Contact

For more information, call Alberta Parks at 1-877-537-2757 or visit our website at albertaparks.ca.

To report illegal activity, threats to public or personal safety, serious noise complaints or dangerous wildlife encounters, phone 310-LAND (5263).

For all emergencies, call 911.

Yurts at Pigeon Lake Provincial Park

Cover Photo: Lawrence Lake Provincial Recreation Area
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Firearms and Hunting

- Hunting and the carrying and discharging of firearms are not permitted in most provincial parks and recreation areas.
- Hunting is permitted in wildland parks and there are limited hunting seasons in some provincial parks and recreation areas. For information on hunting in these locations, visit albertaparks.ca/hunting.
- Check albertaparks.ca/hunting regarding dressing game in provincial parks and recreation areas.

Horses

The use of horses and pack animals is limited to designated areas and trails. To find out which provincial parks and recreation areas provide equestrian facilities visit albertaparks.ca/searchactivity.

Pets

- To protect your pet, wildlife and other visitors, you must keep your pet on a leash, during your visit and while using trails. Leashes must be no more than 2 meters in length. For more details, check albertaparks.ca/dogs.
- With the exception of certified partner dogs accompanying people with disabilities, pets are not allowed in public beaches, in public swimming areas and in public buildings.
- **Please pick up after your pet.**
- Be considerate of other visitors – please ensure that your dog does not bark excessively.

Obey All Regulations

Failing to follow regulations in provincial parks and recreation areas may result in eviction, a fine or imprisonment.

Crime Prevention

Alberta Parks experiences very little serious crime in our parks and recreation areas. With your cooperation we can keep it this way:

- Ensure that your camping gear and valuables are securely stored and locked up when you are away from your site.
- To deter thieves, mark your camping gear and valuables.
- Report acts of vandalism to a conservation officer or police.
- Be a good neighbour – help protect one another's property.

UAV/Drones/RPAS

Recreational use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) otherwise known as drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are not allowed in the provincial parks system.

Conservation Officers

Conservation officers are peace officers in the Province of Alberta. They are responsible for ensuring compliance with regulations and they work with local authorities to ensure that your visit is pleasant and safe.

Please contact 310-LAND (5263) for dangerous wildlife encounters, threats to personal or public safety or serious noise complaints. If you have questions or experience difficulties during your stay, speak to park staff.

Waterfall – Ram Falls Provincial Park

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This is a general guide to some of the regulations under the *Provincial Parks Act* and a variety of other provincial and federal legislation that applies to recreational activities in provincial parks and recreation areas. It is subject to change without notice. To view the *Provincial Parks Act* and the complete regulations, visit the Alberta King's Printer web site at alberta.ca/laws-online-catalogue.aspx (catalogue search key word "Provincial Parks Act").

Camping

- **Checkout time is 2:00 p.m.** at individual campsites, group camping areas and backcountry campsites, and **12:00 p.m.** at most comfort camping sites.
- The stay limit in provincial campgrounds is 16 consecutive nights. Only 10 consecutive nights can be reserved so multiple reservations must be made.
- Camping fees are payable when the permit is issued. Camping permits are non-transferable.
- You must occupy the campsite designated by your camping permit with your camping accommodation unit (e.g., tent, trailer, RV). If an accommodation unit is not present, the campsite may be re-assigned.
- The maximum number of camping accommodation units, motor vehicles, and towed equipment permitted on a campsite is three, of which only two may be used as sleeping quarters (accommodation units), except when two tents are used as accommodation units, two motor vehicles, or one motor vehicle and one piece of towed equipment are permitted on the campsite if it is large enough.
- The camping fee is charged for each accommodation unit on a campsite, unless one or both of the accommodation units on a campsite are tents.
- No more than six people may occupy a campsite unless they are all members of the same single family unit.
- Camping permit holders are responsible for the actions of all camping party members and any visitors to their campsite.
- Liquid and solid waste must be disposed of in provided receptacles. In areas of provincial parks and recreation areas where waste receptacles are not provided, or if bins are overflowing, waste must be carried out of the area for disposal.
- Please refrain from cleaning and bathing near water fountains, taps, wells and water bodies/wetlands.
- Help everyone enjoy the peace and tranquility of our parks. Avoid excessive noise. Loud partying, stereos at high volume and other rowdy behavior are not tolerated at any time.
- Exercise consideration by minimizing generator use and noise from electronic devices throughout the day, especially at night. Obey park quiet hours from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Fuel generator use is permitted only between the hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at select campgrounds. Learn more: albertaparks.ca/generators.
- **Individual campground restrictions may be in effect. Call the campground prior to your arrival for the most current information.**

