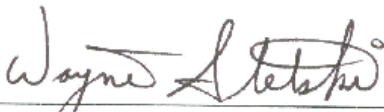


KOOTENAY LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK LOST LEDGE SITE

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

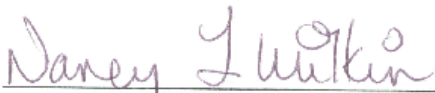
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KOOTENAY LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK (Lost Ledge Site)

Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Primary Role

The **primary** role of the Lost Ledge 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 Lost Ledge site is also 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.

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.
Historic trapper's cabin requires maintenance and upgrade.	Ongoing restoration as required.

Zoning

Intensive Recreation (approximately 9% of the park)

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

Natural Environment (approximately 91% 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 overall protected areas system representation of the 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 the overall protected areas system representation of the ICH mw2 (0.09%).
- Special Feature None identified.
- Rare/Endangered Values Unknown. No studies completed.
- Scientific/Research Opportunities None identified.

Recreation

- Representation
- backcountry Not applicable.
- destination Vehicle camping (14 sites), fishing. Adjoining camping experience with Davis Creek (5 minutes south). 1 of 3 parks that are vehicle accessible on the west shore of Kootenay Lake. Beach and water access to Kootenay Lake.
- travel corridor Not applicable.
- local recreation Regional day use. Day use parking/boat launch can accommodate 10 cars.
- 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.
- 70 year old trapper's cabin adds historic value to the park.

Other Management Considerations

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| Other Designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Relationship to other PAs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Part of a system of 7 parks on Kootenay Lake |
| Co-operative Management Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Partnerships | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lardeau Historical Society contributes volunteer hours/labour for renovations and upkeep of the historic trapper's cabin. |
| Vulnerability | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not yet assessed. |
| Relationship to other Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |

Date of Establishment: December 2, 1987

Area: 38 hectares