



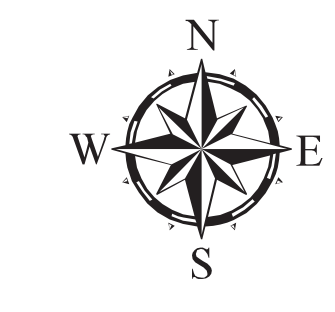
# Public Land Use Zones Use Designated Trails Only

## Legend

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

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

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



### Other Information

- Wellsite
- Information Kiosk
- Camping - Provincial Recreation Areas (PRAs) are administered by Tourism, Parks and Recreation: www.tpr.alberta.ca
- Lookout Cabin
- Camping - Backcountry - No vehicle access. No facilities.

### Other Uses

- Mine Permit Area
- OHV Use Permitted on Existing Trails Only
- Wildland Provincial Park
- Ecological Reserves
- Preservation Zone - Hiking Only, No Hunting
- Wildland Zone - Hiking Only



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### TRAIL ETIQUETTE

**Be careful not to spin your tires.** Spinning tires is a significant cause of trail deterioration, especially in mud, sand and soft soils. It can also increase rutting and potholes when travelling over rocks, stumps and roots. This can be a major cause of erosion.

### Crossing Streams

Wheeled or tracked vehicles are not allowed on beds or shores of watercourses, wetlands or waterbodies. You may only cross streams at bridges or lawful crossings. Crossing a stream anywhere other than a bridge or established ford is not permitted. Crossing through stream beds causes erosion, which can negatively impact fish habitat and destroy eggs or kill young fish.

Do not wash your vehicle in a watercourse, wetland or waterbody.

Avoid sensitive environments like marshy, sandy and alpine areas. These environments are damaged easily and may take years to recover.

### Stewardship

Backcountry toilets are not available in the Hinton/Coal Branch PLUZ. Bury solid human waste at least 6-8 inches in the soil and 100 metres (300 feet) from water, camp, trails and drainages.

Keep safety in mind and ride in groups of two or more people.

Weather may change suddenly. Obtain the weather forecast and plan for appropriate conditions.

Motorized users should always yield the right-of-way to other users. Stop and turn off your vehicle when meeting other non-motorized users (especially equestrian users).

Do not create new paths around muddy or rough sections of the trail.

Camp only where permitted.

Respect riparian areas. Camp at least 30 metres (100 feet) away from any watercourse.

Do not cut down or remove live trees or any native vegetation.

When camping, use existing campsites and keep your campsite clean at all times. A good practice is to leave the site cleaner than it was found.

Place campfires on mineral soil, use a ring of rocks to contain the fire and ensure that the fire is out when the campsite is not occupied.

Pack out all garbage and food waste. Do not bury any waste, as this will attract wildlife.

OHVs can start wildfires when sparks from their exhaust systems come into contact with dry grasses or when debris builds up on the exhaust system. Each year a number of wildfires are started in this way.

### USER DEFINITIONS:

#### Motorized User

Recreational user of both off-highway vehicles and snow vehicles.

#### Equestrian User or Equine

Recreational user of both of horses and/or mules.

#### Non-Motorized User

Recreational user which is non-motorized except equestrian user or equine where specified or restricted.

