

Contact

For more information, contact your local park office, call Parks Division in Edmonton at 780-427-3582 (toll-free 1-866-427-3582), or visit our web site at AlbertaParks.ca.



Wildlife

- For your safety and to protect wildlife do not approach, feed or harass wild animals—these actions may cause a wild animal to feel threatened and a threatened wild animal can pose a danger to humans and/or their pets—**it is illegal to feed wildlife in provincial parks and recreation areas.**
- Store food (including pet food) and toilet articles such as soap and toothpaste in the trunk of your vehicle—never take these items into your tent or tent trailer. Seal garbage in plastic bags and use bear-proof bins to dispose of garbage.

- To “Report A Poacher” call 1-800-642-3800 (toll-free from anywhere in Alberta).

Firearms and Hunting

- Hunting and the carrying and discharging of firearms are not permitted in most provincial parks and recreation areas.
- Hunting is permitted in wildland parks and there are limited hunting seasons in some provincial parks and recreation areas. To hunt in these locations, refer to the annual “Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations” (available in print and on the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

web site at srd.alberta.ca) or visit AlbertaParks.ca/hunting.

- Dressing, hanging and storage of big game are not permitted in provincial parks and recreation areas without authorization from a conservation officer.

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 visit AlbertaParks.ca.

Plants and 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. Use of dead wood lying on the ground for firewood is also prohibited.



- Picking common flowers, wild fruits and mushrooms is permitted with verbal approval from a conservation officer.

Crime Prevention

- We experience very little serious crime in our parks and recreation areas; with your cooperation we can keep it that way:
 - Ensure that your camping gear and valuables are securely stored.
 - To deter thieves, mark your camping gear and valuables.
 - Report acts of vandalism to a conservation officer or police.
 - Be a good neighbour—help protect one another’s property.

Contravention of Regulations

Contravention of regulations in provincial parks and recreation areas may result in eviction, a court-imposed fine or imprisonment.

Conservation Officers

Conservation officers are peace officers in the Province of Alberta. They are responsible for ensuring the safety of park visitors. Conservation officers work with local police authorities to ensure that your visit is a safe and pleasant one. Please contact any conservation officer if you have questions or if you experience difficulties during your visit.

Regulations

Alberta’s Provincial Parks & Recreation Areas

SAFETY AND REGULATIONS

Alberta



This information is intended as a general guide to some of the regulations under the *Provincial Parks Act* and a variety of other provincial and federal legislation that applies to 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 the Alberta Queen's Printer web site at qp.gov.ab.ca ("laws online" catalogue search key word "*Provincial Parks Act*").

Camping

- Please register your campsite and limit your stay to 16 consecutive nights. **Checkout time is 2:00 p.m.**
- Camping fees are payable when the permit is issued. Camping permits are not transferable.
- 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.
- You must immediately occupy the campsite designated by your camping permit with your camping accommodation unit (tent, trailer, RV). If an accommodation unit is not present, the campsite may be re-assigned.
- 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 motor vehicles may be permitted).

- The camping fee applies to each accommodation unit on a campsite, unless the second accommodation unit is a tent and there is only one motor vehicle registered to the site. In that case, there is no additional charge for the tent.
- No more than six people may occupy a campsite unless they are all members of the same family unit.
- Camping permit holders are responsible for the actions of all camping party members and any visitors to their campsite.
- Liquid and solid waste must be disposed of in receptacles provided. In areas of provincial parks and recreation areas where waste



receptacles are not provided, waste must be carried out of the area for disposal.

- Please refrain from cleaning and bathing near water fountains, taps and wells.
- Help yourself and other campers to enjoy the peace and tranquility of our parks and recreation areas by avoiding excessive noise. Loud partying, stereos at high volume and other rowdy behavior are not tolerated at any time.
- Generators should be used in moderation, unless required for medical reasons.

- Constant running of generators is considered excessive noise if it is not required for medical reasons.
- **Quiet hours are in effect in provincial campgrounds from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.**

Day Use

- Day use areas in provincial parks and recreation areas are open to the public from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Fire Prevention

- Campfires are permitted only in facilities provided.
- **Never leave your campfire unattended.**
- Make sure your campfire is completely out before you leave your campsite.
- When the fire hazard is extreme, campfire bans and/or travel restrictions may be implemented.
- Campgrounds may be closed if a forest fire situation in the vicinity threatens public safety.
- If you see a wildfire in a forested area, report it immediately to the nearest ranger station or call **310-FIRE (310-3473)**.

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 in a limited number of provincial recreation areas and wildland parks. For more information visit AlbertaParks.ca.

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 prohibited on public beaches, in public swimming areas and in public buildings.
- Please pick up after your pet.
- **Be considerate of other campers—please ensure that your dog doesn't bark excessively.**

Liquor

- In accordance with the *Alberta Gaming and Liquor Act*, consumption of liquor is restricted to registered campsites.
- In provincial campgrounds liquor is prohibited in all public areas including:
 - on roads;
 - on trails and walking paths;
 - on public beaches;
 - in washrooms and shower buildings; and
 - in cook shelters.



- Consumption of liquor is prohibited in provincial day use areas.

Fireworks

- Use of fireworks is prohibited in provincial parks and provincial recreation areas.

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 with the *Canada Shipping Act* and regulations. To obtain information on boating regulations and general boating safety contact Transport Canada at 1-866-995-9737 or visit Transport Canada's marine transportation web site at tc.gc.ca/eng/marine-lmenu.htm.

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.
- Refer to the annual "Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations" for seasons and catch limits. The guide is available in print and on the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development web site at srd.alberta.ca.