**WILDLIFE VIEWING**

Wildlife viewing and photography comes with responsibilities. The most important is respect to all wildlife.

Viewing Distances. Stay back at least:

- 100 metres from bears
- 50 metres from all other large species
- 200 metres from coyote, fox or wolf dens

These are the minimum distances from wildlife that are applicable in most cases.

However, it is up to each person observing wildlife to watch for defensive warning signals from wildlife, pull back further or leave the area. If you cause an animal to move, you are too close.

- Bears make a “woofing” noise, growl and pop their jaws or seat the ground.
- Bull elk and moose put their heads down and stare directly at you.
- Cow elk flatten their ears, stare directly at you and raise their rump hair.
- Even agitated deer can be dangerous and cause injuries to people.

These guidelines will cause the least impact on wildlife, ensuring they remain safe and wild.

Traffic congestion around wildlife sometimes results in motor vehicle accidents. Drive carefully and be observant of other drivers.

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**FIRE BANS**

Campers and other outdoor enthusiasts should be aware that when the fire hazard is extreme, or when a fire situation is serious enough that it poses a danger to the public, travel restrictions and/or fire bans may be implemented.

Restrictions are announced through various news media in the province and online at [www.AlbertaFireBans.ca](http://www.AlbertaFireBans.ca).

Fire bans prohibit the lighting of all wood, briquette and propane/natural gas fires. Depending on the severity of the fire hazard, a fire ban may include fires contained in fire facilities in designated camping and recreation areas. Citronella candles and torches may also be prohibited during a fire ban.

Gas and liquid-fuelled cooking stoves are normally permitted during fire bans for cooking purposes only.

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**Unmaintained Trail**

**Trans-Canada Trail**

**National Hiking Trail**

**Hiking Trail**

**Biking, Hiking Trail**

**Horseback Riding, Biking, Hiking Trail**

**Biking, Hiking Trail (Barrier Free)**

**Unpaved Road/Highway**

**Paved Road/Highway**

**Provincial Park/ Protected Area Boundary**

**Contour Lines**

**50 m**

**Day Use Area**

**Vehicle Access Area**

**Camping**

**Backcountry Camping**

**Group Camping**

**Road Closure**

**Barrier-free Access**

**Parking Lot**

**Canoe Launch**

**Interpretive Trail**

**National Hiking Trail**

**Emergency Centre**

**Lodging**

**Hostel**

**Kiosk**

**Washrooms**

**Prodium**

**Information Kiosk**

**Picnic Shelter**

**Playground**

**Self Registration**

**Dump Station**

**Windy Point**

**Open meadows near Threepoint Mountain/Gorge Creek junction. Descending along creek, there are excellent views of Volcanic Ridge. Access: Threepoint Creek, Gorge Creek or Volcanic Creek Trails. 4 km one-way, 125 m/408 ft.**

**Sheep River**

**Runs from one end of the Sheep Valley to the other. Segments of the trail are used in combination with other trails. Access: Sandy McNabb, Sandy Point, Indian Oils, Sheep Falls day use areas. 45 km one-way, 220 m/720 ft.**

**Sandy McNabb Campground**

**Day Use Area**

**Meadow**

**Windy Point**

**BLUEROCK CREEK**

A strenuous hike with excellent scenery. Bench at the height of land (4.5 km from trailhead) has great views of Bluercok valley. Access: Junction Creek parking lot. 9 km one-way, 260 m/860 ft.

**BLUEROCK INTERPRETIVE**

Views of mountains, river valleys, impressive creek campans, water erosion and rock formations, as well as the remains of a sawmill. Access: Hwy. #546 at Bluercok Creek or west end of Bluercok Campground. 2 km one-way. Horses and bikes are not permitted.

**CAT CREEK INTERPRETIVE**

A short, easy hike with signs describing the natural history of the area. The trail ends at a beautiful 6 metre waterfall. Horses and bikes are not permitted.

