

Deregulation fact sheet

Fir Creek Provincial Recreation Area

Fir Creek Provincial Recreation Area (PRA) is a former recreation site that was closed to the public after it was destroyed during a 1995 flood. All facilities were removed, and the site reclaimed. The decision to deregulate Fir Creek PRA was made through the approved [South Saskatchewan Regional Plan](#), which underwent public, stakeholder and Indigenous consultation.

Location: Fir Creek PRA is located southwest of Diamond Valley in Kananaskis, and is accessed from Highway 541 near the Highwood Junction.

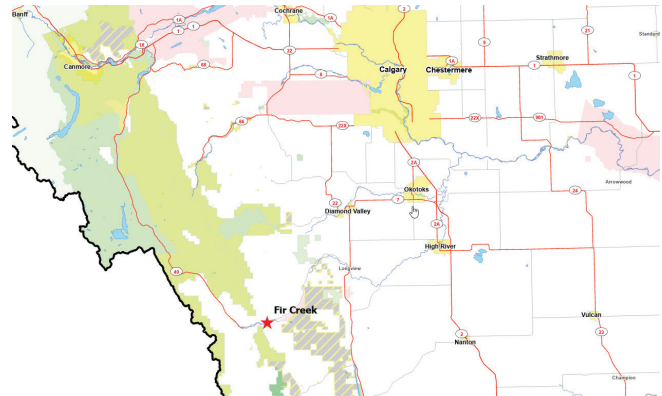
Size: 6.7 hectares or about seven soccer fields.



Why is it being deregulated?

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

Deregulation means that Fir Creek's provincial recreation designation has been rescinded, and it will no longer be managed under the *Provincial Parks Act*.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* as part of the surrounding Kananaskis Public Land Use Zone (PLUZ). This designation provides better tools to support self-directed, rustic recreation and random camping.



How will recreation be supported in this area?

The former Fir Creek site will now enable public recreation as part of the [Kananaskis PLUZ](#). This PLUZ provides a network of trails for hiking, equestrian use and cross-country skiing. Random camping is permitted, and the Kananaskis Conservation Pass is in effect for this area.