

DOWNING PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Downing Provincial Park is to provide vehicle accessed camping, picnicking and lakeshore recreation on the Highway 97 corridor.

The **secondary** role is to maintain the lake and portions of the lakeshore in their natural state.

Known Management Issues	Response
Lack of knowledge about stromatolites that occur in lake.	Research the significance of these features in the protected areas system.
Facilities at camping area may be inadequate for RV demand.	Parking lot is not well developed for RVs. Park is best set-up for walk-in campers. Given the low use levels, renovations will not be considered.

Zoning

Area around camping area and beach (approximately 3% of the park) is zoned as *Intensive Recreation*. The remaining area around lake and the lake itself is zoned as *Natural Environment* (97% of the park).

CONSERVATION

Representation

- Ecosection Situated in the Pavillion Range Ecosection but provides minimal representation due to the small size of the park
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant 9 ha IDFdk3; 92 ha IDFxw; 36 ha lake
Provides minimal representation to these ecosystems due to the small size of the park.

Special Feature

Stromatolites in Kelly Lake

Rare/Endangered Values

Scientific/Research Opportunities

RECREATION

Representation:

- backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor 18 km off Highway 97
- local recreation Picnicking, Kelly Lake is popular fishing area.

Special Opportunities

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation

Special Feature

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs

May eventually consider adding to Edge Hills Park

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

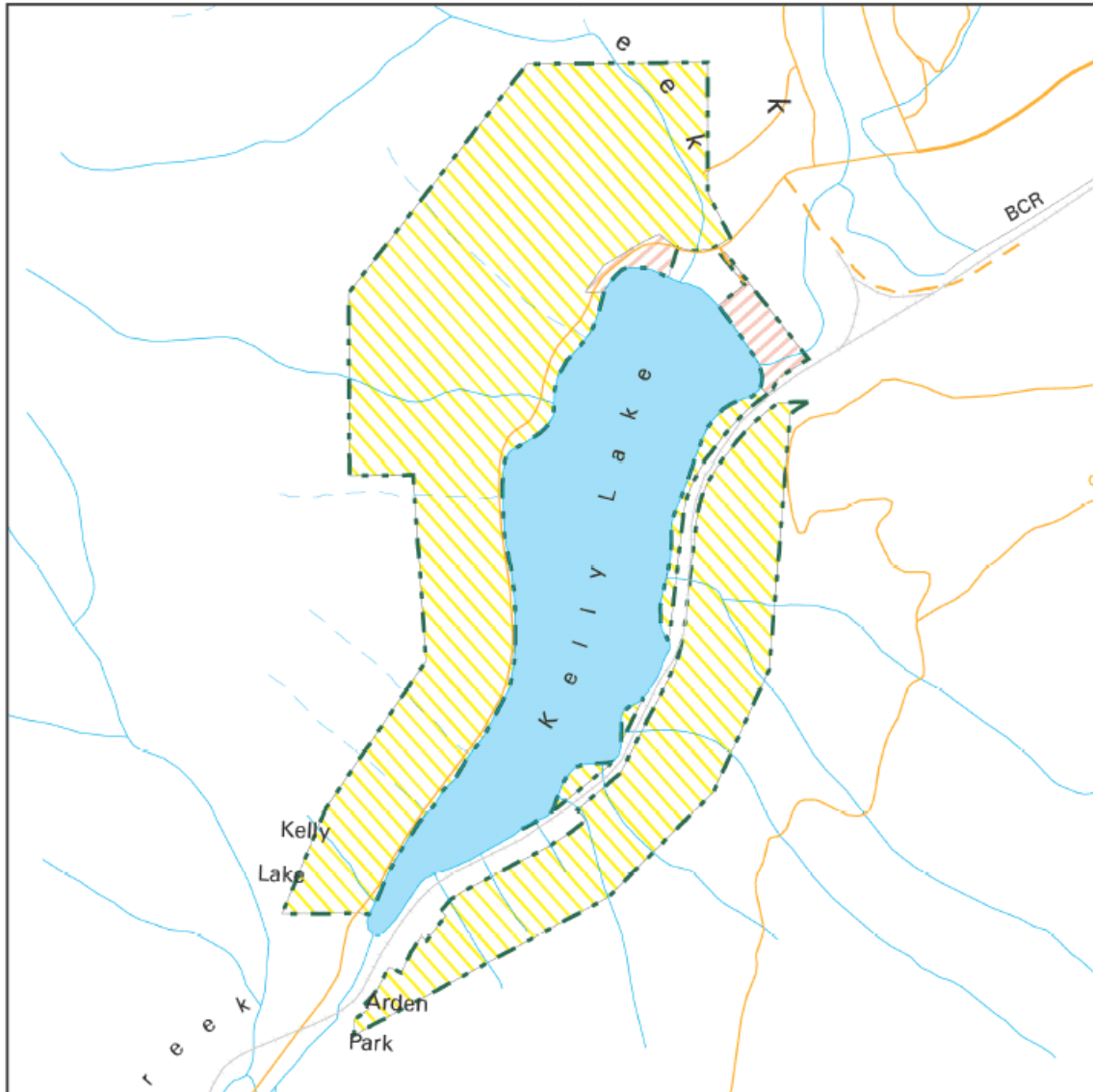
Vulnerability

Relationship to Other Strategies

Area: 96 hectares




Date of Establishment: July 9, 1970

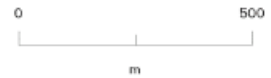
Zoning Map - Downing Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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