

What is the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area?



The Muskwa-Kechika Management Area was established through legislation in 1998 (*Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act*) following its inception during the BC Land and Resource Management Planning (LRMP) process. It is a 6.4 million hectare area of land located across northern B.C.

The *Muskwa-Kechika Management Area Act* states that the management intent for the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area is to maintain in perpetuity the wilderness quality, and the diversity and abundance of wildlife and the ecosystems on which it depends while allowing resource development and use in parts of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area designated for those purposes including recreation, hunting, trapping, timber harvesting, mineral exploration and mining, oil and gas exploration and development.

There is approximately 1.17 million hectares of protected land within twenty-three provincially protected areas (parks, protected areas and ecological reserves*) within the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area.

**To find out the difference between a park, protected area and ecological reserve, visit: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/about/park-designations.html>*



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The Muskwa-Kechika Management Area lies within the ancestral territory of multiple First Nations.

The area overlaps the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality and the Peace River Regional District. The closest large community to the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area is Fort Nelson (approximate population 3,500), which is located 65 kilometres to the east. Fort St. John (approximate population 20,000) is located about 130 kilometres southeast of the management area.

For more information on the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, visit:
<http://www.muskwa-kechika.com/>.

