

OHV Designated Trail Network in Effect
Stay on the Trails

Ghost 2018

Public Land Use Zone

Map Legend

- Ghost Public Land Use Zone
- Parks and Protected Areas
- National Parks
- No Camping/No Open Fire Zone
- Random Camping Nodes
- First Nations
- Townships
- Lakes/Rivers/Streams
- Gas Plant
- Information Kiosk
- Staging Area
- Trail Intersection Marker
- Kiosk
- Kiosk/Staging Area
- Kiosk/Staging Area/Trail Marker
- Gate
- Designated Ghost Operational Access
- Management Plan Trails
- Non-motorized Uses - All trails/access open
- Motorized uses - Permitted only on trails designated and posted

Caution: Under the Backcountry Trail Flood Rehabilitation Program, trails in the area may be temporarily closed due to construction. Please be aware of construction projects on trails and avoid temporary closure areas – for more information visit: backcountryflood.alberta.ca.

Designated Trails and Roads in the Ghost PLUZ

Vehicle Description	Trail Sign	Map Symbol	Explanation	What Type of Motorized Vehicle Am I Driving?				
				Truck	Side by Side	Quad	Motorcycle	Snow Vehicle
Trail Classification			Open Year Round	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Open Nov 1 - Aug 31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Open Dec 1 - Mar 31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trail Classification			Open Year Round	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Open Year Round; Along Pipeline Only	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
			Open May 1 - Nov 30	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Road Classification			Open Year Round	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
			Public Highways, Departmental Licence of Occupation and Licence of Occupation Roads	Only on-highway registered vehicles permitted. Off-highway vehicles are not permitted on these roads.				

Note: Trail access may be amended, modified or closed by an officer in response to fires, fire hazard, flooding, wildlife or other environmental and safety concerns. Please ensure you have the current information on the area to which you are travelling and obey all posted signs and notices.

What is a Public Land Use Zone?

A Public Land Use Zone (PLUZ) is an area of land to which legislative controls are applied under the authority of the *Public Lands Act* and Public Land Administration Regulation.

A PLUZ is created specifically for that land base and the conditions that exist within it.

Each numbered dot on this map corresponds to a numbered post on the ground. Numbered dots are used to indicate trail intersections, end of trails, staging areas and information kiosks.

Liability Disclaimer - This brochure is provided for information purposes and to advise you of many of the rules relating to trail use and camping. **Use of the trail system and camping nodes are entirely at your own risk.** The trails have not been classified by degree of difficulty and little or no maintenance is done on these trails; natural and man-made hazards may exist. The trail system can be difficult and physically challenging and conditions may change due to weather and other factors. For example, trails that may be easy to traverse under dry or frozen conditions may be hazardous and/or impassable under spring thaw or wet conditions. It is up to users of the trail system to learn the necessary skills for their safe enjoyment and to exercise caution in potentially hazardous areas. The camping nodes are user maintained.

Ghost Public Land Use Zone

- **Stay on the designated trail**
- **Take your garbage home**
- **Respect other users of the area**

The Ghost Public Land Use Zone (PLUZ) includes more than 1,500 km² of public lands east of Banff National Park and Don Getty Wildland Provincial Park. Public Land Use Zones are managed to protect the environment while allowing responsible and sustainable use of the land. In addition to recreation this multiple use area includes forestry, agriculture, and oil and gas activities. Regulations within a PLUZ determine where recreational activities can occur and under what conditions. It is your responsibility to become familiar with activities allowed in this area. Refer to the map and charts in this pamphlet for further details.

Of Special Interest

Flood Rehabilitation

Alberta Environment and Parks is leading the restoration of backcountry trails on public lands impacted by the 2013 flood. For your safety and the safety of trail workers, please be aware of construction projects on trails and avoid temporary closure areas. For updated information on flood rehabilitation projects, closures and reroutes please visit the Backcountry Trails Flood Rehabilitation website at: backcountryflood.alberta.ca

Wildlife Sanctuaries in the Area

It is unlawful to hunt within 365 m (400 yards) of the center-line of the road in a designated road corridor wildlife sanctuary. This applies to Harold Creek as follows: within 365 m (400 yards) of center line of the portion of the road locally known as the Harold Creek Road between the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve and Secondary Road 734. **NOTE:** No person shall possess a weapon in these sanctuaries unless the weapon, if it is a firearm, is unloaded and either dismantled, encased or completely enclosed by another suitable covering, Alberta Wildlife Regulation (AR 143/97)."

