

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.

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



Scallopod & Snail Fossils © Robert Holmberg



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. For information on hunting in these locations, refer to the annual "Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations" (available in print and on the Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development web site at esrd.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.

Fireworks

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

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 wild fruits and mushrooms *may* be permitted *if* you have verbal approval from the District 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 and locked up when you are away from your site.
- 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 fine or imprisonment.

Conservation Officers

Conservation officers and park services rangers are peace officers in the Province of Alberta. They are responsible for ensuring compliance with regulations and they work with local authorities to ensure that your visit is pleasant and safe. Please contact any conservation officer or park services ranger if you have questions or experience difficulties during your stay.



Regulations

Alberta's Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas



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.alberta.ca/Laws_Online.cfm (catalogue search key word “*Provincial Parks Act*”).

Camping

- Please register your campsite. **Checkout time is 2:00 p.m.** at regular campsites and noon at comfort camping sites.
- The stay limit in provincial campgrounds is 16 consecutive nights.
- 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.
- Constant running of generators is considered excessive noise. Please respect nature and your neighbours by keeping generator use to a minimum 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.**
- **Individual campground restrictions may be in effect – please call the campground prior to your arrival for the most current information.**

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, fire bans and/or travel restrictions may be implemented.
- Campgrounds may be closed if an extreme fire hazard 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.
- Limited use of off-highway vehicles (OHV) may be permitted in some Alberta Parks’ sites. Where it is allowed, riders must stay on designated OHV trails and obey all signs. Details on responsible OHV use and where OHVs are permitted is found on 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, trails and walking paths;
 - on public beaches;
 - in washrooms and shower buildings
 - in cook shelters; and
 - in boats.
- Possession of liquor is prohibited in provincial day use 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 1–800-267-6687 or visit Transport Canada’s marine transportation web site at tc.gc.ca/eng/marine-menu.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 Environment and Sustainable Resource Development web site at esrd.alberta.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.

