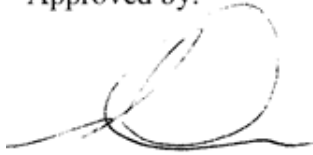


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## PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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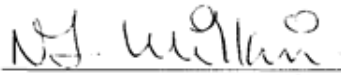
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The **primary role** of White Lake Provincial Park is to provide opportunities for public recreation access and use of White Lake, with emphasis on fishing, boating and camping.

White Lake Provincial Park is situated on the north shore of White Lake, 24 kilometers north of Salmon Arm, a short distance and easily accessed by paved road from the Trans Canada Highway. The park is small (16 hectares) and includes an informal camping area with limited capacity of 10 - 15 units, two pit toilets and a boat launch.

As a **secondary role**, the park protects riparian habitats along the lake edge. The present park does not contribute to ecosystem representation.

As follow up to the Okanagan/Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan recommendations, the park's conservation and recreation values will be significantly enhanced by the addition of 255 hectares including Crown forested upland and foreshore habitats around White Lake. This major expansion of the pre-existing park recognizes the provincially significant rainbow trout fishery at White Lake. The park addition provides the land base to develop appropriate campground and lake access facilities. The south side of the park addition has wet alkaline conditions and contains rare orchids. The park addition also includes spawning habitat for rainbow trout and an interesting creek system with extensive evidence of beaver use.

Known Management Issues	Response
The existing park and campground facilities are much too restricted and inadequate to meet the provincial park recreation demand on White Lake.	Pending park addition will provide land base for relocating and developing a proper campground facility. A full management plan will be required to define location and concept for the park facilities.
Presently a Class C Park; no park board in place.	Cancel Class C park designation and re-establish as a Class A park.

### Zoning

The present campground and day use area, below the White Lake road, is zoned as **Intensive Recreation** (approximately 3 ha or 19% of the park). The remainder of the park (approximately 13 ha or 81% of the park) is zoned as **Natural Environment** with the primary intent to maintain the relatively undisturbed condition of the environment, while allowing for compatible recreation uses.

### Conservation (present park)

- Representation  
- ecosection  no contribution to ecosection representation
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant  no contribution to BEC representation
- Special Feature  White Lake is a provincial significant rainbow trout fishery
- Rare/Endangered Values  none identified
- Scientific/Research Opportunities  none identified

### Recreation

- Representation  
backcountry
- destination  Heavy demand from early spring to late fall (open water season).
- travel corridor
- local recreation  popular regional day use site
- Special Opportunities  provides access to major trout fishery
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities

### Cultural Heritage

- Representation
- Special Feature

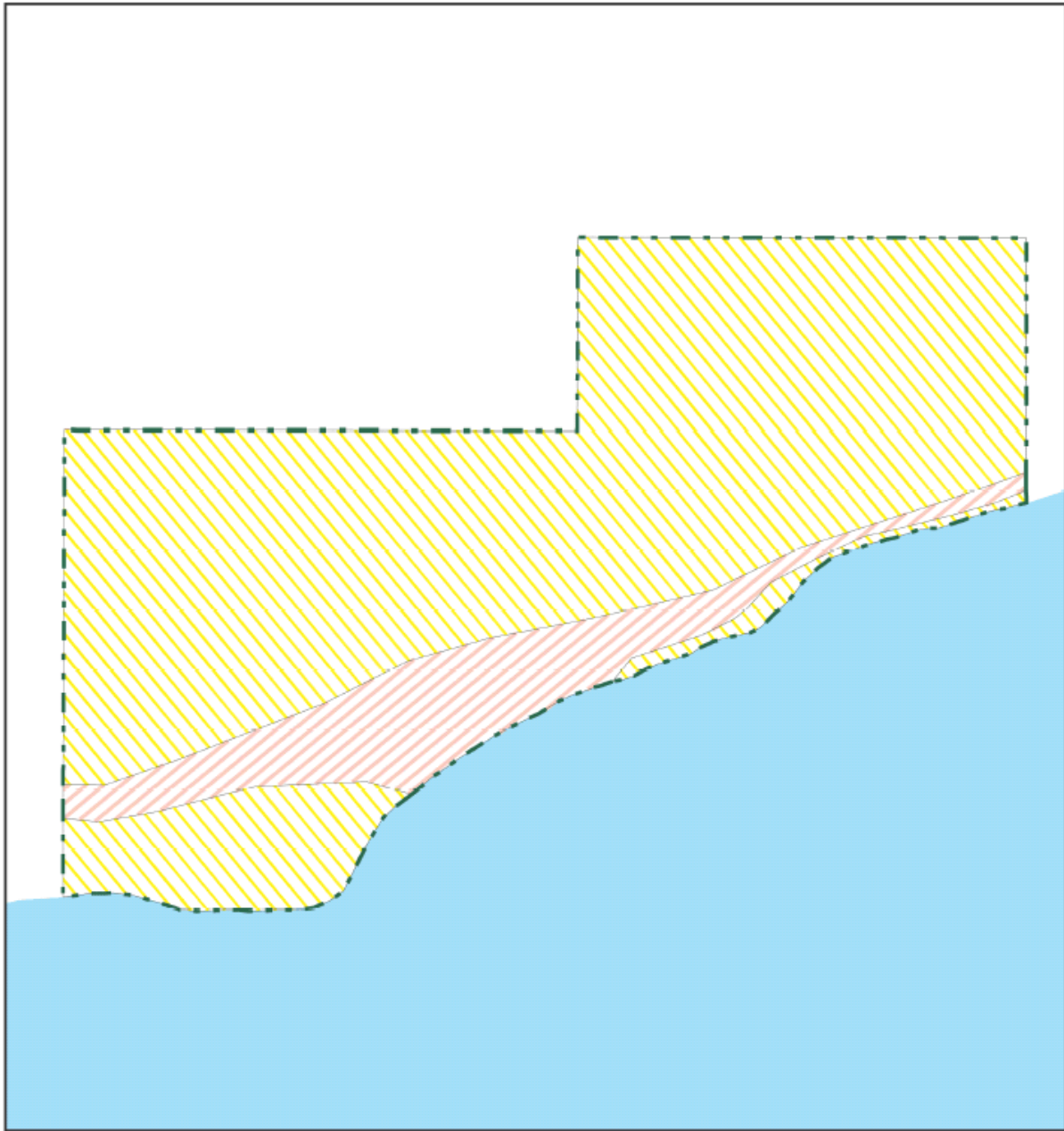
### Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations  There are no other parks on White Lake.
- Relationship to other PAs  White Lake, Roche Lake, Lac le Jeune and Tunkwa Lake are considered as the major fresh water fisheries in the southwest interior.
- Co-operative Management Arrangements
- Partnerships
- Vulnerability
- Relationship to other Strategies

**Area:** 16 hectares (does not include proposed addition)




**Date of establishment:** February 9, 1965

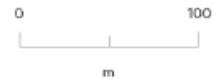
# Zoning Map - White Lake Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas  
Datum: NAD83



-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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