

# Deregulation fact sheet

## Muriel Lake Provincial Recreation Area

Muriel Lake 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.

Muriel Lake PRA has been closed to the public since 2000. The former lakeside site became non-functional due to receding lake levels, and facilities were removed in 2005. This site underwent further remediation in 2015 and remains closed to public use.

**Location:** Muriel Lake PRA is located approximately 15 kilometres directly south of Bonnyville.

**Size:** 8.4 hectares or about eight 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Deregulation means that Muriel Lake's provincial recreation area designation has been rescinded, and it will no longer be managed under the *Provincial Parks Act*.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?

Local residents and visitors will continue to enjoy quality recreation experiences at other parks – including the larger [Moose Lake Provincial Park](#) and [Whitney Lakes Provincial Park](#).

