,600 Animal Unit Months (AUMs)
Minimum number of Patrons:	33 patrons
Application:	Please contact 780 645-6336 for grazing allotment application. Application deadline is January 15 th .

In 1968, development of the Black Bear reserve started on marginal land that supported virtually no one. Today the reserve has a total area of 17,044 acres (6,897.5 hectares) of which 10,195 acres (4,125.8 hectares) has been developed into tame pasture. Livestock producers from Westlock, Athabasca and other farming communities in the area currently use this reserve as summer pasture.

The pasture developments have been undertaken using a multiple use philosophy resulting in excellent habitat for wildlife, an active area for oil and gas exploration, as well as providing popular recreational sites for the general public.

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: 780 645-6336

