

# Deregulation fact sheet

## Little Smoky River Provincial Recreation Area

Little Smoky River Provincial Recreation Area (PRA) is a former highway wayside site. Highway waysides were originally intended as resting places for travelers and were established by Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors. Over time, they were replaced with modern amenity stations along provincial highways, and former waysides were then transferred to Forestry and Parks and established as PRAs in the 1990s.

Little Smoky River PRA has been closed to the public since 2003. All facilities have been removed and the site has been reclaimed. Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors is currently using this site and adjacent areas for staging and storage related to road works and construction. Public access is not available.

**Location:** Little Smoky River PRA is located west of High Prairie on Highway 49.

**Size:** 2.1 hectares or about two soccer fields.

### Why is it being deregulated?

Deregulation is a final administrative step of the former permanent closure and decommissioning of this site.

Deregulation means that Little Smoky River's provincial recreation area designation has been rescinded, and it will no longer be managed under the *Provincial Parks Act*. These lands will be managed as public lands under the *Public Lands Act*.

### How will recreation be supported in this area?

Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors will continue to use this site for staging and material storage for road and infrastructure projects, and public access is not available at this time.

Local residents and visitors will continue to enjoy quality recreation experiences at other parks – including the larger [Winagami Lake Provincial Park](#) and [Young's Point Provincial Park](#).