#### Snow Vehicle

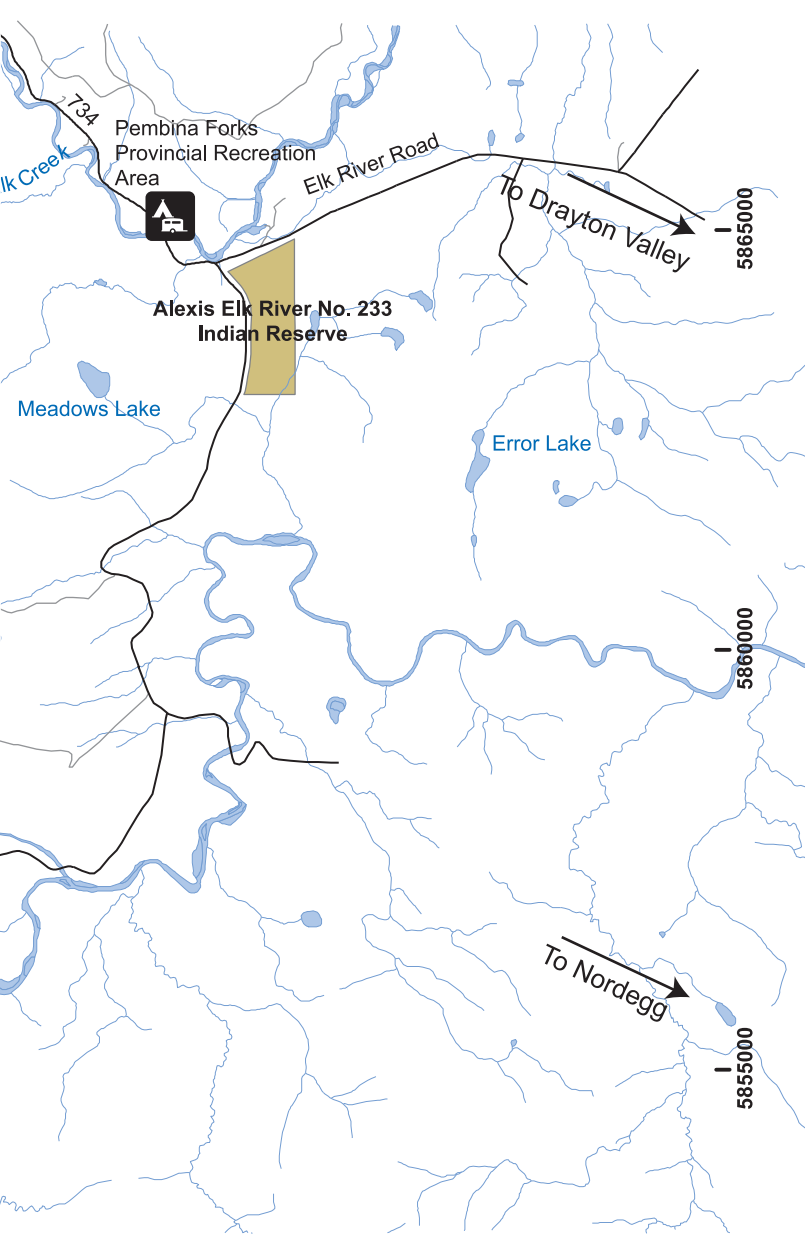
Motor vehicle designed and equipped to be driven exclusively on snow or ice.

#### Off-Highway Vehicles

Motor vehicle used for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swamp or other or OHV natural terrain and which has:

- a curb weight of 590 kg (1,300 lb) or less,
- tire pressure of 110 Kpa (16 psi) or less,
- a wheelbase of 1.85 metres (75") or less,
- a width of 1.78 metres (70") or less.

Enforcement of these and other regulations is ongoing throughout the region.



### INSURANCE & REGISTRATION

All off-highway vehicles (OHV) operating on public land must have:

- valid vehicle registration and insurance (documentation must be with the vehicle)
- visible mounted licence plate
- headlight/tail light
- muffler/spark arrester

### FIREWOOD

Only dead wood found on the ground can be used for firewood unless a valid firewood permit has been issued for the area. Do not take wood supplied at other designated campgrounds.

### ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Drinking and driving or transporting alcohol on an OHV is illegal and carries the same penalty as carrying alcohol in a motorized highway vehicle.



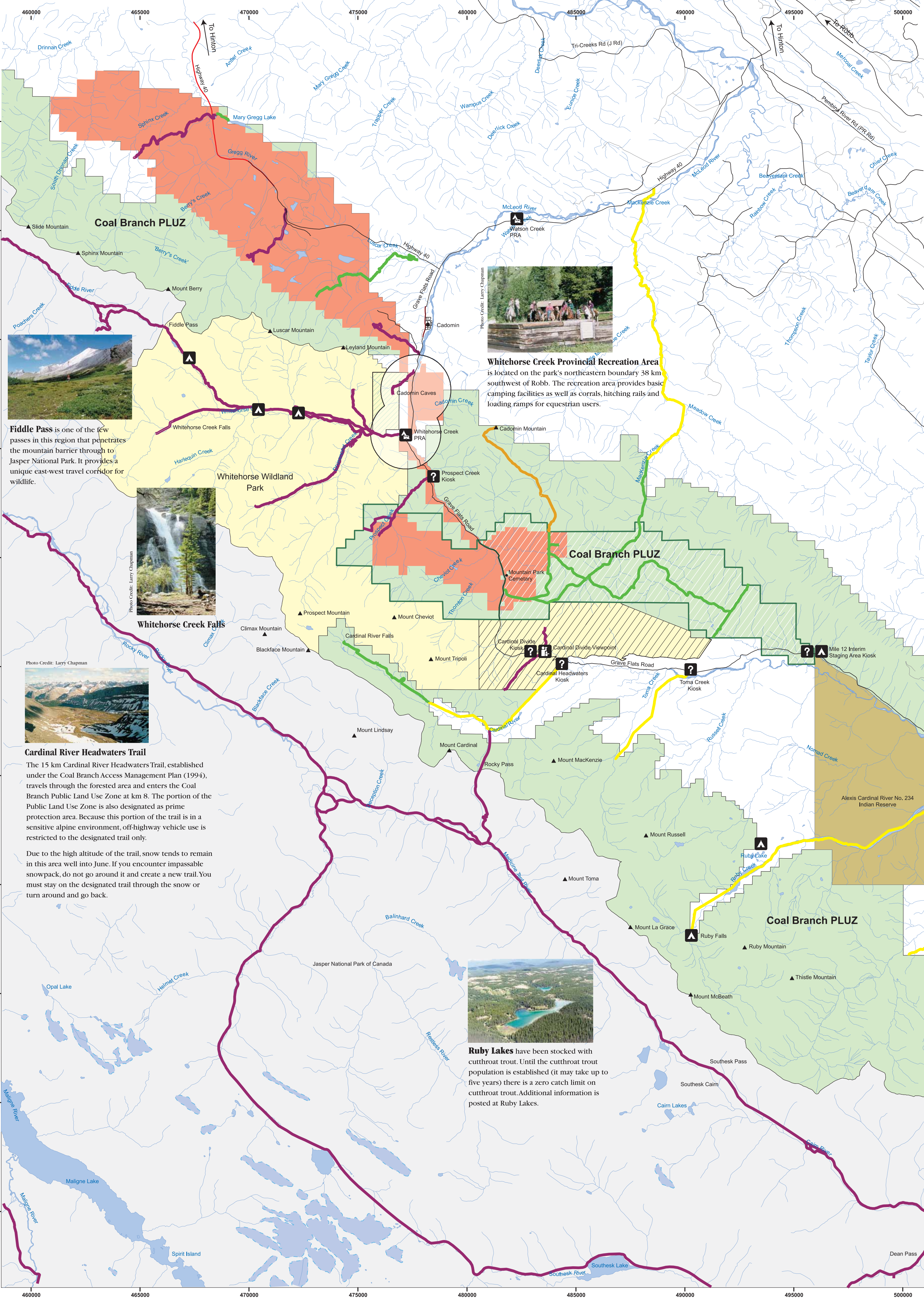
At the top of the **Cardinal Divide**, you will find a panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains. Unique geological forms and diverse plant species can be found here. This viewpoint is accessible by vehicle.



