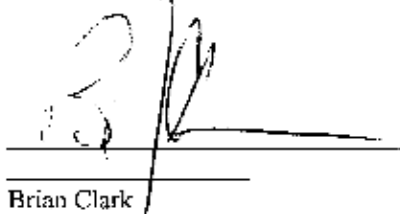


INLAND LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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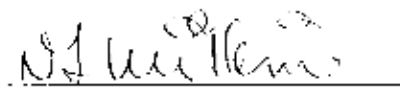
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Primary Role

The **primary role** of Inland Lake Park is the protection of a significant area of the under-represented Georgia Lowlands Ecosection and a significant contribution (5.6%) to the under represented CWHdm. It accounts for approximately 17% of the province-wide protected area within the Georgia Lowlands ecosection, and provides a link with other parks on the Sunshine Coast that protect the majority of the remainder of this ecosection. There are some patches of old-growth forest near Confederation Lake.

The park also plays an important role in the provision of recreational opportunities for disabled users including a 14-km wheelchair accessible trail around the entirety of Inland Lake, and wheelchair accessible cabins.

Secondary Role

The **secondary role** is to provide camping, fishing, hiking and cycling opportunities for local and regional visitors. The nearby Powell Lake canoe circuit does not directly include Inland Lake, but a portage trail between the two lakes makes canoeing another option.

Known Management Issues	Response
There is a large concentration of an invasive species of bullfrog in Inland Lake. It is out-competing other aquatic species.	This issue is being considered on a larger regional basis. Actions within the park will be coordinated and based on the larger provincial initiative.
Inland Lake was originally developed as a Forest Service Recreation Site. Extensive disabled access facilities were built in conjunction with the local model community society. It became a park in 2000. Facilities are not park standard and are deteriorating.	Some facilities are being removed, some minor maintenance is being done for interim.
Low visitor use makes viability of campground operation low.	Provision of recreational services is being considered within a new provincial process.
Encroachment by float houses from Powell Lake on uplands.	Land and Water BC and Environmental Stewardship are working with float house owners to resolve the issue.

Zoning

Natural Environment – This zone (approximately 2,696 ha or 98% of the park) will protect the upland forest and lake values found within the park while providing hiking and mountain biking opportunities.

Intensive Recreation – This zone (approximately 67 ha or 2% of the park) will provide an area for development of overnight campsites, lakeshore day use facilities, and recreational facilities for disabled users.

Representation
- ecosection

Conservation

Major contribution (17%) to the slightly under-represented Georgia Lowland (GEL) Ecosection.

- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant

Minor contribution to the well-represented Southern Pacific Ranges (SPR) ecosection. Significant contribution to the under-represented CWHdm subzone, and a minor contribution to the CWHvm2 subzone.

Special Feature

None identified at this time.

Rare/Endangered Values

None identified at this time.

Scientific/Research Opportunities

Potential for research into bullfrog affects on aquatic ecosystems.

Recreation

Representation

backcountry

The Confederation Lake trail forms a portion of the Sunshine Coast Trail.

destination

Inland Lake trail provides a disabled user camping/hiking destination.

travel corridor

local recreation

Popular with Powell River residents for camping and day-use

Special Opportunities

Extensive disabled user access.

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

Representation

Special Feature

Other Management Considerations

Other Designations

Relationship to other PAs

One of a series of parks along the Sunshine Coast providing recreation opportunities as well as protection of the Georgia Lowlands ecosection.

Co-operative Management
Arrangements

Partnerships

Historic development of park with Model Community Society.

