Welcome to the Castle Parks

With more than 105,000 hectares, the Castle Provincial Park and Wildland Provincial Park protect vital habitat for more than 200 rare species. The parks border Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park World Heritage Site to the south, the Crowsnest Pass to the north, the Waterton Biosphere Reserve to the east, and British Columbia’s Flathead and Eastern Van Rush to the west. The Castle Parks are a part of the Crown of the Continent ecosystem, an international region with dramatic landscapes and important wildlife corridors.

Know Before You Go

Stay safe in the Castle Parks. Please review the differences between a Provincial Park and a Wildland Provincial Park designations by visiting albertaparks.ca. Conservation Officers enforce the regulations under the Provincial Parks Act to protect the park and support the safety and enjoyment of its users.

Please remember:
- Before your visit, check albertaparks.ca and castle.albertaparks.ca
- Stay on the designated trails and respect other users in the area
- Leave no trace of your visit and dispose of your trash in marked bins
- Do not put any foreign materials into any watercourses (e.g., fuel, soap, body waste, grey water)
- Do not cut, remove or damage trees or any other vegetation unless you have a permit
- Read and follow signs and notices

Safety and Emergency Communication

Plan ahead. There is limited to no cell reception in most of the Castle Parks.

Please remember:
- When traveling in the backcountry, bring appropriate equipment, emergency provisions and review safety information
- Provide family or friends with your detailed trip plans
- Keep water and food supplies well-hydrated and balanced
- Have emergency supplies well-packed and easily accessible

Visitor Information and Services

The Castle Parks offer a wide variety of front country and backcountry experiences. Please see trailhead maps for detailed information on the places to go and permitted uses.

Hiking Trails

Discover nesting sites and scenic landscapes by hiking the trails throughout the Castle Parks. Be aware that some trails may be closed for improvements or reclamation work and that natural hazards may impact trail experiences.

Camping

The Castles Parks offer more than 200 campgrounds in four campgrounds, comfort cabins, two group camps, and designated camping areas in the backcountry.

Camping is in designated campgrounds in the Castle Provincial Park and requires a permit. The maximum stay is any one campground is 16 consecutive nights with a daily checkpointing required. You are expected to bring your own water. The water available in the Castle Provincial Parks is not potable; do not use this water for drinking, cooking or washing. Bring your own portable toilet and potable water.

Legal notice: It is your responsibility to review the permit conditions before heading into the park to hunt.

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