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Sulphur Gates Provincial Recreation Area

Sulphur Gates Provincial Recreation Area (PRA) has been expanded in area, adding approximately 11 square kilometres (1,088 hectares) to the existing 26 hectare site.

A PRA is designed to support a wide variety of recreational pursuits, as well as contribute to the preservation goal of Alberta's Parks and Protected Areas program.



Site Location and Description

Sulphur Gates PRA is situated within the Upper Foothills Natural Region, located west of the Smoky River and the Town of Grande Cache, with Willmore Wilderness Park bordering the south and Highway 40 to the north.

This site is an important wildlife movement corridor in and out of the Willmore Wilderness Park. The close proximity of this site to the large protected area of Willmore Wilderness adds to the ecological value of the PRA. This is further reinforced by the presence of the headwaters of a number of streams.

The site supports a variety of wildlife, in particular sheep, goats, grizzly and black bear, mule deer, elk and cougar.

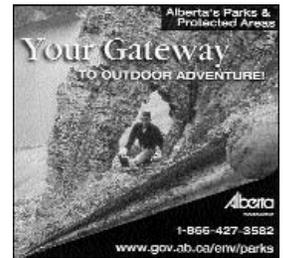
Significant Features

The "Special Features in Alberta" report (Alberta Environmental Protection, 1998), identifies an outstanding example of a water gap within Sulphur Gates PRA. This recognized special feature, near the eastern boundary of Willmore Wilderness, formed where erosion resistant bedrock had been thrust into a nearly vertical position, greatly restricting the flow of the Smoky River. This is one of the main attractions of this PRA.

Recreational Activities

Sulphur Gates PRA includes the Sulphur Gates Staging Area, which provides camping and access to the Willmore Wilderness Park. An access road extends through the site from Highway 40 to the Staging Area. The remainder of the site consists of steep valley walls of the Smoky River and recreational use is limited. Visitors are advised of the general hazards in this area. Be aware of your surroundings at all times and be in immediate control of pets and children.

To learn more about Alberta's parks and protected areas, visit your "Gateway to Outdoor Adventure"



website. This dynamic website is a trip-planning tool that will allow public access to the Park Sites and Facilities database.

For more information, contact at 780-865-8264 in Hinton, or 780-827-3626 in Grande Cache. To call toll-free from anywhere in Alberta, dial 310-0000 and enter the number.

Remember to respect others and tread lightly as you explore and enjoy the beauty of Sulphur Gates Provincial Recreation Area.



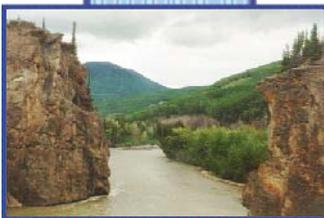
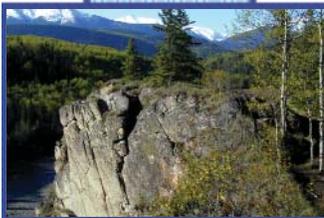
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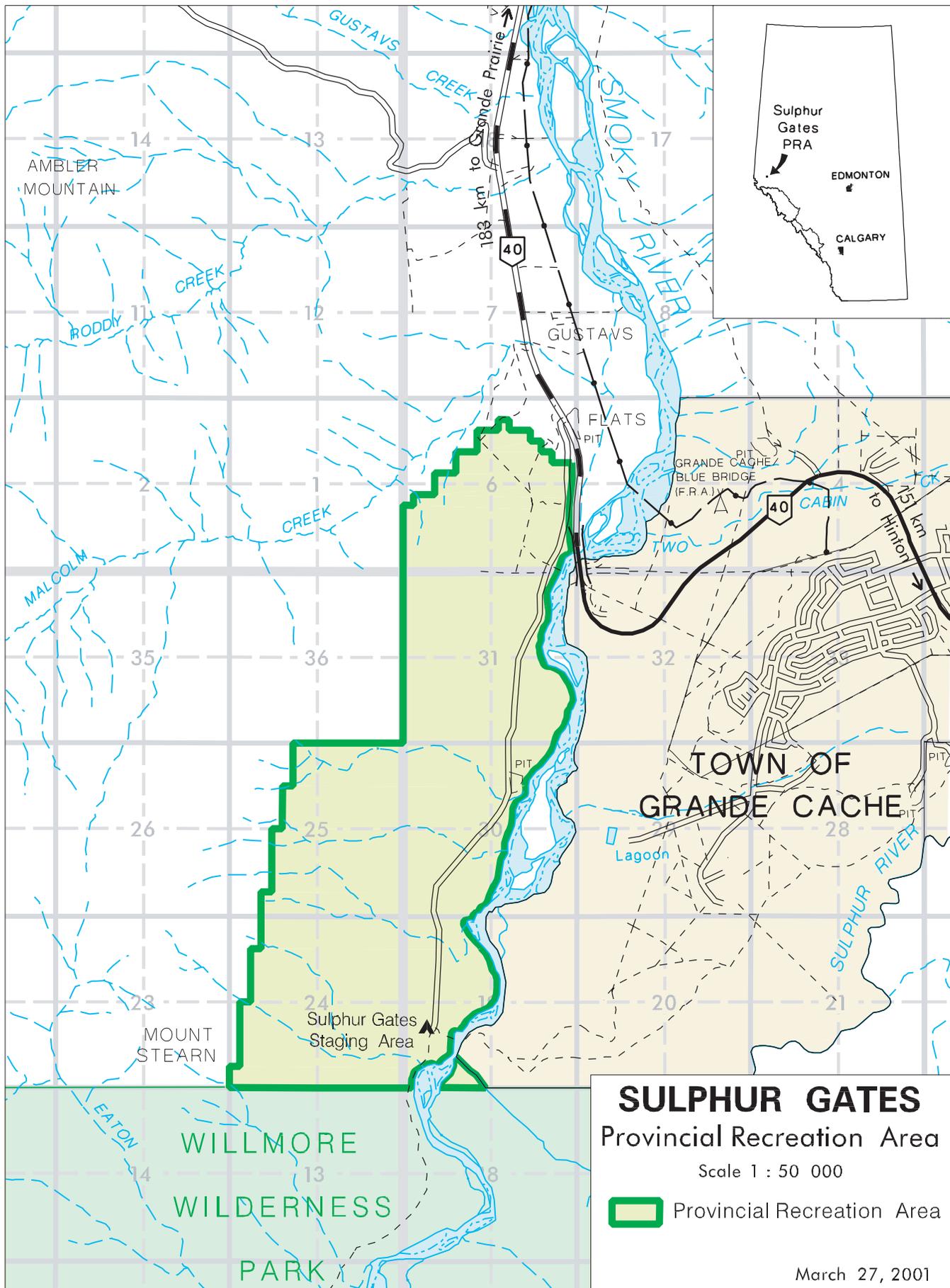
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