

# Provincial Protected Area Boundary Adjustments 2004-2015



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This report describes provincial protected area boundary adjustments that have occurred between 2004 and 2015. Record reviews include legislative bills, orders in council and other paper-based records. As record review is ongoing and sources of information are varied, periodic updates to this report can be expected. Most recently, a boundary adjustment in the *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act (No. 2), 2014* was brought into force and a boundary adjustment as a result of the *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2015* have been added to this list.

Our records currently indicate that during this time there have been 66 modifications to protected area boundaries, totalling approximately 3,889.5 hectares.<sup>1</sup> This equates to less than 0.028 percent of the 14,063,260 hectares in the provincial protected areas system. Most of the lands removed from an area were protected under another designation (e.g. ecological reserve to Class A park; Class A park to protected area).

These boundary adjustments have included removing existing highways and public roads from parks, and authorizing highway improvements, access roads, transmission lines and pipelines. This total also includes boundary modifications to correct errors in which lands were inadvertently included in protected area boundaries (Details of the boundary adjustments are in the table below).

Although the “category” system of boundary adjustments was not adopted until 2010, BC Parks has attempted to indicate which category would have been assigned for adjustments occurring prior to 2010.

36 of the 66 boundary modifications are considered “category 1” under the policy, dealing with corrections to administrative errors in park boundaries. These types of modifications have resulted in 3,151.04 hectares<sup>2</sup> being removed from parks, conservancies, ecological reserves and protected areas.

21 of the 66 boundary modifications are considered “category 2” under the policy, or adjustments to deal with human health and safety issues such as highway re-alignments and community infrastructure such as water supplies. These types of modifications have resulted in 114.19 hectares being removed from parks.

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<sup>1</sup> These numbers do not include a number of administrative changes in 2004 to remove existing highways and public roads from parks. Complete information respecting these administrative corrections is not available at this time. The numbers also do not include boundary modifications resulting from the Maa nulth First Nations Final Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> Of this amount, approximately 80% (2,499 ha) is attributed to one protected area change where lands from Gladys Lake Ecological Reserve that included trails and recreation activities were removed and added to Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park.

9 of the 66 boundary modifications are considered “category 3” under the policy, or adjustments where a proponent is interested in a development or activity not allowed under protected area legislation. These types of modifications have resulted in 624.25 hectares being removed from parks and conservancies.

Protected Area	Bill/OIC and Year	Category	Hectares Deleted	Purpose of Boundary Adjustment
Brandywine Falls Park	Bill 50-2004	2	3.9	3.9 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway.
Maquinna Marine Park	Bill 50-2004	1	5	5 ha deleted on which an existing community water tower and incinerator were situated.
Maquinna Marine Park	Bill 50-2004	2	60	60 ha deleted to enable the Hesquiath First Nation to construct a 1.7 km stretch of road through the park to provide safer access to their community of Hot Springs. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Mount Robson Park	Bill 50-2004	2	14	14 ha deleted to accommodate a residential waterline. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Porteau Cove Park	Bill 50-2004	2	1	1 ha deleted to enable the transport and barging of waste associated with improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway. The lands were established as a recreation area under the <i>Park Act</i> . These lands have since been “returned” to the park.
God’s Pocket Marine Park	Bill 74-2004	1	11	11 ha deleted to remove an existing fish farm to conform to recommendations from land use plan.
Golden Ears Park	Bill 74-2004 (brought into force in 2006)	3	1	Approximately 1 ha deleted to allow for the construction of a road to a private parcel of land outside the park. 0.81 of a hectare was added to the park in 2006.

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Mount Elphinstone Park	Bill 74-2004	1	5	A harvested cutblock (5 ha) which was included in the park in error was removed. 7 ha of land with higher conservation values were added.
Shannon Falls Park	Bill 74-2004	2	0.2	0.2 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway. 0.3 hectares were added to the park as compensatory lands.
Wells Gray Park	Bill 74-2004	2	2	2 ha delete to allow for improvements by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to a highway stream crossing at Second Canyon.
Coldwater River Park	Bill 16-2005	1	3	3 ha deleted to remove an existing berm and pipeline.
E. C. Manning Park	Bill 16-2005	2	1.66	1.66 ha deleted to enable bridge reconstruction to occur to address a public safety concern. 1.22 ha of land was added as a mitigation measure.
Shuswap Lake Marine Park	Bill 16-2005	1	1.1	The Shuswap Lake East Site was cancelled as per direction from the LRMP. It was replaced by the Swall Site (7 ha) the previously year.
Gladys Lake Ecological Reserve	Bill 15-2006	1	2,499	2,499 ha deleted to remove historic guide outfitter camps and trails that were included in the ecological reserve and correct errors in the 2004 description. The lands were added to Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Park.
Shannon Falls Park	Bill 15-2006	2	1.3	1.3 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway.
Strathcona Park	Bill 15-2006	1	265	265 ha deleted from the Mount Flannigan area as part of land acquisition/exchange agreement. 305 hectares added to the park as part of the exchange.
Babine Mountains Park	Bill 24-2007	1	4.5	4.5 ha deleted to remove the existing Driftwood Road

