

STEMWINDER PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

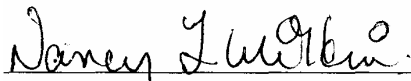
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STEMWINDER PROVINCIAL PARK Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

The **primary purpose** of Stemwinder Park is to provide scenic recreation opportunities for camping and river-oriented day use activities as part of a network of roadside facilities along Highway 3.

Stemwinder Park, 4 hectares in size, is located just west of Hedley, and along with Bromley Rock Park, provides one of the few public access points to the Similkameen River between Princeton and Keremeos. The park is an important access point for kayaking, tubing and swimming.

A **secondary purpose** of the park is to protect about 450 metres of Similkameen River frontage and some mature Douglas-fir.

Representative values are low and there are no known rare species present.

A **tertiary purpose** is to protect archaeological sites. The park may have been a significant native trading campsite.

Known Management Issues	Response
Lack of information on First Nation interests and uses of the site.	Work with the Upper Similkameen Indian Band and possibly other First Nations to improve the information on First Nation interests; protect known values to the extent possible given the level of disturbance of the park.

Zoning

The entire park (3.62 hectares) is zoned Intensive Recreation to provide vehicle-accessible camping and river-oriented day use opportunities.

CONSERVATION

Representation

- ecosection Southern Thompson Upland – Insignificant contribution to the protected area system representation in the ecosection
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant IDFxh1 – insignificant contribution to the protected area system representation in the subzone/variant

Special Feature

Rare/Endangered Values

Scientific/Research Opportunities

RECREATION

Representation

- backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor Important camping opportunity and access point to the Similkameen River for Highway 3 travellers
- local recreation Important river-access for kayaking/boating, tubing, swimming and fishing

Special Opportunities

Education/Interpretation Opportunities

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation

- Archaeological sites; possible native trading campsite

Special Feature

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs

- Along with Bromley Rock, one of the few public access points to the Similkameen River between Princeton and Keremeos

Co-operative Management Arrangements

Partnerships

Vulnerability

Relationship to Other Strategies

Area: 3.62 hectares

Date of establishment: March 16, 1956