



Victor Lake Park Management Plan

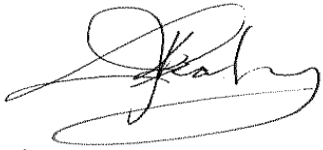
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1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this management plan is to guide the management of Victor Lake Park. The direction set out in this management plan is applied by the protected area managers to make decisions regarding the ongoing management and operations within the park.

This management plan:

- defines the role and significance of the area in the protected areas system;
- identifies the significant features or values of the park;
- outlines the current and predicted future management issues and opportunities; and,
- provides a framework for operational decision making.

This 14.7 hectare park is located on the Trans-Canada Highway (Hwy # 1) between Sicamous and Revelstoke (Figure 1). There are no visitor facilities and no legal access to the park. The park is divided into three distinct areas as it is bisected by the Trans-Canada Highway and the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR).

The park was established on February 14, 1961 as a Class A park and is currently named and described in Schedule C of the *Protected Areas of British Columbia Act*.

2.0 Values and Roles of the Park

This park was established to provide a day use opportunity when the Trans-Canada Highway was constructed. The park served as a day-use area with an attractive lakeshore frontage. The day-use area was closed in 1992 because access from the Trans-Canada Highway was unsafe. Most facilities have since been removed, with the exception of an existing water system.

The park does not play a provincial role in conservation, recreation or cultural representation. The park is located in the Interior Cedar Hemlock wet cool Shuswap biogeoclimatic variant, but is too small to contribute to provincial protected area representation of this ecosystem type. There are no known occurrences of species or ecosystems at risk in the park. The park serves a minimal regional role in protecting riparian and cottonwood habitat. The lack of legal public access severely limits the recreational use of the area.

Victor Lake Park is situated in the traditional territory of the Splatsin, Neskonlith, Adams Lake and Little Shuswap Lake First Nations. Continuing traditional use of the park for hunting, gathering and ceremonial use by First Nation is recognized.

3.0 Management Direction

3.1 Management Strategies

Management Issues and Opportunities	Management Strategies
<p>Future role of this park in the provincial protected areas system. A portion of the park has been considered for the widening of Highway 1 to four lanes.</p>	<p>Review park against Park and Protected Area system criteria to determine future direction for maintaining it within the system, or other options for the park. Transfer to an appropriate level of local government, Chamber of Commerce or other organization will be considered.</p>
	<p>Investigate opportunities with volunteers or other groups to manage and maintain the park on behalf of BC Parks.</p>
	<p>Continue current levels of maintenance in the park and monitor for potential new management issues.</p>
	<p>Remove above ground water system facilities; leave underground pipes in place since removal would cause environmental damage.</p>
<p>Public access to the park is not encouraged due to the safety issues associated with highway access.</p>	<p>Continue to discourage public access to the park.</p>

3.2 Zoning

The entire park is zoned as Nature Recreation (Figure 2) with the intent to maintain the relatively undisturbed condition of the environment. Although this zone designation usually allows for recreation opportunities, public access to this park is not encouraged.

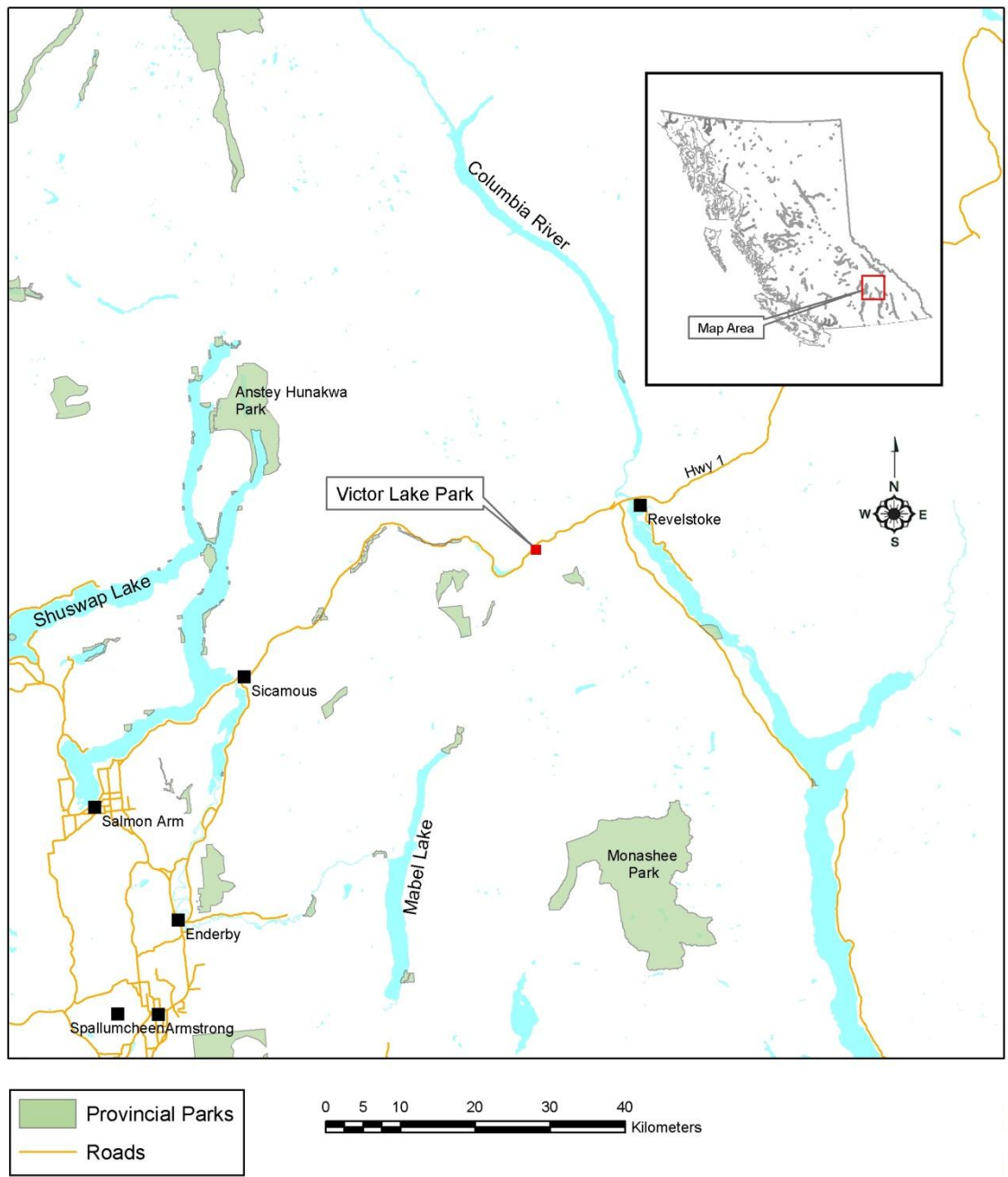


Figure 1: Regional and Provincial Context **Victor Lake Park**



Figure 2: Zoning and Park Map **Victor Lake Park**