

KOOTENAY LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK (DAVIS CREEK SITE)

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of the Davis Creek site of Kootenay Lake Provincial Park is to maintain destination and local day use outdoor recreational opportunities oriented to a large inland lake.

Kootenay Lake Provincial Park is comprised of five sites on Kootenay Lake. The five sites are widely dispersed, mainly small areas along the Kootenay Lake shoreline. The Davis Creek site is one of the two sites within Kootenay Lake Provincial Park that is vehicle accessible. When this system of parks was established, it was the intent to enhance lake-oriented recreational opportunities for West Kootenay residents and tourists to the region. This small creek delta is renowned for the primitive vehicle camping and lakeside opportunities. Visitors consider the non-standard park facilities as contributing to a unique informal camping experience.

Local concern about the future over-development of the site was addressed by keeping park standard upgrades to a minimum and ensuring the primitive feel for the area was not lost. Recently, new signage and campsite amenities (leveled vehicle sites, grey water pit, fire circles, water hand pump site) were installed.

Known Management Issues	Response
Invasive non-native plant species (e.g. spotted knapweed) threaten native species and wildlife habitat.	Inventory species. Develop and implement control strategies.

Zoning

Intensive Recreation (approximately 2 ha or 40% of the park)

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

Natural Environment (approximately 3 ha or 60% of the park)

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

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection CCM (Central Columbia Mountains) Collectively, Kootenay Lake Provincial Park (all sites) contributes minimally to the province wide protected CCM (0.04%)
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant ICH mw2. Province wide this subzone/variant is under-represented in protected areas (8%). Kootenay Lake Provincial Park (all sites) contributes minimally to PA system (0.09%).
- Special Feature None identified.
- Rare/Endangered Values Not yet assessed.
- Scientific/Research Opportunities None identified.

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry Not applicable.
- destination Vehicle camping (14 sites), fishing. Adjoining camping experience with Lost Ledge Provincial Park (5 minutes south). 1 of 3 PAs that are vehicle accessible on the west shore of Kootenay Lake. Beach and water access to Kootenay Lake.
- travel corridor Not applicable.
- local recreation Minor day use.
- Special Opportunities None identified.
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities None identified.

Cultural Heritage

- Representation None identified.
- Special Feature Unknown First Nations values, but suspected. No studies completed.

Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations None identified.

Relationship to other PAs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part of a system of 7 provincial parks on Kootenay Lake.
Co-operative Management Arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.
Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.
Vulnerability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not yet assessed.
Relationship to other Strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.

Area: 5 hectares

Date of establishment: December 2, 1987