**DEATH VALLEY**

Easy, scenic foothills trail. Often combined with Windy Point, Foran Grade and Sheep Trails (for 16 km total). Also connects with Water Creek and 9999. 12.5 km one-way, 220 m/720 ft.

**FORAN GRADE**

Best hiked from east to west, this ridge climb has excellent views of the Sheep Valley and Windy Point. An easy 8 km loop by descending Windy Point and returning to trailhead via Sheep. Access: Foran Grade parking lot east of Sheep Wildlife Sanctuary. 4 km one-way, 240 m/800 ft.

**GORGE CREEK**

A scenic trail along Gorge Creek with difficult sections west of Bluercok Creek. Combine with Volcanic Ridge and Volcanic Creek for 23 km loop, or with Bluercok and Indian Oils. 23 km. Access: Gorge Creek parking lot. 11.5 km one-way, 410 m/1350 ft.

**GORGE LINK (GORGE/WARE CONNECTOR)**

Mostly treed. Crosses several creeks. A popular 10 km loop combines Gorge Link (Gorge/Ware Connector) and Volcanic Ridge. Access: Volcanic Ridge parking lot. 4.5 km one-way, 85 m/275 ft.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN**

A gently rolling trail over a low pass. Wildflower meadows near east end. Access: 0.5 km past junction of Junction Mountain and Sheep Trails. 3.5 km one-way, 260 m/860 ft.

**INDIAN OILS**

Pleasant, but strenuous hike with excellent views. Combine with Gorge Creek and South Gorge Creek for 18 km loop. Access: Indian Oils, or Sheep Falls day use areas. 8.5 km one-way, 405 m/1300 ft.

**JUNCTION CREEK INTERPRETIVE**

A pleasant stroll with nice views of the Sheep River gorge and up Junction Creek. Signs describe area’s natural and cultural history. Access: Junction Creek parking lot. 1.2 km loop, 213 m/700 ft. Horses and bikes are not permitted.

**JUNCTION MOUNTAIN**

A scenic trail following the Sheep River. Angling opportunities. Signs describe the river environment. Access: 3.4 km up Sheep from Indian Oils day use area. 17.8 km one-way, 790 m/2600 ft.

**MIST CREEK**

A steep, mostly forested trail crossing creeks to a scenic view at Rickett’s Park. Hwy. #40 can be reached by continuing south. Access: 8 km up Sheep, west of Junction Creek day use area. 2.3 km one-way, 1556 m/5100 ft.

**PRICE CAMP**

Extremely boggy in wet years. Mostly forested. Access: Junction with Sheep, west or south of Sandy McNabb. 5.3 km one-way, 45 m/140 ft.

**SANDY McNABB INTERPRETIVE**

A pleasant walk through mixed forest and meadow with viewpoints over the Sheep River valley. Access: Sandy McNabb Interpretive Trail parking lot. 1.7 km loop. Horses and bikes are not permitted.

**SHEEP**

Runs from one end of the Sheep Valley to the other. Segments of the trail are used in combination with other trails. Access: Sandy McNabb, Sandy Point, Indian Oils, Sheep Falls or Junction Creek day use areas. 45 km one-way, 720 m/2400 ft.

**SOUTH GORGE CREEK**

Primarily used by equine users as part of a loop. Mostly forest; wet sections. Great flowers. Access: Gorge Creek, or Indian Oils Trails. 5 km one-way, 270 m/890 ft.

**VOLCANO CREEK**

Open meadows near Threepoint Mountain/Gorge Creek junction. Descending along creek, there are excellent views of Volcanic Ridge. Access: Threepoint Creek, Gorge Creek or Volcanic Creek Trails. 4 km one-way, 125 m/408 ft.

**WINDY POINT**

Winds through mixed woods and meadows from the junction with Death Valley to Foran Grade. A drop through meadows with views to the Sheep Trail. Access: Windy Point trailhead parking lot, or Foran Grade or Death Valley. 6 km one-way, 200 m/660 ft.