

Optimizing Alberta Parks

Summary Table

	Category	#	Area (ha)	% of Current Park System
Partial/Full Site Closures	2020 Full Park Closure (entire site will be closed to public access)	11	4,490	n/a
	2020 Partial Closure (remaining park areas will be open to public access, but un-serviced)	9	n/a	n/a
	Partial/Full Site Closures Subtotal	20	4,490	n/a
Proposed Sites for partnership(s)	Remove from Park System – Designated Sites Subtotal	164	11,605	0.3%

Partial/Full Site Closures

Partial/full closures support cost savings of \$5 million identified under Budget 2020.

Site Name – Facility	Type of Closure	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Bow Valley Provincial Park - Barrier Lake Visitor Information Centre	Partial Closure - Facility	n/a	n/a
Gooseberry Provincial Recreation Area - Elbow Valley Visitor Centre	Partial Closure - Facility	n/a	n/a
Kehiwin Provincial Recreation Area	Full Closure	4.41	overnight
Dinosaur Provincial Park – Comfort Camping	Partial Closure - Facility	n/a	overnight
Running Lake Provincial Recreation Area	Full Closure	106.70	overnight
Stoney Lake Provincial Recreation Area	Full Closure	173.98	overnight

Site Name – Facility	Type of Closure	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Sulphur Lake Provincial Recreation Area	Full Closure	151.12	overnight
Gooseberry Provincial Park Lake	Partial Closure - Campground	n/a	overnight + group use
Little Fish Lake Provincial Park	Full Closure	61.19	overnight
Crow Lake Provincial Park	Full Closure	786.27	day use
Engstrom Lake Provincial Recreation Area	Partial Closure - Campground	58.34	overnight
Chain Lakes Provincial Recreation Area	Partial Closure - Campground	n/a	overnight
Lawrence Lake Provincial Recreation Area	Partial Closure - Campground	n/a	overnight
Bleriot Ferry Provincial Recreation Area	Full Closure	1.89	overnight
Dry Island Buffalo Jump Provincial Park - Tolman Bridge Campgrounds (East and West)	Partial Closure - Campground	n/a	overnight + group use
Greene Valley Provincial Park	Full Closure	3,131.31	day use
Notikewin Provincial Park	Partial Closure - Campground	n/a	overnight
Twin Lakes Provincial Recreation Area	Full Closure	4.97	day use
Sheep Creek Provincial Recreation Area	Full Closure	10.48	overnight
Smoky River South Provincial Recreation Area	Partial Closure - Campground	n/a	overnight
Total Sites: 20	4,490 ha		

Sites Proposed for Partnership(s)

Sites proposed to be removed from the parks system are very small and under-utilized Provincial Recreation Areas and would be available for partnership opportunities or alternative management approaches.

Site Name (Remove from the System)	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Chisholm Provincial Recreation Area	1.64	previously closed
Chrystina Lake Provincial Recreation Area	26.85	overnight
Edith Lake Provincial Recreation Area	4.93	day use
Freeman River Provincial Recreation Area	9.84	overnight
Mallaig Provincial Recreation Area	2.26	overnight
Newbrook Provincial Recreation Area	1.98	previously closed
Trapper Lea's Cabin Provincial Recreation Area	7.43	overnight
Big Elbow Provincial Recreation Area ¹	6.38	overnight
Burnt Timber Provincial Recreation Area	32.94	overnight
Cat Creek Provincial Recreation Area	10.28	day use
Cataract Creek Provincial Recreation Area	53.21	overnight
Crane Meadow Provincial Recreation Area	3.98	previously closed
Dawson Provincial Recreation Area	2.36	overnight
Etherington Creek Provincial Recreation Area	45.99	overnight + group use
Eyrie Gap Provincial Recreation Area	3.94	previously closed
Fallen Timber South Provincial Recreation Area	50.02	overnight
Fir Creek Provincial Recreation Area	6.64	previously closed
Fisher Creek Provincial Recreation Area	10.65	overnight

¹ The deregulation of Big Elbow PRA is administrative only with no public impact, as the site designation overlaps with Don Getty Wildland Provincial Park. If deregulated, Big Elbow PRA's backcountry campground would remain open, and be integrated and managed as part of Don Getty Wildland Provincial Park.