Vulnerability

Relationship to other Strategies

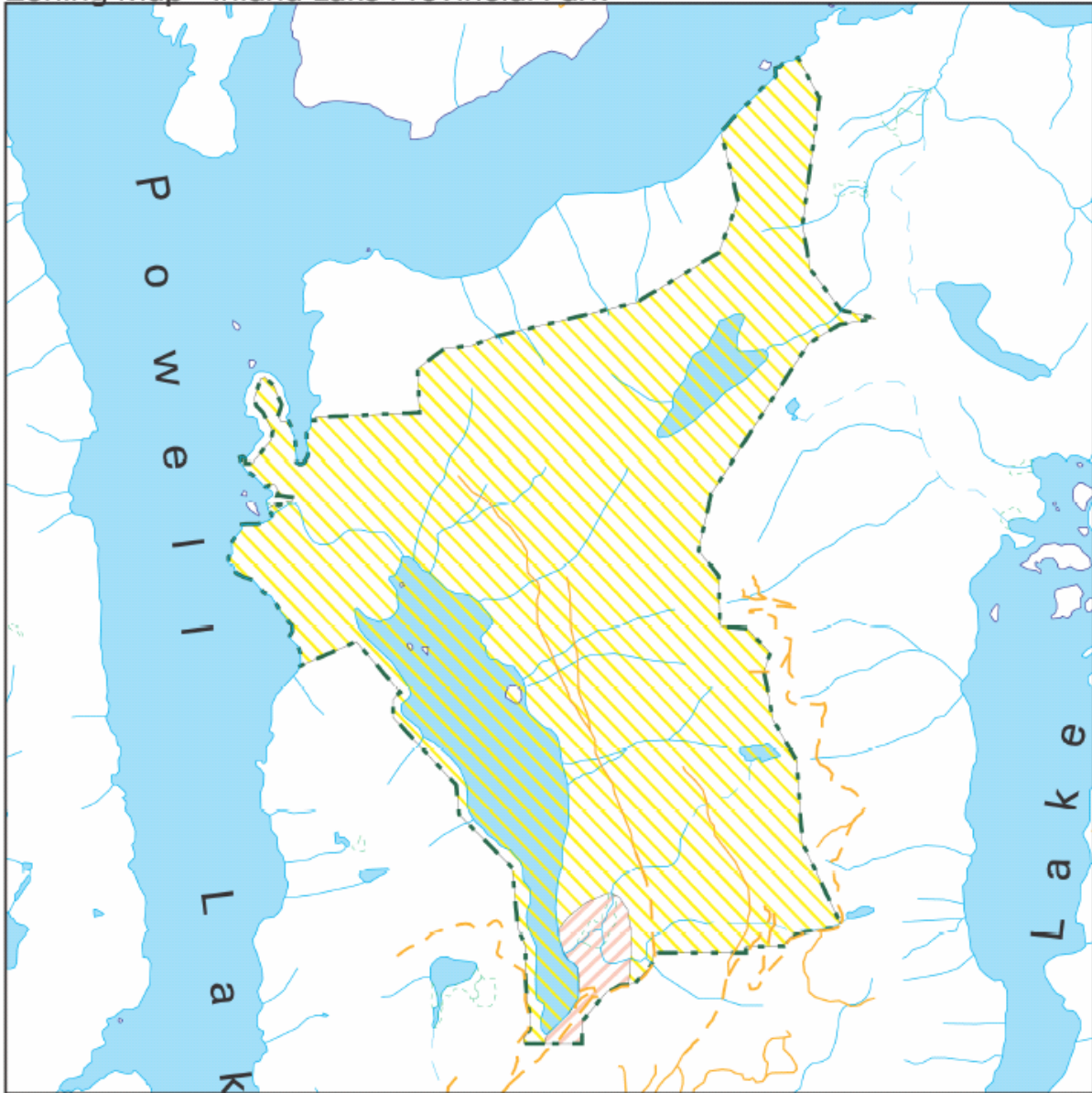
Designated through the Lower Mainland Protected Areas Strategy.

Area: 2,763 hectares

Date of establishment:




June 29, 2000

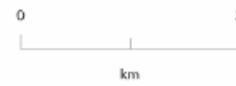
Zoning Map - Inland Lake Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
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-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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