

LOCKHART BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Lockhart Beach Park is to maintain the travel corridor and local recreation opportunities oriented to a forested lake setting. This small park provides the only easy access public camping along the south arm of Kootenay Lake. The day use picnic area and gravel beach are also used by local residents as well as by visitors as a rest stop.

Known Management Issues	Response
Invasive non-native plants (e.g. spotted knapweed) threatening native species	Inventory plants. Develop control strategies and implement.
Pedestrian crossing of Hwy 3A from adjacent Lockhart Creek Provincial Park is very hazardous.	Improve signage on blind corner south of parking area (possible designated pedestrian crossing).

Zoning

Intensive Recreation (approximately 1.5 ha or 50% of the park)

Objective: To provide for a variety of readily accessible, facility-oriented outdoor recreation opportunities.

Natural Environment (approximately 1.5 ha or 50% of the park)

Objectives: To protect scenic values and to provide for recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection Southern Columbia Mountains (SCM). Lockhart Beach is 1 of 13 protected areas within SCM ecosection, but contributes minimally to the protected area representation (0.0096%) because of its restricted size.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant Over half of the PA is designated in the water subzone/ variant. The remainder of the park contributes minimally to the ICH dw (0.0093%) owing to its restricted size.
- Special Feature None identified.
- Rare/Endangered Values Not yet assessed.
- Scientific/Research Opportunities None identified.

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry Not applicable.
- destination Not applicable
- travel corridor A popular scenic route (Highway 3A) on the east side of Kootenay Lake. Vehicle campground (18 sites) used by highway travelers.
- local recreation One of the few public accessible beach areas on the eastern shore of Kootenay Lake along Highway 3A. Picnicking, beach activities, nature appreciation. Day use parking for 12 cars.
- Special Opportunities None identified.
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities None identified.

Cultural Heritage

- Representation None identified. First Nations use (pre-colonial) of the area is suspected but not documented/ researched.
- Special Feature Not yet assessed.

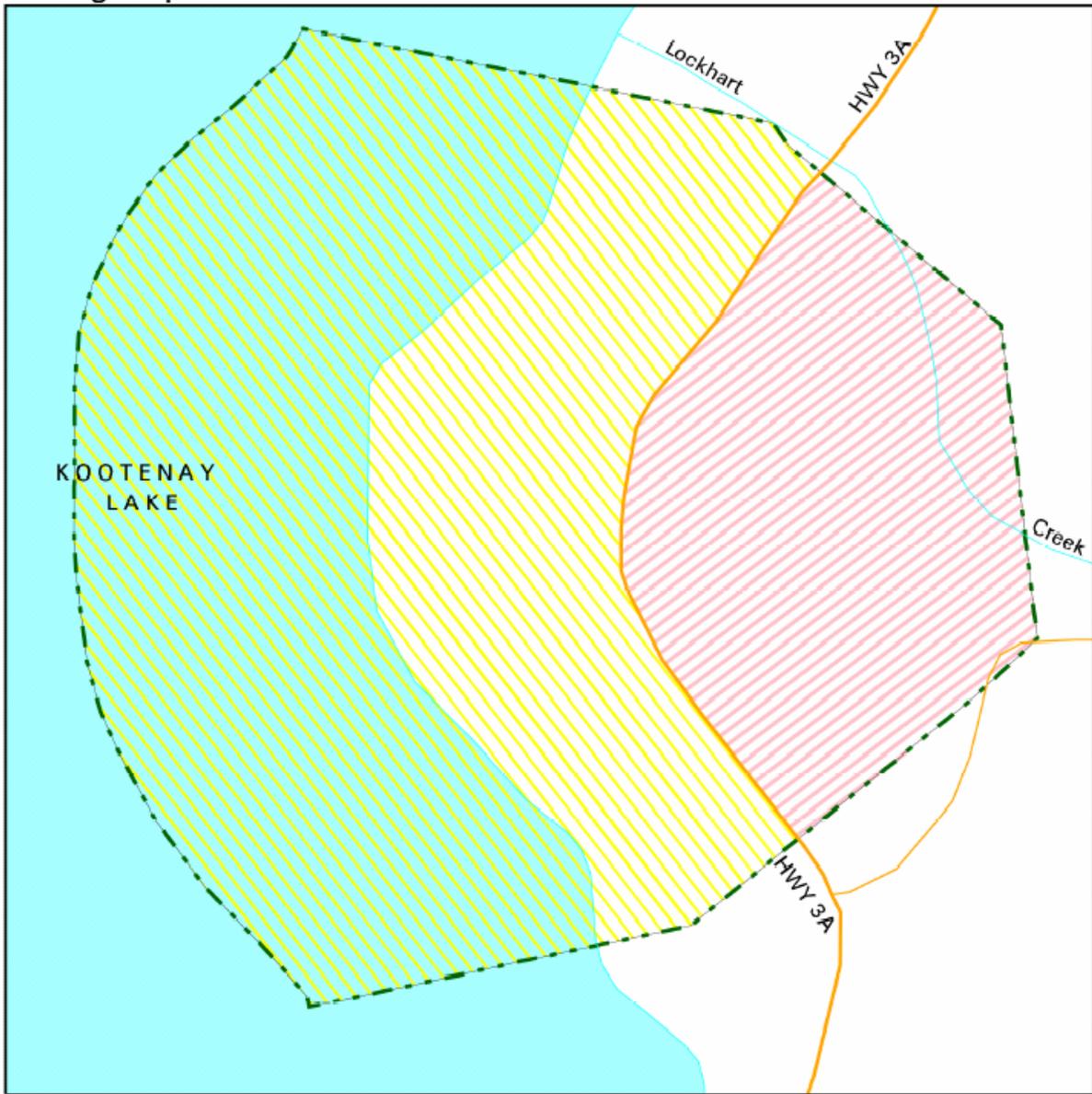
Other Management Considerations

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| Other Designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Relationship to other PAs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Trailhead access to Lockhart Creek Provincial Park. |
| Co-operative Management Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |
| Vulnerability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Invasive weeds could impact native flora along beachfront if remained unchecked. |
| Relationship to other Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> | None identified. |

Area: 3 hectares

Date of establishment: October 13, 1933

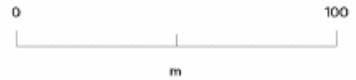
Zoning Map - Lockhart Beach Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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