

Current Parks Classification – Land Use Summary Table

Legal Designation	Permitted Activities													
	Petroleum & Natural Gas (existing commitments; pipelines, etc) ¹	Petroleum & Natural Gas (new)	Metallic & Industrial Minerals and Coal	Surface Materials (e.g. gravel)	Commercial Forestry	Grazing (long term lease - 30 yr)	Grazing (annual permit)	Wind Energy	Vegetation Management Activities (e.g. fire smart, grazing)	Built Recreation Facilities	Significant Recreation Use Potential	Public Recreation Access	Motorized Recreation (i.e. OHVs, snowmobiles)	Hunting, Fishing, Trapping (including by aboriginal peoples)
Wilderness Area	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	X
Ecological Reserve	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	X
Heritage Rangeland	√	X	X	X	X	√	X	X	√	X	X	√ (by leaseholder permission)	X	√
Wildland Provincial Park	√	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	√	X (restricted to staging or rustic backcountry camping)	√	√	√ (on Designated Trails)	√
Provincial Park	√	X	X	X	X	X	√	X	√	√	√	√	X ³	X ⁴
Provincial Recreation Area	√	X	X	X	X	X	√	√ ⁵	√	√	√	√	√	X ⁶

¹ Existing petroleum and natural gas tenure will be honoured in new and existing parks and protected areas classes (with the exception of Ecological Reserves and Wilderness Areas which must be free and clear of all industrial dispositions) in accordance with existing policy, but surface access to new tenure is prohibited (note: includes related dispositions such as wells, roads, pipelines or facilities).

² Currently, there are at least 3 large Ecological Reserves that support grazing via long term grazing leases (Hand Hills, Rumsey, Wainwright Dunes). However, the intent is that these sites would be re-classified and more appropriately managed as Heritage Rangelands. If new Ecological Reserves with long term grazing leases are established in the future, these would be considered for re-class as Heritage Rangelands.

³ Motorized recreation can be accommodated within the Provincial Parks designation (on designated trails), where it is appropriate and compatible with site objectives. However, there is no intent to open current Provincial Parks to motorized recreation where it is not already occurring.

⁴ Hunting is governed by the Wildlife Act – WMLUs. Currently hunting is allowed in several Provincial Parks and Provincial Recreation Areas, but not all. Provisions can be made to allow hunting where it is appropriate and compatible with site objectives.

⁵ Wind energy dispositions would only be considered on a site by site basis in the Provincial Recreation Areas class, where they do not conflict with recreation uses or objectives.