Beauvais Lake is like a gem in the Crown of the Continent. The montane subregion of the Rocky Mountain Natural Region protects rare and diverse ecosystems and wildlife, including species at risk like the northern leopard frog. The park provides opportunities for recreation, education and enjoyment of this amazing landscape. From summer birdwatching, to fishing, hiking and mountain biking, the 30 km of trails provide plenty of room to explore this park. The campground has both basic and powered sites available either by reservation or first come, first serve. In the winter ice fishing, limited camping, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are available.

Natural hazards from weather and rough terrain occur throughout the backcountry areas. Hikers should be aware of these hazards and accept these risks as part of their backcountry/outdoor experience.

All parts of Beauvais Lake Provincial Park and the surrounding area are prime wildlife habitat, frequently拜访有大型哺乳动物，如麋鹿、美洲野牛、山猫、狼、黑熊和灰熊等。

Stay Safe and Enjoy the Trail

Be Prepared

- All outdoor activities involve some risk. When you are in the backcountry, you must take responsibility for your personal safety. Find out about the natural hazards so you can avoid them and have a plan to deal with them if you need to.
- Weather conditions can change rapidly in this area. Make sure your plans are flexible in case severe weather or other natural hazards make it necessary to alter your schedule.
- Download from the website or ask staff for a copy of “Bear Smart” and “Living with Cougars” brochures.
- Advise someone of your route and when you intend to be home.
- Contact the park office or speak to a staff member before your trip to find out trail conditions and hazards you may encounter.
- Leave a note on the dashboard of your vehicle or in your campsite noting your intended destination and expected return time.
- Take along a map, compass and a basic survival kit (flashlight, extra high energy food, water, warm clothing, first aid kit, rain gear, and a tool kit if skiing.) Bear spray is recommended.
- Firearms are generally not permitted in Beauvais Lake Provincial Park, except under special circumstances during certain times of the year. Please contact a conservation officer for more information.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times. Respect other trail users. Keep your dog away from trails, campsites and at least 70 m from water sources. Dig a hole 12 to 16 cm deep with a stick, the heel of your boot or a small trowel to reach the dark-coloured biologically active soil layer. Fill the hole with soil afterward—do not pack it down. Use as little toilet paper as possible. Pack out feminine hygiene products.

Respect all trail and area closures; closures are legally binding.

- Never forget that all park animals are wild and can become aggressive if they feel threatened.
- Large ungulates such as elk and moose can be unpredictable. Respect these animals and give them their distance.
- Keep your distance: 30m from most animals and at least 100m from carnivores such as bears, cougars, wolves.
- Make noise! Let bears know you’re in the area. Call out, clap hands, sing, talk loudly or shout. “Yo! Bear!” so that you don’t surprise them—especially near streams, dense vegetation and berry patches, on windy days, and in areas of low visibility. Some research shows that bear bells are not enough.
- Watch for fresh bear sign. Tracks, droppings, diggings, torn-up logs and turned-over rocks are all signs that a bear has been in the area. Leave the area if the signs are fresh.
- Use all of your senses. Often your own sense of smell or hearing is the first warning that there is wildlife in the area. The smell of an animal carcass or sounds in the bush may warn that a bear or other animal is in the area.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times or leave it at home. Dogs can provoke defensive behaviour in bears and other large animals.
- Larger size groups are less likely to have a serious bear encounter. We recommend hiking together in a group of four or more.
- Never feed small or young children under supervision.
- Never approach a bear.
- Use officially marked paths and trails and travel during daylight hours; avoid hiking at night.
- If you come across large dead animals, leave the area immediately and report it to a Conservation Officer.
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Trail Descriptions


Contact

Campsite and Group Camping Reservations
Web: reserve.albertaparks.ca
Toll Free: 1-877-357-2757

Park Information
Phone: (403) 627–1165

General Provincial Parks Information
Web: albertaparks.ca
Toll Free: 1-866-427–3582

Conservation Officer and Public Safety
Toll Free: 1-844-HELP-PARK (435-7778)

Fire Bans In Alberta
Web: albertafires.ca

Report A Forest Fire
Toll Free: 310-FIRE (3473)

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
Phone: 911

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PARK GUIDE

Garbage

- By law, you are responsible for everything you take into the backcountry and this includes garbage. Littering the backcountry is unlawful and hazardous. Animals may be injured by scavenging on garbage left lying around.
- Do not dispose of garbage in pit privies—it may attract animals.
- We appreciate your help in packing out any litter you find along the trail.

Collecting Natural or Cultural Objects

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Help Keep Wildlife Wild

- Take photos and enjoy wildlife from a distance; use binoculars and a zoom lens!

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While on the Trail

- Stay on trails. Shortcutting between trail switchbacks damages the soil and plant life. This ruins the look of an area and makes it vulnerable to further damage by erosion. Staying on the trail is even more important when soils are wet and more easily damaged.
- Use bridges whenever possible. Streams can be dangerous.
- Stay away from lakes and streams in the early fall and late spring.
- Do not litter. If you pack it in—pack it out.

Dogs

- Consider leaving your dog at home. Wild animals see dogs as either prey or predator. This can provoke confrontations with wildlife and affect your safety.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
- Respect other trail users. Keep your dog under control at all times and always clean up after it.

Human Waste

- Use the pit privies provided if possible.
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**Winter Use**

Beauvais Lake is a wonderful park for ice fishing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, winter birding and camping. There are usually a limited amount of campsites available to those who want to brave the cold; access cannot be guaranteed as we are not always able to clear the snow. Weather conditions are variable, so campers may need to be flexible with what recreation to expect in the winter. For information on winter camping, cross country ski and snowshoe trails, visit albertaparks.ca and type in Beauvais Lake Provincial Park.

**Education Programs**

For information on field studies, video conferencing and winter recreational programs, check albertaparks.ca and click on “Education” or call (403) 627-1152.