Westslope Cutthroat Trout

Alberta's westslope cutthroat is listed as threatened under the provincial *Wildlife Act* and the federal *Species at Risk Act*. Numbers are declining from degradation or destruction of habitats, caused in large part by human activities, hybridization with non-native trout species, or overharvest by angling. You have a vital role to play in the recovery of this species! Some rivers and stream in the Ghost PLUZ are critical habitat for the Westslope cutthroat trout. While visiting the Ghost PLUZ, please keep your "wheels out of the water" to reduce impacts to water quality and the spawning habitat vital to the recovery of this species.

Wheels out of Water

- Stay on the trail to avoid water bodies, wetlands and shorelines.
- Wheeled or tracked vehicles are not allowed on beds or shores of watercourses, wetlands or waterbodies.
- Use designated crossings. Crossing the stream anywhere other than a bridge or designated ford is considered off the designated trail.
- Do not wash your vehicle in a watercourse, wetland or waterbody.



Random camping refers to camping outside designated campgrounds. This type of camping is user maintained and unserviced. Please plan accordingly.

- Do not camp where you will block or restrict trail access.
- Choose areas that minimize damage to vegetation.
- Use existing fire pits when possible.
- Do not remove artifacts.
- Camp at least 100m (330 ft) away from an oil and gas well site or facility.
- Do not camp on a pipeline.
- Remove all garbage for disposal at home or at an approved garbage disposal facility.

Camping Nodes



Look for the Camping Node sign.

This sign designates areas of the PLUZ that are approved for random camping activity.

Camping Nodes have been established along the Stud Creek Road from the entrance to the PLUZ for the next 16 km. Random unserviced camping is only allowed in the designated nodes in this area of the PLUZ.

Camping Nodes are intended to reduce recreational pressure on the surrounding landscape and help visitors avoid accidental contact with sour gas facilities in the area. See insert on map side of brochure for the camping node (Burnt Timber Gas Plant) area.

Serviced Camping Opportunities

Visitors to Ghost PLUZ are strongly encouraged to use the amenities and facilities provided by Alberta Environment and Parks in Provincial Recreation Areas (PRA) and provincial parks.

These areas have been engineered to reduce the risk of environmental impact to fish and wildlife habitat, vegetation, soil and water quality that is caused by intensive use.

Do not remove firewood from Provincial Recreation Areas.

PRA's	Camping Units	Services	Activities	Trails
Burnt Timber	30	-	fishing	hiking, cycling
Fallen Timber South	55	loading/unloading ramps campsite reservations	fishing, OHV* & snowmobile staging permitted	hiking, cycling OHV, snowmobile
Ghost Airstrip Group Camp	-	group camping/day use warm-up shelter	fishing, snowmobile staging permitted	hiking, cycling
North Ghost	169	group camping/day use campsite reservations	fishing, hiking, cycling, playground	cross-country skiing
Red Deer River	50	group camping/day use campsite reservations	canoeing/kayaking, fishing	hiking, cycling
South Ghost	-	loading/unloading ramps	snowmobile staging permitted	OHV
Waiparous Creek	53	campsite reservations group camping/day use staging permitted	fishing, hiking, canoeing/kayaking	hiking, cycling, OHV
Waiparous Valley Viewpoint	-	day use	-	

*OHV - off-highway vehicles

Volunteer Efforts In The Public Land Use Zones

Volunteers play an important role in maintaining and enhancing the designated trail system in the Ghost Public Land Use Zone. Volunteers routinely perform maintenance on existing bridges and trails, as well as carry out bioengineering projects such as planting willows to stabilize stream banks. The efforts of these dedicated individuals provide recreational opportunities for users of the area

If you are interested in volunteering with Environment and Parks, or getting involved with your local recreation stewardship groups, please contact your local AEP office or visit aep.alberta.ca



- Lead by example; use the trails in a safe and responsible manner.
- Slow down. Adjust your speed of travel according to trail conditions.
- Be courteous of other users and practice good rider etiquette.
- Ride when trails are dry. Avoid riding after heavy rainfall or snowmelt.
- Motorized users yield to non-motorized users.
- Pull over to the side, turn off your engine and remove your helmet when horses are approaching.
- If you encounter a locked gate, do not proceed beyond it.
- Close all gates behind you including those you found open.
- Travel is permitted beyond cattle guards and wire gates on the designated trail system.
- Reduce the spread of invasive species by washing your vehicle and equipment before entering the PLUZ.
- Ensure exhaust systems are clear of debris that may ignite and cause wildfire.