Site Name (Remove from the System)	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Fitzsimmons Creek Provincial Recreation Area	1.94	day use
Ghost Airstrip Provincial Recreation Area	162.32	overnight + group use
Ghost Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	23.97	overnight
Highwood Compound Provincial Recreation Area	10.85	previously closed
Highwood Junction Provincial Recreation Area	5.81	day use
Highwood Provincial Recreation Area	30.50	day use
Indian Graves Provincial Recreation Area	14.62	overnight
Jumpingpound Creek Provincial Recreation Area	12.59	previously closed
Lantern Creek Provincial Recreation Area	11.39	day use
Lineham Provincial Recreation Area	7.16	day use
Lusk Creek Provincial Recreation Area	13.74	day use
Mesa Butte Provincial Recreation Area	9.64	overnight + group use
Mist Creek Provincial Recreation Area	15.70	day use
Moose Mountain Trailhead Provincial Recreation Area	15.34	day use
North Fork Provincial Recreation Area	16.55	overnight
Old Baldy Pass Trail Provincial Recreation Area	28.35	day use
Picklejar Provincial Recreation Area	8.21	previously closed
Pine Grove Provincial Recreation Area	27.32	group use
Pinetop Provincial Recreation Area	4.92	day use
Sentinel Provincial Recreation Area	14.72	day use
Sibbald Lake Provincial Recreation Area	72.51	overnight

Site Name (Remove from the System)	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Sibbald Meadows Pond Provincial Recreation Area	9.95	day use
Sibbald Viewpoint Provincial Recreation Area	7.68	day use
South Ghost Provincial Recreation Area	6.62	day use
Stoney Creek Provincial Recreation Area	12.96	group use
Strawberry Provincial Recreation Area	46.47	overnight
Trout Pond Provincial Recreation Area	3.22	day use
Waiparous Creek Group Camp Provincial Recreation Area	17.43	group use
Waiparous Creek Provincial Recreation Area	102.26	overnight
Waiparous Valley Viewpoint Provincial Recreation Area	2.90	day use
Ware Creek Provincial Recreation Area	3.67	day use
Wildcat Island Natural Area	7.89	day use
Wildhorse Provincial Recreation Area	15.97	previously closed
Wolf Creek Provincial Recreation Area	3.42	previously closed
Kehiwin Provincial Recreation Area	4.41	overnight
Muriel Lake Provincial Recreation Area	8.39	previously closed
Wolf Lake Provincial Recreation Area	43.52	overnight
Kinbrook Island Provincial Park	539.90	overnight + group use
Tillebrook Provincial Park	139.16	overnight
Jensen Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	9.19	day use
Little Bow Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	70.38	overnight
Park Lake Provincial Park	223.93	overnight

Site Name (Remove from the System)	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Travers Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	1.28	overnight
Iosegun Lake Provincial Recreation Area	115.87	overnight + group use
Little Smoky River Provincial Recreation Area	2.11	previously closed
Pines Provincial Recreation Area	18.80	previously closed
Simonette River Provincial Recreation Area	54.31	overnight
Smoke Lake Provincial Recreation Area	102.65	overnight
Williamson Provincial Park	17.35	overnight
Bullshead Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	4.40	day use
Michelle Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	9.06	day use
Brazeau Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	144.77	overnight + group use
Clifford E. Lee Natural Area	11.33	day use
Buffalo Lake Provincial Recreation Area	2.38	overnight
Gooseberry Lake Provincial Park	51.79	overnight + group use
Little Fish Lake Provincial Park	61.19	overnight
Rochon Sands Provincial Park	119.49	overnight + group use
Engstrom Lake Provincial Recreation Area	58.34	day use
North Bruderheim Provincial Recreation Area	442.71	day use
Northwest of Bruderheim Natural Area	259.41	day use
Big Mountain Creek Provincial Recreation Area	12.54	group use
Demmitt Provincial Recreation Area	1.98	overnight
Kakwa River Provincial Recreation Area	7.23	overnight

Site Name (Remove from the System)	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
O'Brien Provincial Park	65.22	day use
Shuttler Flats Provincial Recreation Area	13.17	group use
Southview Provincial Recreation Area	2.60	day use
Sheep Creek Natural Area	4.78	day use
Highwood River Natural Area	9.79	day use
Red Lodge Provincial Park	129.08	overnight + group use
Gunn Provincial Recreation Area	1.41	previously closed
Paddle River Dam Provincial Recreation Area	69.88	day use
J.J. Collett Natural Area	257.00	day use
The Narrows Provincial Recreation Area	24.04	overnight
Chain Lakes Provincial Recreation Area	23.68	overnight
Fawcett Lake Provincial Recreation Area	47.83	overnight + group use
Heart River Dam Provincial Recreation Area	17.61	overnight
Dutch Creek Provincial Recreation Area	15.99	overnight
Greenford Provincial Recreation Area	1.59	overnight
Honeymoon Creek Provincial Recreation Area	7.44	group use
Island Lake Provincial Recreation Area	2.57	overnight
Livingstone Falls Provincial Recreation Area	23.74	overnight
Lundbreck Falls Provincial Recreation Area	9.25	overnight
Maycroft Provincial Recreation Area	5.99	overnight
Oldman Dam Provincial Recreation Area	4,845.63	overnight + group use

