

# NORTH THOMPSON RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK

## PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

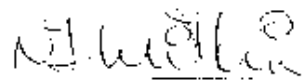
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The **primary role** of North Thompson River Provincial Park is to serve as a strategically situated overnight and stay use stopover for the travelling public on Highway 5 (Yellowhead Highway). It is essentially the only provincial park facility on Highway 5 between Kamloops and Mount Robson Provincial Park.

North Thompson River Provincial Park is located at the confluence of the Clearwater and North Thompson rivers, about 5 kilometers south of the town of Clearwater. The park is popular with travellers on Hwy #5, with families, or as a base camp for visitors exploring Wells Gray Provincial Park and the Clearwater area. The 126 hectare park contains a campground with 61 units, a riverside picnic area, a playground and hiking trails. Other nearby campgrounds at Spahats Creek, Pyramid and Clearwater Lake are situated in Wells Gray Provincial Park and exclusively serve Wells Gray visitors.

As a **secondary role**, the park conserves river riparian habitats and a small, but relatively important example of the IDFmw2 subzone/variant (1.8 % of the provincial protected representation of this subzone/variant). This subzone/variant is underrepresented in the protected area system (only 4% captured).

As a **tertiary role** the park protects locally significant archaeological values (kekuli pits).

Known Management Issues	Response
Root rot is an ongoing issue.	Maintain annual inspection and removal of hazard trees. Apply biological control agents to prevent infection of Armillaria.

### Zoning

The main access road, service yard, campground and associated day use facilities are zoned for **Intensive Recreation**. The remainder of the park is zoned as **Natural Environment** with the primary intent to maintain the relatively undisturbed condition of the environment, while allowing for compatible recreation uses

### Conservation

Representation - ecosection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Minor contribution to representation of the Northern Thompson Uplands Ecosection. Facility development has modified natural condition in the south part of the park.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Some representation of IDFmw2 subzone/variant in the upper north portion of the park and on an island on the river.
Special Feature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	confluence of Clearwater River and North Thompson River; salmon runs in the river
Rare/Endangered Values	<input type="checkbox"/>	none identified
Scientific/Research Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	none identified

### Recreation

Representation backcountry	<input type="checkbox"/>	
destination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	some destination use for visitors in the Clearwater area; serves as a base for day visits to Wells Gray Park.
travel corridor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	popular campground and day use site primarily serving Highway transient use off of Highway 5. The only provincial park campground on Highway 5 between Kamloops and Mt. Robson.
local recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	regional day use and destination use
Special Opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access to Clearwater River and North Thompson River for fishing and canoeing
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Cultural Heritage

Representation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	First Nations occupation and use – protects kekuli pits
Special Feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Other Management Considerations

Other Designations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Relationship to other PAs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Serves as an overnight base for day trips

into Wells Gray Park

Co-operative Management  
Arrangements



Service yard used co-operatively with  
Conservation Officer Services, Forest  
Service Protection and Park Facility  
Operator.

Partnerships



Vulnerability



On going hazard tree program.

Relationship to other Strategies



**Area:** 126 hectares

**Date of establishment:** November 16, 1967