Camping by the fire – Cypress Hills Provincial Park

Day Use

- Day use areas in provincial parks and recreation areas are open to the public from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Fire Prevention

- Campfires permitted only in facilities provided.
- **Never leave your campfire unattended.**
- Make sure your campfire is completely out before you leave your campsite.
- When the fire hazard is extreme, fire bans and/or travel restrictions may be implemented.
- Visit albertaparks.ca/firebans for current restrictions and bans within the park system.
- Campgrounds may be closed if an extreme fire hazard in the vicinity threatens public safety.
- If you see a wildfire in a forested area, report it immediately to **310-FIRE (3473)**.

Motor Vehicles

- Please drive cautiously and obey all speed limits – children may be playing in the area and campground roads are often used as pathways.
- To prevent damage to trees and other vegetation, please keep all vehicles on designated roadways.
- Limited use of off-highway vehicles (OHV) may be permitted in some Alberta Parks' sites. Where it is allowed, riders must stay on designated OHV trails and obey all signs. Details on responsible OHV use and where OHVs are permitted is found on albertaparks.ca/searchactivity.

Fireworks

- Use of fireworks is prohibited in all areas of the provincial parks system.

Liquor and Cannabis

- Consumption of liquor is permitted in registered campsites, and some specifically designated provincial day use area picnic sites from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Learn more: albertaparks.ca/liquor
- Liquor may be allowed with special event permits when an AGLC liquor license is in place.

Fishing in Kananaskis

- Liquor is prohibited in public areas including:
  - on roads, trails and walking paths;
  - on public beaches;
  - in washrooms and shower buildings;
  - in cook shelters; and
  - in boats.
- With the exception of comfort camping sites, adult visitors in Alberta Parks may consume cannabis in their registered campsites, (including in RVs being used as a temporary residence in a registered campsite).
- Adult visitors may consume cannabis in public areas where tobacco is permitted.
- Cannabis is not allowed in motorized vehicles (i.e. cars, trucks, SUVs and vans).
- Tobacco and cannabis smoking and vaping are prohibited within 5 meters of playgrounds, sports or playing fields (e.g. bike skills parks), outdoor theatres (e.g. outdoor public education amphitheatres) and outdoor pools or splash pads (e.g. Sikome Aquatic Facility).

Boating

- For the protection of swimmers and boaters, please obey all signs at boat launches and on lakes.
- Boats used on any water body must conform with the *Canada Shipping Act* and regulations. To obtain information on boating regulations and general boating safety contact Transport Canada at 1-800-267-6687 or visit Transport Canada's marine transportation web site at https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation.

Fishing

- If you are an Alberta resident between the ages of 16 and 65, you must obtain an Alberta angling licence.
- Non-residents must obtain an Alberta angling licence regardless of age.
- Refer to the annual "Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations" for seasons and catch limits. The guide is available in print and at albertaregulations.ca/fishingregs.

Wildlife

- For your safety and to protect wildlife, do not approach, feed or harass wild animals – these actions may cause a wild animal to feel threatened. A threatened wild animal can pose a danger to humans and/or their pets. **It is illegal to feed wildlife in provincial parks and recreation areas.**
- Store food (including pet food) and toiletry articles such as soap and toothpaste in the trunk of your vehicle. Never take these items into your tent or tent trailer. Seal garbage in plastic bags and use bear-proof bins to dispose of garbage.

Plants and Fossils

- To protect the natural beauty of our parks and recreation areas, it is illegal to remove, deface, injure or destroy plants, fossils and rocks. Use of dead wood lying on the ground for firewood is also prohibited.
- Picking wild fruits and mushrooms *may* be permitted *if* you have verbal approval from a conservation officer.

Scaphopod and snail fossils