



Alberta's Plan for Parks



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- Why a Plan?
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- What will the Plan do?
- How will the Plan make a difference?
- Examples of Proposed Priority Actions
- Focus on “Parks Conservation Foundation”
- Open Dialogue: What do you think?

[Why a Plan for Parks?]

- Albertans say parks are essential to our quality of life.
- Growing population: increasing and changing demands on parks.
- Need to reexamine our role in providing recreation access and conservation of important ecosystems.



[What is the timeframe?]

- The Plan will guide decision making over the next ten years.
- Currently seeking government approval.
- Plan for Parks will nest under the LUF to support the regional planning process and seek mutual benefits.



[What will the Plan do?]

- Establish a Vision for parks
- Describe desired outcomes
- Align parks with the LUF
- Articulate the role of government and the principles of decision-making
- Nurture a culture of collaboration
- Outline priority actions



How will the Plan make a difference?

- A new direction for provincial parks:
 - Adopt a regional planning approach
 - Acknowledge need to meet both recreation and conservation needs
 - Align with the LUF to ensure a coordinated approach
 - Increase the involvement of the Alberta public in planning and decision-making

Priority Actions

- Involving Albertans by establishing a regional planning model and creating a Parks Advisory Council
 - LUF Regional Plans
 - Outcome focused
 - Citizen engagement
 - Targeted parks-specific management plans
 - Improve communication/collaboration

[Outline of Priority Actions]

- Modernizing facilities, policies and programs
 - Central campground reservation system
 - Refining the parks classification system so Albertans can easily understand which recreational activities are supported in provincial parks

[Outline of Priority Actions]

- Providing recreation opportunities
 - Implement an Inclusion Strategy
 - Developing policies on private sector involvement for enhanced visitor opportunities
 - Responsible and safe recreation – modernize operational policies on recreational activities in parks (e.g. motorized vehicles, geocaching, climbing, etc.)

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[Outline of Priority Actions]

- Conserving Landscapes
 - Facilitate contributions to parks – “Parks Conservation Foundation”
 - Address the “gaps” in the parks system
 - Foster evidence-based decision making



[Focus on Parks Foundation]

- Creating a Parks Conservation Foundation
 - To facilitate and encourage private sector donations to parks
 - To nurture a stewardship ethic among Albertans
 - To facilitate information sharing
 - Assume some responsibilities from ASRPWF

[Your Thoughts?]

- Creating a Parks Conservation Foundation
 - Role of government/foundation?
 - To nurture a stewardship ethic among Albertans
 - To facilitate information sharing

Questions and Comments

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