Site Name (Remove from the System)	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Oldman River North Provincial Recreation Area	39.49	overnight + group use
Oldman River Provincial Recreation Area	2.42	overnight
Racehorse Provincial Recreation Area	14.23	overnight
Waterton Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	22.36	overnight
Coal Lake North Provincial Recreation Area	5.88	day use
Riverlot 56 Natural Area	108.65	day use
Bigelow Reservoir Provincial Recreation Area	12.17	day use
Bleriot Ferry Provincial Recreation Area	1.89	overnight
Buffalo Tower Provincial Recreation Area	19.76	day use
Fort Vermilion Provincial Recreation Area	5.03	overnight
Peace River Provincial Recreation Area	5.28	Previously closed
Rainbow Lake Provincial Recreation Area	25.40	overnight
Twin Lakes Provincial Recreation Area	4.97	overnight
Aylmer Provincial Recreation Area	7.35	overnight
Beaverdam Provincial Recreation Area	110.36	overnight
Brown Creek Provincial Recreation Area	3.42	overnight
Cartier Creek Provincial Recreation Area	44.45	overnight + group use
Chambers Creek Group Camp Provincial Recreation Area	74.00	group use
Chambers Creek Provincial Recreation Area	38.54	overnight
Cow Lake Natural Area	391.66	day use
Deer Creek Provincial Recreation Area	4.50	group use

Site Name (Remove from the System)	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Dry Haven Provincial Recreation Area	2.26	overnight
Elk Creek Fish Pond Provincial Recreation Area	8.44	overnight
Elk Creek Provincial Recreation Area	16.35	day use
Fallen Timber Provincial Recreation Area	2.64	overnight
Harlech Provincial Recreation Area	13.81	overnight
Horburg Provincial Recreation Area	12.67	overnight
Jackfish Lake Provincial Recreation Area	202.93	overnight + group use
James-Wilson Provincial Recreation Area	15.81	overnight + group use
Mitchell Lake Provincial Recreation Area	21.54	overnight
North Ram River Provincial Recreation Area	14.31	previously closed
Peaceful Valley Provincial Recreation Area	5.07	day use
Prairie Creek Group Camp Provincial Recreation Area	13.38	overnight
Prairie Creek Provincial Recreation Area	38.00	group use
Raven Provincial Recreation Area	1.11	closed
Red Deer River Provincial Recreation Area	116.73	overnight + group use
Saunders Provincial Recreation Area	9.48	overnight
Seven Mile Provincial Recreation Area	37.00	overnight
Shunda Viewpoint Provincial Recreation Area	16.18	group use
Strachan Provincial Recreation Area	32.38	overnight
Tay River Provincial Recreation Area	1.56	overnight
Wild Horse Provincial Recreation Area	4.83	group use

Site Name (Remove from the System)	Size (ha)	Type of Use (overnight, day use, group use)
Strathcona Science Provincial Park	109.16	day use
Sherwood Park Natural Area	68.35	day use
Chin Coulee Provincial Recreation Area	1.24	group use
Big Berland Provincial Recreation Area	172.74	overnight
Brazeau River Provincial Recreation Area	10.56	overnight
Elk River Provincial Recreation Area	33.27	overnight
Fairfax Lake Provincial Recreation Area	130.16	overnight
Hornbeck Creek Provincial Recreation Area	5.32	overnight
Little Sundance Creek Provincial Recreation Area	24.06	group use
Lovett River Provincial Recreation Area	38.39	overnight
McLeod River Provincial Recreation Area	32.20	overnight + group use
Nojack Provincial Recreation Area	3.16	overnight
Pembina Forks Provincial Recreation Area	10.88	overnight
Sheep Creek Provincial Recreation Area	10.48	overnight
Smoky River South Provincial Recreation Area	90.57	overnight
Watson Creek Provincial Recreation Area	33.84	overnight
Weald Provincial Recreation Area	30.70	overnight
Wildhay Provincial Recreation Area	3.65	group use
Wildhorse Lake Provincial Recreation Area	84.78	overnight
Wolf Lake West Provincial Recreation Area	36.76	overnight
Total Sites: 164 sites	11,605 ha	