Public Land Use Zone Rules - Know the Law!

General

- You shall comply with the lawful orders, instructions and directions of an Officer.
- You shall comply with the instructions, prohibitions, and directions contained in signs and notices posted by or at the request of an Officer on or about the Public Land Use Zones (PLUZ), Public Land Recreation Areas (PLRA) or Public Land Recreation Trails (PLRT).
- An Officer may order a person within the PLUZ, PLRA, and PLRT to refrain from doing anything that in the opinion of the Officer is dangerous to life or property or detrimental to the management of or use of any road, trail or route within that PLUZ, PLRA, or PLRT.
- While in a PLUZ, PLRA or PLRT you shall keep the land and improvements in a condition satisfactory to an Officer.
- When leaving the PLUZ you shall restore the land to a clean and tidy condition.
- You shall remove all garbage for disposal at home or at an approved garbage disposal facility.
- No cutting, removing or damaging living trees or any vegetation is allowed.
- Do not deposit harmful materials such as sediment, pollution, gray water or sewage into any water or onto ice of any watercourse or water body.
- Adhere to fire bans and closures.

Motorized vehicles

- Off-highway vehicles are not allowed on roads.
- You may only cross waterbodies at bridges or lawful crossings. Crossing a waterbody anywhere other than a bridge or designated ford is not permitted.
- Motorized users must stay on the designated trails.
- Operators under 14 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

Camping

- No camping or open fires allowed within one kilometer of a PRA or PLRA.
- Camping facilities must be temporary and portable.
- Limit your stay to 14 days.
- Campfires are allowed for cooking and warming purposes only.
- Campfires must be attended at all time and extinguished before leaving your site.
- Camp at least 30 m (100 ft.) from water.

Traffic Safety Act

Under the *Traffic Safety Act* an off-highway vehicles (OHV) is any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice or marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain. CSA compliant helmets must be worn by OHV users when riding on public land.

Every OHV and snow vehicle operating on public land must have the following:

- Valid registration and insurance. Operator must carry and produce documents.
- Current license plate properly affixed in a visible location.
- Red rear tail lamp capable of emitting a light visible from at least 60m (185 ft.).
- At least one front white headlamp capable of illuminating a person, vehicle or object from at least 60m (185 ft.).
- Proper exhaust muffler with spark arrestor.

To operate an OHV on Alberta public lands, people from another jurisdiction must:

- Carry proof of residency.
- Follow the rules regarding registration of the vehicle and the display of license plate as required by their home jurisdiction.
- Produce valid proof of insurance.
- If you have been in Alberta for more than 30 days, all Alberta requirements apply.

As a user of the PLUZ, it is your responsibility to ensure you are adequately informed of closures, appropriate usages and rules.

Visitors who do not follow the rules may be fined or charged under the provincial legislation.

To learn more about Public Land Use Zones including trail updates visit the AEP website at aep.alberta.ca.

Additional web resources:

Alberta Agriculture and Forestry – wildfire.alberta.ca
Alberta Parks – albertaparks.ca
Parks Canada – pc.gc.ca
Vacation Guide – travelalberta.com

