PINE RIVER BREAKS PROVINCIAL PARK



PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN Peace Region 2006

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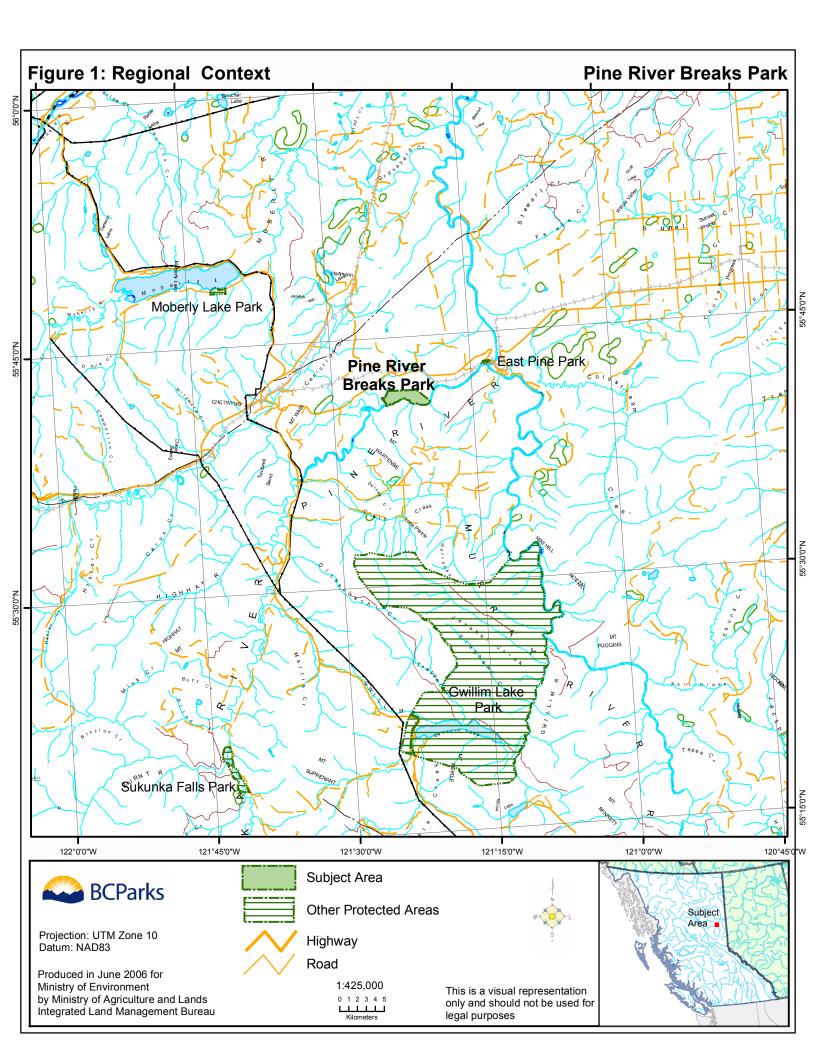
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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Pine River Breaks Provincial Park is to protect an unusual assemblage of glacial landforms, including eskers and kettles, fossil sites, limestone cascades used as mineral licks, and grasslands important for ungulate winter range. Pine River Breaks is located on the north side of the Pine River, approximately halfway between the District of Chetwynd and East Pine River off Highway 97. Visitors can also access the area by boat from the boat launch at East Pine Provincial Park.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role of the park is to provide local recreation opportunities, including hunting, boating, nature appreciation and wildlife viewing.

| Known Management Issues | Response |
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| Lack of inventory of ecological values, including wildlife and vegetation | conduct baseline inventories of wildlife and vegetation |
| Protection of ecological values from impacts of recreational use | Post educational and regulatory signage |
| Information on park boundaries and values is not readily available to the public. | post signs indicating park boundaries and provide user information at park entrance. This has been done |
| Existing 4x4 roads and traditional camps within park | Restrict vehicle access into the park Discourage overnight camping in the park by installing appropriate signs. |

Zoning

The entire park is zoned Special Feature, to protect grasslands and glacial landforms. Motorized access other than by boat is not appropriate in this park, although snowmobiling is acceptable.

| Conservation | | | | |
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| Representation - ecosection | | Pine River Breaks Provincial Park protects an example of the Peace Lowland ecosection. Only 0.4% of this ecosection is protected throughout the Province, and Pine River Breaks contributes approximately 10% of this protection. | | |
| biogeoclimatic subzone/variant | | Pine River Breaks Provincial Park provides representation for the BWBSmw 1 (Boreal White and Black Spruce, moist, warm) variant, which is only 0.68% protected in the Province. Pine River Breaks contributes 2.5% of that total. | | |
| Special Feature | | grasslands; limestone cascade mineral licks and glacial landforms | | |
| Rare/Endangered Values | | | | |
| Scientific/Research Opportunities | | | | |
| Recreation | | | | |
| Representation Backcountry Destination Travel corridor Local recreation | | boating and angling on the Pine River, hunting on the Pine River breaks | | |
| Special Opportunities | | riditaling of the Fille River breaks | | |
| Education/Interpretation Opportunities | | | | |
| Cultural Heritage | | | | |
| Representation | | The area has traditionally been used by First Nations of the Treaty 8 Tribal Association. One archaeological site is known in the park, consisting of surface lithics. | | |
| Special Feature | | | | |
| Other Management Considerations | | | | |
| Other Designations | | | | |

| Relationship to other PAs | Ш | |
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| Collaborative Management Arrangements | | This park will, once the agreement is signed, be subject to the Memorandum of Agreement respecting the management of provincial parks between the Government of BC and the Treaty 8 First Nations. |
| Partnerships | | |
| Vulnerability | | |
| Relationship to other Strategies | | Pine River Breaks was recommended for protection by the Dawson Creek Land and Resource Management Plan. |
| Area: | | 614 hectares |
| Date of establishment: | | June 29, 2000 |

