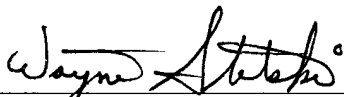


BLANKET CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN


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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Blanket Creek Park is to maintain holiday destination and local community lake (reservoir) oriented recreational opportunities for camping and day use.

Strategically located to serve tourists on the Highway #23 (Arrow Lakes) corridor and visitors and residents of Revelstoke, the park was originally a farm that has been developed to provide a variety of camping and day use recreational opportunities. It is one of a system of four provincial parks on the Arrow Lake Reservoir.

Although the northern portion of the reservoir is less useable given the steep slope of the banks, cold silty water and frequent low water levels, a man-made lagoon for swimming and beach use in Blanket Creek Park has helped to provide these recreational opportunities.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role is to protect the scenic qualities of Sutherland Falls (a regionally significant natural feature) and to protect important ungulate winter range and kokanee spawning habitat.

There are only a few waterfalls in the Kootenay Region that are easily accessible to the public. Sutherland Falls, located in the northern section of the park, provides a close-up viewing experience just a short walk from the park campground.

The creation of the Arrow Reservoir reduced kokanee spawning and ungulate winter range over a large area. Blanket Creek Park is one of a few small parks along the Arrow Reservoir where these values are protected.

Known Management Issues	Response
Invasive non-native plant species (knapweed) threaten native species and wildlife habitat.	Inventory species. Develop and implement control strategies.
Timber harvesting in creek drainage outside park may impact spawning habitat in the park.	Work with forest licensee to ensure standards are being followed and periodically visually check creek for impacts on water quality, quantity and the water course.
Maintain ungulate winter range and kokanee spawning habitat.	Control footprint of camping and day use areas to limit impact to these values.
Management of the man-made reservoir.	Regular maintenance. Periodic draining/refilling.
Black bear management.	Educate visitors on proper food and garbage management. Manage orchard.

Zoning

Intensive Recreation (approximately 82 ha or 26% of the park)

Objective: To provide for a variety of readily accessible, facility-oriented outdoor recreation opportunities.

Natural Environment (approximately 235 ha or 74% of the park)

Objectives: To protect scenic values and to provide for recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

Special Feature (approximately 1 ha or <0.3% of the park)

Objectives: To protect and present significant natural or cultural resources, features or processes because of their special character, fragility and heritage values.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection CCM (Central Columbia Mountains) This ecosection is well represented (18.85%) in the PA system. Blanket Creek contributes minimally to representation 0.02% (318 ha).
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Contributes minimally, .04% (192 ha) to representation of the ICHmw3.
- Special Feature One of the best accessible waterfalls in the Kootenays .
- Rare/Endangered Values Unknown. No studies completed.
- Scientific/Research Opportunities Not applicable.

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry Not applicable.
- destination Vehicle campground (64 sites), swimming lagoon.
- travel corridor
secondary Highway 23 (Arrow Lakes), tourist route off Trans Canada Highway.
- local recreation Day use for Revelstoke residents, (195 vehicles), opportunities for swimming, picnicking, walking.
- Special Opportunities Not applicable.
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities Not known at this time.

Cultural Heritage

- Representation Not known at this time.
- Special Feature Turn of the century homestead site.
Significance is not known.