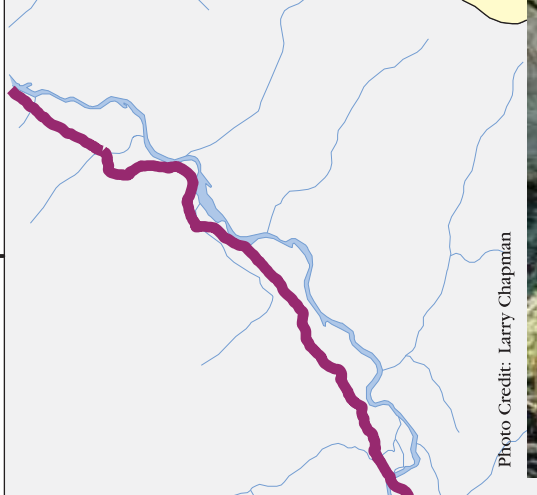
**Drummond Ridge** offers easy hiking and spectacular views of the Drummond and Prospect Creeks and surrounding mountains.



**Tripoli Ridge** forms the mountain backbone of the Cardinal Divide. It includes Tripoli, Prospect and Cheviot mountains and their upper eastern slopes above the treeline.



**Fiddle Pass** is one of the few passes in this region that penetrates the mountain barrier through to Jasper National Park. It provides a unique east-west travel corridor for wildlife.



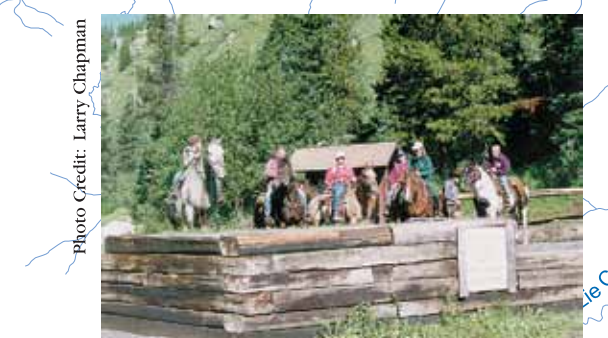
**Whitehorse Creek Falls**



**Cardinal River Headwaters Trail**

The 15 km Cardinal River Headwaters Trail, established under the Coal Branch Access Management Plan (1994), travels through the forested area and enters the Coal Branch Public Land Use Zone at km 8. The portion of the Public Land Use Zone is also designated as prime protection area. Because this portion of the trail is in a sensitive alpine environment, off-highway vehicle use is restricted to the designated trail only.

Due to the high altitude of the trail, snow tends to remain in this area well into June. If you encounter impassable snowpack, do not go around it and create a new trail. You must stay on the designated trail through the snow or turn around and go back.



**Whitehorse Creek Provincial Recreation Area** is located on the park's northeastern boundary 38 km southwest of Robb. The recreation area provides basic camping facilities as well as corrals, hitching rails and loading ramps for equestrian users.



**Ruby Lakes** have been stocked with cutthroat trout. Until the cutthroat trout population is established (it may take up to five years) there is a zero catch limit on cutthroat trout. Additional information is posted at Ruby Lakes.