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Brandywine Falls Park	Bill 24-2007	2	1	1 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway. 11 hectares were added to the park as compensatory lands.
Echo Lake Park	Bill 24-2007	1	0.43	0.43 hectares deleted to remove an existing forest service road.
Mount Robson Park	Bill 24-2007	3	478	478 ha deleted to accommodate expansion of Kinder Morgan's pipeline looping project. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> . Mitigation included the addition of 911 ha of lands to the park in 2010 and an endowment fund of \$350,000 to support park management. The park will also benefit from a share of \$2.2 million from Kinder Morgan for ecological projects in Jasper and Mount Robson Parks.
Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park	Bill 24-2007	2	0.858	0.858 ha deleted to accommodate the construction of a new road to provide secondary emergency access for the community of New Aiyansh.
Roderick Haig-Brown Park	Bill 24-2007	2	3	3 ha deleted to enable Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to replace a single lane bridge over the Adams River.
Rubyrock Lake Park	Bill 24-2007	1	11.6	11.6 ha deleted from the park to remove the Yekooche First Nation's community cemetery and water tower from the park.
Shuswap Lake Park	Bill 24-2007	1	0.133	0.133 ha deleted to enable transfer to Columbia Shuswap Regional District for regional park purposes.
Stawamus Chief Park	Bill 24-2007	2	1	1 ha deleted to enable improvements to the Sea to Sky Highway.

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Gitxaala Nii Luutiksm/Kitkatla Conservancy	Bill 24-2007	1	3.93	3.93 ha removed based on clarification of the boundaries of a gravel reserve. 25.49 ha added to the conservancy as a result of clarifying the boundaries of the gravel reserve.
Cariboo Nature Park	Bill 38-2008	2	3	3 ha deleted to enable Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to upgrade Highway 97.
Gilpin Grasslands Park	Bill 38-2008	1	3	3 ha deleted to exclude an existing forest service road.
Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park	Bill 38-2008	1	100	100 ha were deleted to remove the Highway 113 right of way from the park to ensure the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure was able to conduct necessary maintenance work. The deleted corridor was also wide enough to enable the construction of a fibre optic cable to service Nisga'a communities.
Roche Lake Park	Bill 38-2008	1	0.32	0.32 of a hectare was deleted to exclude an existing forest service road.
Shuswap Lake Marine Park–St. Ives Site	Bill 38-2008	1	0.8	0.8 of a hectare was deleted to exclude an existing forest service road.
Upper Adams River Park	Bill 38-2008	1	141	141 hectares were removed to conform with the recommendations of the LRMP. 155 ha were added to the park to conform with the recommendations of the LRMP.
Tsa-latl/Smokehouse Conservancy	Bill 38-2008	1	5	5 ha were deleted to remove an existing mineral claim that was included in the conservancy in error.
Ug <sup>w</sup> iwey/Cape Caution Conservancy	Bill 38-2008	1	0.3	Less than 0.3 of a hectare was deleted to remove an existing forest service road.

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Cypress Park	OIC 314/2008	2	0.1672	0.1672 ha were deleted from the park as part of a land exchange agreement related to the Sea to Sky Highway Improvement project. 0.3349 ha were added to the park as part of the exchange.
Cariboo River Park	Bill 15-2010	1	1	1 ha deleted to exclude an existing road to enable access to a placer mineral tenure outside the park.
Dry Gulch Park	Bill 15-2010	1	0.025	0.025 of a hectare was deleted to remove an existing road that was included in the park in error.
Ellison Park	Bill 15-2010	2	0.09	0.09 of a hectare was deleted to enable the road improvements by the City of Vernon to address safety issues and provide utility services to an adjacent subdivision.
Johnstone Creek Park	Bill 15-2010	2	0.2	0.2 of a hectare was deleted to enable the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake road improvements to meet subdivision safety standards and to access a gravel pit adjacent to the park.
Neğiλ/Nekite Estuary Conservancy	Bill 15-2010	1	4	4 ha were deleted to remove a former forestry camp site that was included in the conservancy in error.
Ningunsaw Park	Bill 15-2010	2	4	4 ha were deleted to align the park boundary with the surveyed edge of the right of way for Highway 37. This ensured that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure was able to carry out necessary maintenance work on the right of way.
Otter Lake Park	Bill 15-2010	1	1.7	1.7 ha were deleted to remove an existing road corridor (0.3 hectares) to a Lease of Placer Minerals. This removal was part of a legal agreement negotiated in the 1980s but never implemented.

