

Legend

Access in the Hinton/Coal Branch Area Public Land Use Zones

- Motorized OHV Access
- - - Time Constrained Motorized OHV Access
OHV use permitted June 25 to October 15 only
- Motorized 4X4 Access
- - - Time Constrained Motorized 4X4 Access
These roads are only open May Long Weekend and from June 25 to the end of Labour Day Weekend.
- Motorized Access
- - - Non-Motorized Access
- Closed Trails
- No Public Access (industrial use only) except on designated trails
- Restricted Area: No Bighorn Sheep Hunting

Other Information

- Wellsite
- ? Information Kiosk
- ▲ Camping - Provincial Recreation Areas (PRAs) are administered by Alberta Parks (albertaparks.ca)
- ▲ Camping - Backcountry - No vehicle access
No facilities

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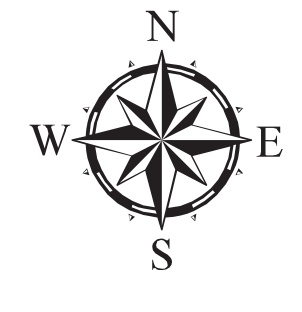
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Roads

- Divided Highway
- 2 Lane Undivided Road
- Gravel Road
- Unimproved Road

Public Land Use Zones

- Athabasca Ranch
- Brule Lake
- Coal Branch



What is a Public Land Use Zone?

A Public Land Use Zone (PLUZ) is an area of land to which legislative controls are applied under the authority of the *Public Lands Act*. A PLUZ is created specifically for that land base and the conditions that exist within it. Various levels of access control can be achieved through the designation, including the following:

- complete exclusion of motorized and/or non-motorized activities, including recreational camping;
- restriction of motorized activities to designated trails or travel corridors;
- exclusion of motorized and non-motorized activities from certain highly-sensitive areas within a zone; and
- seasonal restrictions for motorized and/or non-motorized activities during certain times of the year.

Three separate PLUZs within the Coal Branch Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) area were designated in May 1999 to manage access and add greater protection to sensitive areas and key wildlife habitat. The PLUZs will provide continued opportunities for most traditional recreational use. Designated off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails have been identified through the Coal Branch Access Management Plan (1994). Approved access in these areas will be indicated by kiosk signage at the trail heads. This map highlights designated access and identifies the boundaries of the Coal Branch PLUZ, Athabasca Ranch PLUZ and the Brule Lake PLUZ.

Athabasca Ranch PLUZ

allows seasonal OHV access on designated trails during the May long weekend and from June 25 to the end of the Labour Day weekend. These timing restrictions are in effect to minimize conflicts with elk.



Brule Lake PLUZ

is in an area important to wildlife. Motorized recreation use is restricted. The objective of this zone is to increase the elk population and reduce conflicts between recreational users and elk by allowing motorized access on designated trails only. An OHV recreation access corridor is provided through this zone, allowing access from Highway 16 to the Brule Lake, non-vegetated sand dunes area.



A designated access route is established along the industrial road, providing year-round access into the centre of the area. The industrial road is shown in purple on the map.
Year-round motorized access is permitted to the random camping site in the river valley and to the east portion of the access management area, immediately east of the Athabasca Ranch (private land).

Coal Branch PLUZ

regulates motorized vehicle use to minimize environmental impacts on sensitive areas, assist in wildlife management and habitat protection, properly manage reclaimed mine lands and minimize conflicts between different recreational uses.



Motorized use is restricted to designated trails and subject to timing restrictions. Refer to the map for specific information.

Public access to lands being used for coal mining operation is restricted, to designated trails only. To determine which areas have restricted access due to mining operations, refer to the red areas of the map on both sides of this brochure.



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Getting There

Use the maps on both sides as a general guide to your destination.

Hinton Coal Branch PLUZs

