

WRINKLY FACE PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Wrinkly Face Provincial Park Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Wrinkly Face Provincial Park is located about 16 km northeast of Winfield. The park is accessed via a logging road off the Beaver Main Forest Service Road.

The 43 ha park encompasses a southern-facing cliff along with a series of dry meadows above the cliff and wetter meadows below. The cliff edge provides views of Okanagan Lake and the land toward Kelowna. The High Rim Trail passes through the park along the upper edge of the cliff.

Primary Role

The **primary** role of Wrinkly Face Park is to protect the series of dry meadows at the top of the cliff and the wetter meadows at its base, along with the Interior Douglas fir forest. The dry, seasonally-wet, diverse meadows are extremely fragile. Five red/blue-listed vascular plants are known to occur including red-listed Obscure Cryptantha (*Cryptantha ambigua*) and Needle-leaved Navarretia (*Navarretia intertexta*) and blue-listed Northern Linanthus (*Linanthus septentrionalis*), False-mermaid (*Floerkea proserpinacoides*) and Awned Cyperus (*Cyperus squarrosus*).

Secondary Role

Wrinkly Face Park provides low-impact recreational opportunities for nature study and contains part of the regionally-significant 50 km long High Rim Trail. Trail use in the park will be for non-motorized recreation activities only.

Management Issues

Known Management Issues	Response
The dry meadows are particularly vulnerable to the present unrestricted use by the public, cattle and motorized vehicles.	Establish signs to inform park users of the need to avoid damage to the dry meadows. Encourage users to stay on the trail. Establish a barrier on the north side of the meadows to exclude motor-vehicle use. Fence the dry meadows to exclude cattle use.
Only limited information is available on rare and endangered species and communities.	Undertake rare/endangered species and communities inventory or a sensitive ecosystem assessment for the park.

Zoning

The entire park is zoned Special Feature to protect the extremely vulnerable dry meadows at the top of the cliff and the wetter meadows at its base and to allow low-impact recreational use such as nature study and hiking on identified trails.

Protected Area Values and Significance Summary Matrix

Conservation

Representation

Ecosection

North Okanagan Highland – minimal contribution (0.16%) to the protected area system representation. This ecosection is moderately represented (3.48%) in the protected area system.

Biogeoclimatic subzone/variant

ICHmk1 – This ecosystem unit is poorly represented (1.55%) in the protected area system. Wrinkly Face Park makes a very small contribution (less than 0.1%) to the overall protected area system representation of this subzone/variant.

IDFmw1 – This ecosystem unit is moderately represented in the protected area system (3.51%). The park makes a small contribution (1.86%) to the overall protected area system representation of this subzone/variant.

Special Features

X Dry meadows and wetter meadows

Rare/Endangered Values

X Red-listed – Obscure Cryptantha and Needle-leaved Navarretia
Blue-listed – Northern Linanthus, False-mermaid and Awned Cyperus

Scientific/Research Opportunities

Recreation

Representation

Backcountry

Destination

Travel corridor

Local recreation

Nature study, hiking and horse riding. High Rim Trail passes through the park along the top of the cliff

Special Opportunities

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

Representation

Special Feature

Other Management Considerations

Other Designations

Relationship to Other Protected Areas

Collaborative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

Vulnerability

Relationship to Other Strategies

X Recommended by the Okanagan-Shuswap
Land and Resource Management Plan

Area

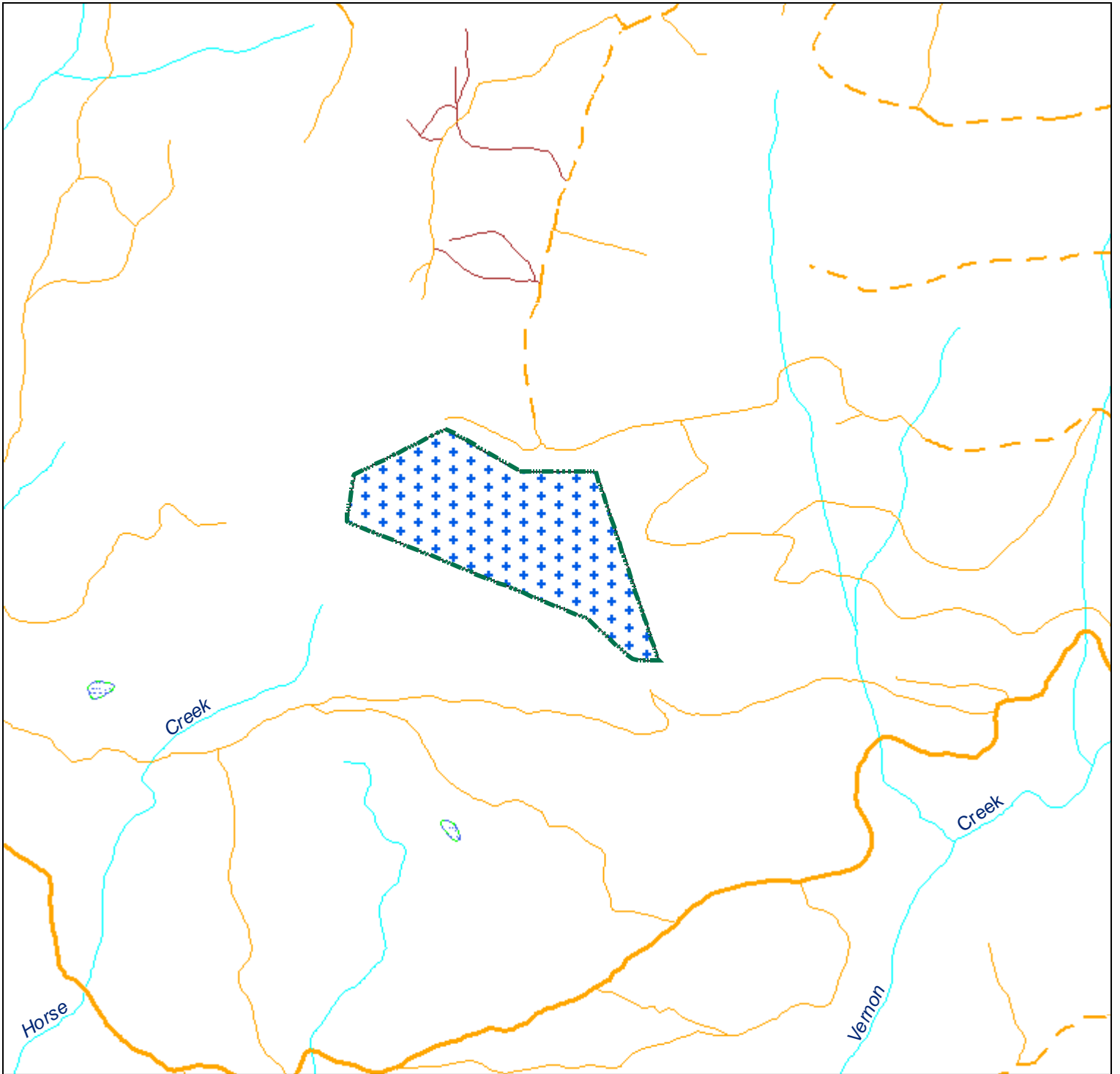
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Date of establishment

May 20, 2004

Zoning Map

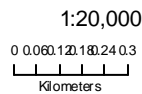
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Special Feature



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