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Upper Lillooet Park	Bill 15-2010	1	0.1	Less than 0.1 of a hectare was deleted to except a portion of an existing mineral claim.
Wawley/Seymour Estuary Conservancy	Bill 15-2010	3	1	1 ha was deleted to exclude a log sort area to enable a First Nation to undertake timber harvesting on adjacent land outside the conservancy.
Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park	Bill 13-2011	3	10.5	10.5 ha were deleted to enable construction of the Northwest Transmission Line. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
White Lake Grasslands Protected Area	OIC 504/2011	1	1.15	Correct an administrative error at time the area was established in 2001. Removes a road to a private residence.
Cultus Lake Park	Bill 49-2012	1	11	11 ha were removed to exclude three existing public roads.
Dzawadi/Upper Klinaklini River Conservancy	Bill 49-2012	3	62	62 ha were deleted to enable environmental studies for a potential hydro-electric generating project. The land was established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Kamdis Conservancy	Bill 49-2012	1	0.236	0.236 of a hectare was removed to exclude an existing access road to an industrial lease.
Stawamus Chief Park	Bill 49-2012	3	2.36	2.36 ha were deleted to enable construction of Sea to Sky Gondola. These lands were established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
Elk Falls Park	Bill 5-2013	3	5.65	5.69 ha were deleted to enable the John Hart Replacement Project by BC Hydro. The land converted to protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .



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Inkaneep Park	Bill 5-2013	3	0.24	0.24 of a hectare was deleted for secondary road access to Oliver Correctional Centre. The land was transferred to Shared Services BC. 0.9 of a hectare was added as a mitigation measure.
Mara Meadows Park	Bill 5-2013	1	7.3	7.3 ha were deleted to remove overlap with woodlot licence.
Moose Valley Park	Bill 5-2013	1	50	Removal of lands recommended by the Goal 2 land use planning process to provide a more rational and recognizable park boundary. 161 ha were added to the park as a result of the land use planning recommendations.
Upper Violet Creek Park	Bill 5-2013	1	0.1	0.1 of a hectare was deleted to remove overlap with woodlot licence.
Wakes Cove Park	Bill 5-2013	1	0.1	Land deleted to enable repair of breakwater for adjacent marina.
Kleanza Creek Park	Bill 11-2014	2	2	2 ha remove to provide safe and reliable drinking water to the Kitselas community of Gitau.
McDonald Creek Park	Bill 11-2014	1	0.0075	0.0075 ha deleted to provide for a legal easement to a private in-holding in the park. Existing legal means of access will be closed.
Mount Richardson Park	Bill 11-2014	1	0.75	0.75 ha deleted to correct an administrative error associated with a licence of occupation.
Paul Lake Park	Bill 11-2014	2	2.75	2.75 ha deleted to remove an existing community water system from the park.
Kamdis Conservancy	Bill 11-2014	1	0.06	0.06 ha removed to correct an error in the 2012 description. 0.05 ha added to also correct an error in the 2012 description.
Greenbush Lake Protected Area	OIC 138/2014	1	2.4	2.4 ha removed to correct an administrative error made at time of establishment (2001). A cutblock was included in the protected area in error.
Elk Falls Park	Bill 11 – 2014	2	10	10 hectares deleted to remove lands required by the City of Campbell

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	(brought into force by BC Regulation 150/2014)			River to construct a replacement municipal water supply intake system.
Say Nuth Khaw Yum Park [a.k.a. Indian Arm Park]	Bill 11 – 2014 (brought into force by BC Regulation 9/2015)	1	11	11 hectares deleted to remove recreational lots that were included in the park in error.
E. C. Manning Park	Bill 8 - 2015	2	2.06	2.06 hectares deleted to enable the replacement of the 3 Cambie Creek bridges on Highway #3. 3.2 hectares added to park as a mitigation measure.
Nisga’a Memorial Lava Bed Park	Bill 8-2014 (brought into force by BC Regulation 112/2015)	3	63.5	63.5 hectares deleted to enable the PRGT natural gas pipeline to proceed. The land was established as a protected area under the <i>Environment and Land Use Act</i> .
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,889.5</b>	

This list does not include one boundary amendment passed by the Legislature in 2014 (Bill 11-2014) that has not yet been brought into force (i.e. Tow Hill Ecological Reserve).

Our records indicate that four category 3 boundary adjustments have been rejected by government since the policy was approved in 2004. They were: (1) a proposal for a road to a private lot through Moberly Lake Park; (2) a proposal for a transmission line through Pinecone Burke Park; (3) a proposal for a transmission line through Craig Headwaters Protected Area; and (4) a proposal for private wharves in Octopus Islands Marine Park to access private land.

Other proposals have been withdrawn by proponents during the process.

Between 2004 and 2015, over 3.3 million hectares of land have been added to the parks and protected areas system. This includes converting the designation of some existing areas totalling more than 500,000 hectares to Class A parks and conservancies to provide an increased level of protection.