

Deregulation fact sheet

Big Elbow Provincial Recreation Area

Deregulation of Big Elbow Provincial Recreation Area (PRA) resolves an administrative oversight, as the site overlaps entirely with Don Getty Wildland Provincial Park. The overlap creates confusion for visitors, and deregulation of Big Elbow PRA helps to ensure a clear and understandable parks system.

The decision to deregulate Big Elbow PRA was made through the approved [South Saskatchewan Regional Plan](#), which underwent public, stakeholder and Indigenous consultation.

Location: Big Elbow PRA is located southwest of Calgary in Kananaskis, and approximately 30 kilometres southwest of Bragg Creek along the Elbow River.

Size: n/a – this deregulation does not remove land from the provincial parks system.

What does deregulation mean?

Deregulation is the final step to resolve a previous administrative oversight. Deregulation means that Big Elbow's provincial recreation area designation has been rescinded, however the land will continue to be protected and managed under the *Provincial Parks Act* as part of Don Getty Wildland Provincial Park.

How will this area continue to enable public recreation?

The former recreation area will continue to support public recreation, including at the site's Big Elbow backcountry campground, as part of Don Getty Wildland Provincial Park. The area supports activities such as hiking, cycling, and hunting.

