

Grasslands, coulees, and riparian areas meet in Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park, creating a great diversity of habitats for wildlife. At least 13 species of fish, 4 species of amphibians, 3 species of reptiles and 30 species of mammals can be found in the Park. Use this checklist to discover more about the many different animals that live in the park.



Boreal chorus frog



Coyote

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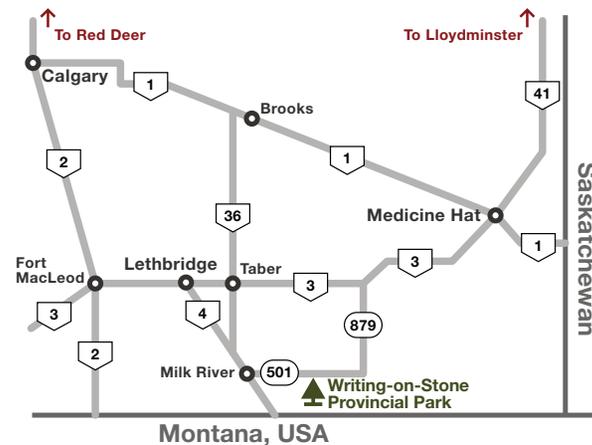
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# Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles & Mammals

## Writing-on-Stone/Áísínai'pi Provincial Park



Writing-on-Stone/Áísínai'pi  
 A UNESCO World Heritage Site



# Checklist

## Fish

Brassy Minnow <i>A minnow scarce elsewhere in Alberta</i>
Fathead Minnow
Finescale Dace
Flathead Chub
Lake Chub
Longnose Dace
Longnose Sucker
Mountain Sucker
Northern Pike <i>Introduced to the Milk River</i>
Rocky Mountain Sculpin
Sauger <i>The provincial record Sauger was caught in the Milk River</i>
Stonecat <i>The catfish is not found in any other river in Alberta</i>
Western Silvery Minnow <i>Not found anywhere else in Alberta</i>
White Sucker

## Amphibians

Barred Tiger Salamander
Boreal Chorus Frog
Canadian Toad
Northern Leopard Frog <i>Once widespread in Alberta, but now found only along the Milk River and at a few other locations</i>
Plains Spadefoot Toad <i>Breeds only in wet years, using temporary, uncultivated prairie sloughs</i>

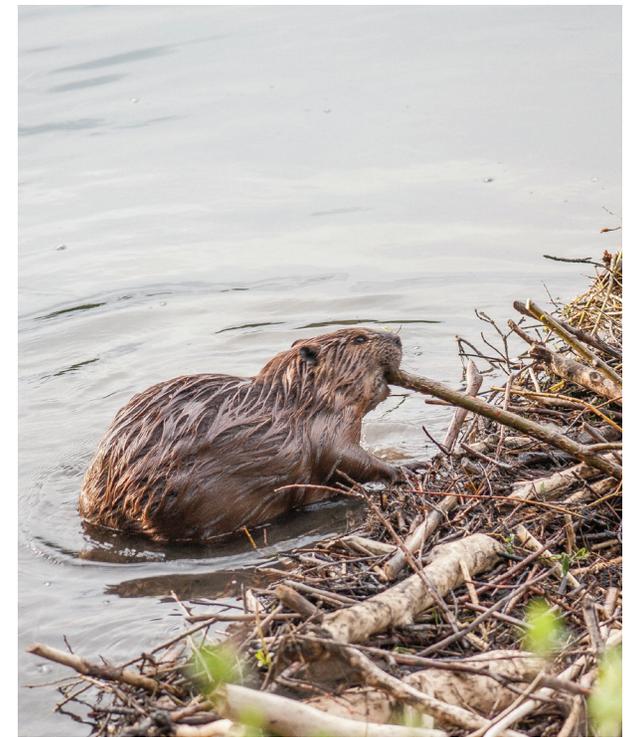
## Reptiles

Bull Snake <i>A large, colorful, non-venomous snake with a limited range in Alberta</i>
Mountain Short-horned Lizard <i>The northwestern range of this iguanid seems to end just a few km east of the park</i>
Plains Garter Snake
Prairie Rattlesnake <i>Although common, this snake poses little threat to park visitors</i>
Wandering Garter Snake

## Mammals

Dusky Shrew
Masked Shrew
Moose
Prairie Shrew
Big Brown Bat
Hoary Bat

Little Brown Myotis Bat <i>This bat is often seen at dusk, swooping above campsites while catching insects</i>
Long-eared Myotis Bat
Long-legged Myotis Bat
Silver-haired Bat
Western Small-footed Myotis Bat <i>Scarce elsewhere in Alberta</i>
Nuttall's Cottontail <i>This rabbit thrives in the campground area where it is protected from predators</i>
White-tailed Prairie Hare <i>Commonly known as the Jack Rabbit</i>
Beaver
Bushy-tailed Wood Rat <i>Canada's only true rat, and more typical of mountainous regions, the nocturnal "pack rat" lives in caves and crevices in the sandstone</i>
House Mouse
Long-tailed Vole
Meadow Vole <i>Better known as the Field Mouse</i>
Muskrat
Northern Grasshopper Mouse
Northern Pocket Gopher
Olive-backed Pocket Mouse
Porcupine
Richardson's Ground Squirrel <i>Commonly called Gophers, these little creatures are seldom seen these days in the park, probably due to the protected healthy populations of snakes and birds of prey</i>
Sagebrush Vole



North American beaver

Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel
Western Harvest Mouse
Western Jumping Mouse
Yellow-bellied Marmot <i>Their main habitat in Alberta is rock outcrops in the Milk River ridge area, along the coulees and the Milk river</i>
Coyote <i>Although often heard howling at night, the coyote is rarely seen in the park</i>
Gray Wolf
Red Fox <i>Fairly common in the surrounding area</i>
Swift Fox <i>Recently reintroduced to the area, this rare, tiny fox has not yet returned to the park</i>
Plains Grizzly Bear

Raccoon <i>Tracks of this nocturnal animal are often seen in the mud along the river</i>
Badger
Least Weasel
Long-tailed Weasel
Mink
Striped Skunk
Bobcat
Mountain Lion (Cougar)
Elk (Wapiti) <i>Once common throughout the prairies, elk occasionally visit the park from the Sweetgrass Hills</i>
Mule Deer <i>The most common large mammal in the park, with as many as 200 resident here</i>
White-tailed Deer
Pronghorn <i>Not a true antelope, the Pronghorn is the fastest land animal in North America</i>



Prairie rattlesnake