

BRIDGE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

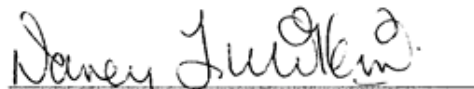
PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan**

The **primary role** of Bridge Lake Park is to provide opportunities for public recreation access and use of Bridge Lake, with emphasis on fishing, camping and boating

Bridge Lake Park, situated on the south end of Bridge Lake, is accessed directly off of Highway 24, approximately 51 kilometres from 100 Mile House. The park includes a 21 unit campground and paved boat launch and a short walking trail. It is a popular site with fishermen and heavily used from June through August. It is also used by travellers on Highway 24 as an overnight stopover and day use picnic and rest stop.

Containing only 6 hectares and mostly dedicated to intensive recreation, the present park does not contribute to ecosystem representation and is considered of only minor conservation value. As follow up to the Cariboo Land Use Planning exercise and recommendations, the park’s conservation and recreation values will be significantly enhanced by the addition of approximately 380 hectares of Crown forested upland and foreshore habitats along the east shore of Bridge Lake and the large islands on the Lake. This proposal would protect a portion of the Cariboo Plateau (CAP) Ecosection, of which only 0.66% is currently protected.

Known Management Issues	Response
The park is developed to capacity. The campground is heavily used and can not meet demand.	Pending park addition may provide opportunity to expand and redesign provincial park camping facilities on Bridge Lake.

Zoning

The entire park (6 ha) is zoned Intensive Recreation.

Conservation (present Park)

Representation - ecosection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very minor representation of the Cariboo Plateau Ecosection. Facility development has modified natural condition of park habitats.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Park habitats are too modified to be considered for representation.
Special Feature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bridge Lake is a major lake on the Cariboo Plateau and is recognized for its special qualities for fishing and lake-oriented recreation.
Rare/Endangered Values	<input type="checkbox"/>	none identified or assessed
Scientific/Research Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	none identified

Recreation

Representation backcountry	<input type="checkbox"/>	
destination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Very popular destination site for fishing, campground is used to capacity
travel corridor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Used as a day use and overnight stop along Highway 24
local recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional day use and destination use
Special Opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access to high quality fishery
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Cultural Heritage

Representation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Feature	<input type="checkbox"/>

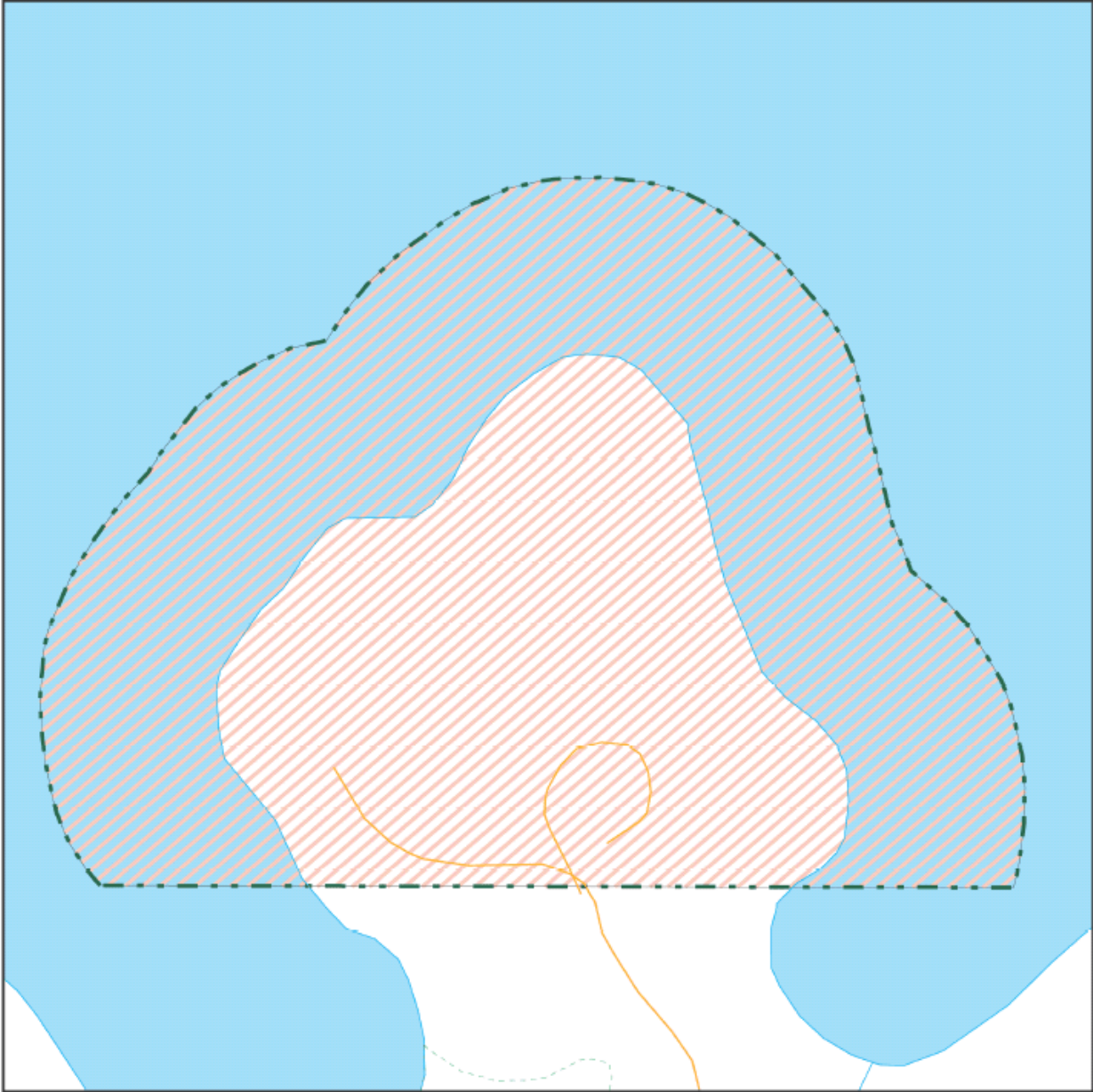
Other Management Considerations

Other Designations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Relationship to other PAs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bridge Lake Centennial (old Class C Park) is situated across the lake and is managed as part of the operations for Bridge Lake
Co-operative Management Arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vulnerability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Very little threat
Relationship to other Strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	


Area: 6 hectares



Date of Establishment: March 16, 1956

Zoning Map - Bridge Lake Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Intensive Recreation
 Protected Area Boundary

0 100
m

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