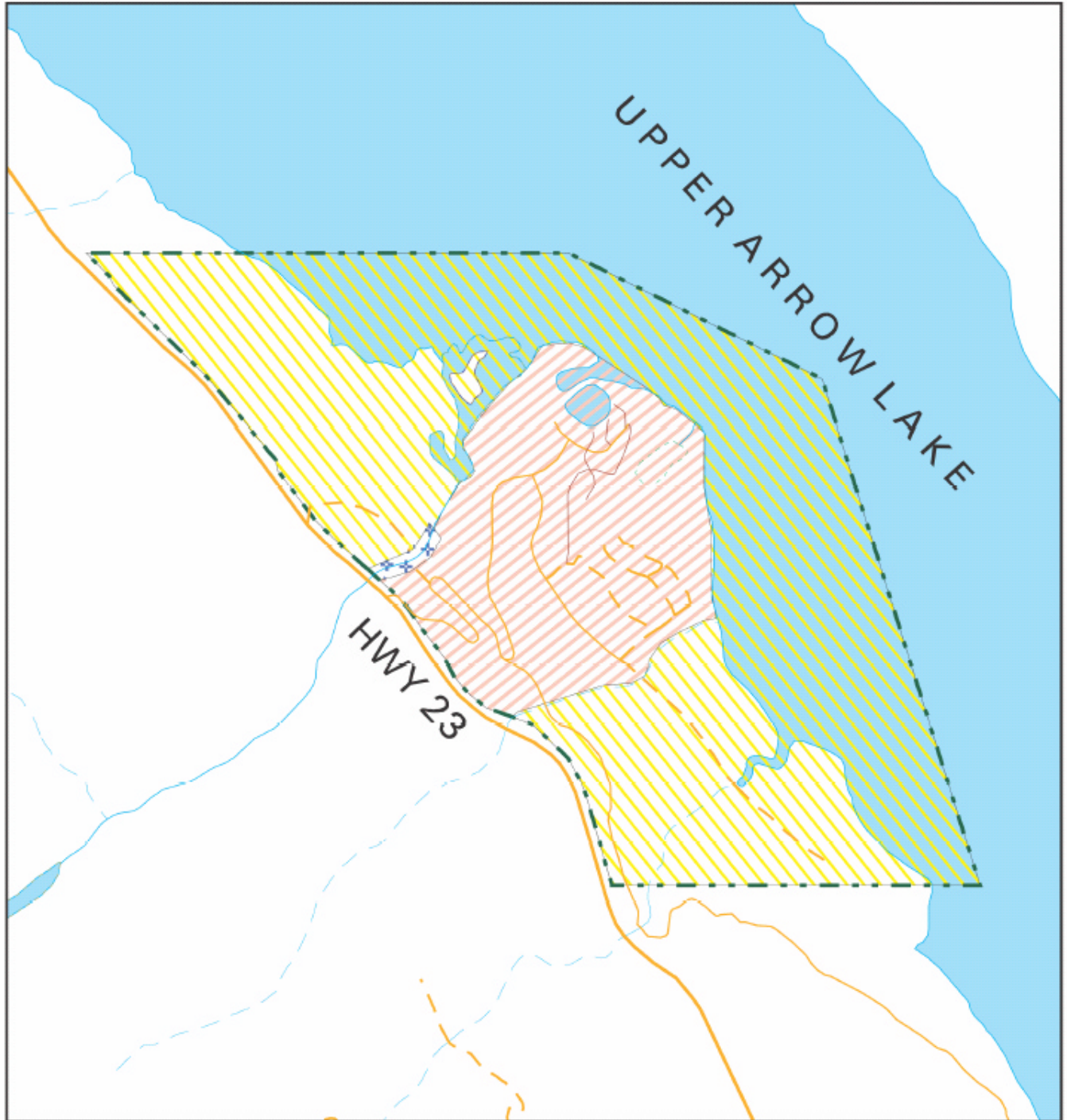
Other Management Considerations

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| Other Designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not applicable. |
| Relationship to other PAs
campgrounds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One of three destination
on Arrow Lake. |
| Co-operative Management
Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not applicable. |
| Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not applicable. |
| Vulnerability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Adjacent logging may impact
Blanket Creek. No risk
assessment or species at risk
studies undertaken. |
| Relationship to other Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not applicable. |

Area: 318 hectares

Date Established: February 18,1982

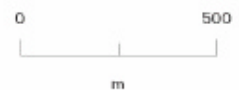
Zoning Map - Blanket Creek Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Special Feature
-  Protected Area Boundary



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