Avalanche Information

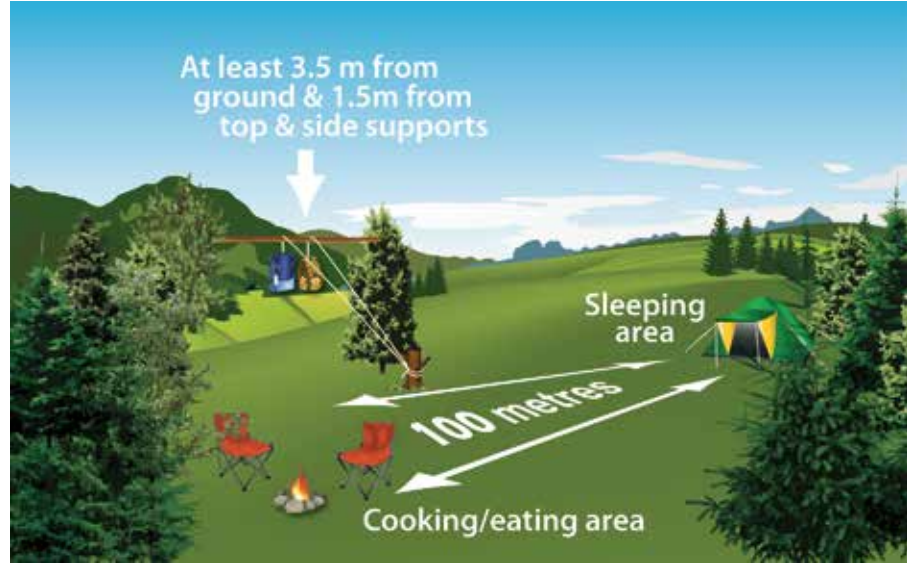
PLUZs are not controlled for avalanches, be prepared to properly manage avalanche-related risk when travelling through this area. For more information on avalanche safety and to check avalanche hazards and terrain ratings visit www.avalanche.ca.

Avoiding Wildlife Conflicts

PLUZs are home for many animals, including grizzly and black bears, cougars, coyotes and wolves. Please take precautions to reduce the likelihood of a dangerous wildlife encounter.

- Set up camp sites in open areas away from game trails, berry bushes, clover patches, streams and lakeshores.
- Constantly make noise to warn wildlife of your approach.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times. Unleashed dogs may provoke an unwanted encounter.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.
- Use odor-proof containers to store anything that may attract a bear, including toiletries and pet food and never take these items into your sleeping area.
- Store food and other scented items in your vehicle or high in a tree, at least 100 m (330 ft.) from your camp.
- Cook food and dispose of dishwater at least 100 m (330 ft.) from your sleeping area.
- Never partially burn or bury food scraps.
- Pack out all garbage in sealed bags.
- Never feed, approach or disturb bears or wildlife.
- Stay in groups. Keep children close.
- Look for signs of recent wildlife activity including scat, prints, tree markings and wildlife carcasses. If there are signs of recent wildlife activity, leave the area immediately.

Always be aware of your surroundings and keep a respectful distance from wildlife. For more information on wildlife safety visit <http://aep.alberta.ca>



Equestrian Use On Public Land

- Do not tie horses to trees.
- All sites must be cleaned of manure and excess feed before leaving.
- All remaining feed must be disposed of at home. Do not leave any feed behind.
- Use weed-free feed and hay.
- Avoid grazing wherever possible.
- When accessing water, use hard ground surfaces and avoid soft ground conditions to prevent bank erosion.

This brochure is classified as a notice under the Public Lands Administration Regulation.

The official statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law. Clarification of the regulations may be obtained from your nearest Alberta Environment and Parks office.

Provincial statutes and regulations, in print or electronic format, are available through Alberta Queen's Printer: 780-427-4952 or visit www.qp.alberta.ca



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For More Information

Contact the nearest AEP office or visit aep.alberta.ca

Calgary
403-297-8800 (dial 310-0000 toll-free)

Fire Ban Information 1-866-FYI-FIRE (394-3473)

Report A Poacher - 1-800-643-3800 to report suspicious hunting and fishing activity, dangerous wildlife encounters and serious public lands abuse

Emergency

In case of emergency, please dial **911**

To report a wildfire call **310-FIRE (310-3473)**

Environment 24-hour pollution response team **1-800-222-6514**



Scanning this QR code will take you directly to the Ghost PLUZ website for new digital mapping options and downloads.

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Getting There

Access the from the South. From Cochrane, AB. Go west on Highway 1A. Turn North on Highway 40. Go 27 km to the Forest Reserve boundary.

Access from the East. From Cochrane, AB. Go North on Highway 22. Turn west on highway 579. Follow this road to forest reserve boundary.

Access from the North. From Sundre, AB. Go west on highway 584. Turn south on Range Rd 63. Turn south on Range Rd 64 (which turns into Range Road 64A and eventually into Range Rd 65A). Continue along this road until it turns into Township 314A and then into Township road 312A. Continue to the Highway 40 intersection. Keep going west until you come to the blue bridge and Mountain Aire lodge. Turn South at Bridge to enter the Ghost PLUZ.

