



Proposal to add lands to Wolf Lake West Provincial Recreation Area

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Wolf Lake West Provincial Recreation Area?

Wolf Lake West PRA is located 73 km south east of Edson, in west central Alberta and has 36 unserviced campsites. The site is used for camping, boating and fishing.

What is being proposed?

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation (TPR) is proposing to add approximately 132 hectares of public land to Wolf Lake West Provincial Recreation Area (PRA) near Edson.

Why is this proposal being put forward?

Due to an administrative error when the park was originally designated under the *Provincial Parks Act*, the southern campground loop is located outside of the PRA boundary. The expansion of the boundary would bring the existing south campground loop within the park, which would assist TPR's administration of the site and enforcement of *Provincial Parks Act* legislation. The expansion would also enable nearby trails, wetlands and shorelines to be included within the park boundary. The expanded area may be considered for future campground and recreational use expansion.

The proposed boundary amendment would expand the PRA to include approximately 132 hectares of adjacent public land. Much of this land is currently under protective notation (PNT). A protective notation is a reservation placed on a piece of land that allows the province to restrict certain land uses and to identify management guidelines in order to achieve conservation and recreation objectives.

The addition of land to Wolf Lake West PRA will protect a portion of the Lower Foothills Natural Sub-region, as well as a portion of the lakeside of Wolf Lake.

Will hunting and OHV use be allowed in the PRA?

Hunting and OHV use are currently not permitted in the PRA and will not be permitted in the expanded area as the expanded area would not be large enough to accommodate these activities.

Who will be responsible for managing the site?

Alberta Parks will continue to be responsible for management of the PRA.

What is the history of Wolf Lake West Provincial Recreation Area?

The park was designated under the *Provincial Parks Act* in 1996. Prior to being designated under the *Provincial Parks Act*, the site was a Forest Recreation Area managed by the Alberta Forest Service.

How does this proposal fit into Alberta's [Plan for Parks](#)?

As part of the *Plan for Parks*, TPR has committed to providing quality park experiences for Albertans. The expansion of Wolf Lake West PRA will help meet increased recreational demand, improve public safety, and improve site management efficiency. For more information on this proposed boundary change, please see the Proposal Map.

How can I comment on this proposal?

We want to hear your thoughts about this proposal. Send in your comments, suggestions and concerns by clicking on the online comment button below, sending an email to the address below, or you can mail in your feedback to the address below.

Comments on the proposed boundary amendments will be collected until September 9, 2014.

Online: [Online Form](#)

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What happens after the public input period ends?

A decision regarding the proposal will be made after the 60 day public comment period ends on September 9, 2014 and once all comments have been considered. A summary of public comments and the resulting proposed action(s) will be posted on www.albertaparks.ca/consult once a decision has been reached.

Who can I contact for further information on this proposal?

If you would like further information on the proposal to add lands to Wolf Lake West PRA please contact West Central Regional Planner Caroline Crell at (780) 960-8170 extension 227 or caroline.crell@gov.ab.ca .

