

KOOTENAY LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK (CAMPBELL BAY SITE)

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

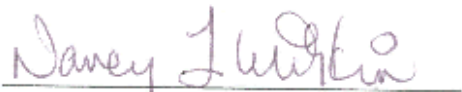
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Primary Role

The **primary role** of the Campbell Bay site of Kootenay Lake Provincial Park is to provide recreational boaters a scenic and sheltered beach area along the eastern shores of Kootenay Lake.

Kootenay Lake is the second largest lake in British Columbia. Stretching over 100 km in length and nestled between the Purcell Mountains and the Selkirk Mountains, this scenic lake has a variety of interesting natural and cultural shoreline features that complement an outstanding sport fishery.

Kootenay Lake Provincial Park comprises 5 widely dispersed, mainly small areas along Kootenay Lake. The Campbell Bay site contains 30 metres of beautiful cobble and sand shoreline and is one of the few areas along the north-eastern section of Kootenay Lake that provides safe anchorage. Summer-oriented recreational activities include scuba diving off nearby Verandah Point, kayaking (Kaslo is a 45 minute paddle across the lake) and beach combing. In addition, the 7 kilometre Clute Lake Trail originates in the park and accesses a series of small alpine lakes suitable for fishing.

Known Management Issues	Response
Require more accurate visitor use data.	Ongoing evaluation of attendance (park operator, staff visits).
Invasive weed (e.g. knapweed) infestation.	Inventory, map, develop and implement control strategies.

Zoning

The entire park is zoned Natural Environment (25 ha).

Conservation

Representation -ecosection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Situated in the Central Columbia Mountains (CCM) ecosection, which is well represented in the protected areas system (19%). Collectively, Kootenay Lake Provincial Park (all sites) contributes minimally (0.04%) to the overall protected area representation of the CCM.
-biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Province-wide ICHdw is under represented (4%). Kootenay Lake Provincial Park (all sites) contributes minimally to PA system representation of ICHdw (1.7%). Within the CCM, major contribution to ICHdw is sourced from Valhalla (11%) and the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy (85%).
Special Feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.
Rare/ Endangered Values	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not yet assessed.
Scientific/Research Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.

Recreation

Representation -backcountry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
-destination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kootenay Lake is a popular summer lake retreat with numerous resorts and cottage communities.
-travel corridor	<input type="checkbox"/>	No vehicle access. Hwy 31 is situated on the west side of the north arm of Kootenay Lake.
-local recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boating, fishing, and hiking. The park is popular among residents of Kaslo (4.5 km southwest).
Special Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	None identified.
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	First Nations use of area.

Cultural Heritage

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| Representation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ktunaxa/Kinbasket transportation corridor (pre-contact). |
| Special Feature | <input type="checkbox"/> | No known archaeological sites within the park, however, a pictograph site is located ½ km north of the park boundary. Not yet assessed. |

Other Management Considerations

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| Other designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Relationship to other PAs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Within 8 km of Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Park (Fry Creek Corridor). 1 of 3 provincial park sites accessible by boat along eastern shore of Kootenay Lake (alternates - Pilot Bay and Lockhart Beach). |
| Cooperative Management Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Vulnerability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Impact of invasive weeds on indigenous flora. |
| Relationship to other Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |

Area: 25 hectares

Date of Establishment: December 4, 1987