



Notification on Flood Affected Sites in the Elbow Valley

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is the Elbow Valley?

The Elbow Valley is located approximately 35 km southwest of Calgary and a few kms west of Bragg Creek. The flood affected Provincial Recreation Areas are located along the Elbow River and can be accessed off Hwy 66 ([see Regional Location map](#)).

2. What is being proposed?

In 2013 heavy rains in southern Alberta caused flooding along the Elbow River that resulted in damage to facilities in the Elbow Valley area of the Kananaskis Region. The flood affected several Provincial Recreation Areas including Allen Bill, Elbow Falls, Cobble Flats, Forgetmenot Pond and Nihahi Trailhead.

3. What are the details of the Project?

Alberta Parks proposes to conduct the following at Elbow Valley PRAs:

Allen Bill Day Use Area

- Replace picnic area capacity.
- Replace trails.
- Relocate Fullerton trailhead capacity across Hwy 66.
- Implement river bank mitigation.

Fullerton Trailhead

- Formalize parking lot for 90 vehicles.
- Install washroom and waste facilities.

Elbow Falls Day Use Area

- Formalize parking for 156 vehicles plus 5 bus stalls.
- Replace trails.
- Install interpretive trail signage.
- Relocate picnic capacity to Forgetmenot pond and Cobble Flats.
- Implement river bank mitigation.

Cobble Flats Day Use Area

- Replace and increase picnic area capacity.
- Install group picnic area in existing opening.

- Replace trails.
- Upgrade gravel entrance road to asphalt.

Forgetmenot Pond Day Use Area

- Replace and increase picnic area capacity.
- Replace trails that connect to Nihahi trailhead.
- Construct an accessible pathway around the pond.

Nihahi Trailhead

- Formalize parking lot for 76 vehicles including separate equestrian parking.
- Formalize access to trailhead parking and Elbow Valley campground.
- Add picnic tables to trailhead area.

4. When is construction going to start?

Alberta Parks plans on starting construction in the late fall of 2016. Construction will continue through the winter to June of 2017. Depending on the nature of construction, the day use areas may be closed.

5. Why is Alberta Parks proceeding with this Project?

As part of our commitment for flood recovery, Alberta Parks is rebuilding flood affected facilities.

6. Why is there only notification on the Project?

The Project aligns with the [2012 Kananaskis Country Provincial Recreation Areas and Bragg Creek Provincial Park Management Plan](#) for which Alberta Parks conducted public and First Nations consultation. In addition, Alberta Parks conducted an open house in 2014 and provided information on the effects of the flood on facilities in the Kananaskis Country. This included updates on the status of flood affected sites in the Elbow Valley.