



# Monte Lake Park Management Plan

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# 1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this management plan is to guide the management of Monte Lake Park. The direction set out in this management plan is used by protected area managers to make decisions regarding the ongoing management and operations within the park.

This management plan:

- defines the role and significance of the area in the protected areas system;
- identifies the significant features or values of the park;
- outlines the current and predicted future management issues and opportunities; and
- provides a framework for operational decision making.

Monte Lake Park was established on March 16, 1956 as a Class A park, and is currently named and described in Schedule C of the *Protected Areas of British Columbia Act*. This 5 hectare park is located on Highway 97 between Kamloops and Vernon (Figure 1) on Monte Lake (Figure 2). There are no facilities and no developed access.

Monte Lake Park was developed to serve as a day-use and overnight rest stop for the traveling public. For economic and highway safety reasons, all day-use facilities and campsites were removed from the park in 1992. The development of an adjacent private campground also supported the decision to remove all facilities from Monte Lake Park.

## 2.0 Values and Roles of the Park

This small park does not contain provincially significant conservation or recreation values. The park protects a small area of riparian habitat on Monte Lake and open Ponderosa Pine habitat on the upland portion, where the blue-listed Flammulated Owl may be present. Recreational use of the park is very limited due to the removal of all facilities in 1992.

Monte Lake Park is situated in the traditional territory of the Splatsin, Neskonlith, Adams Lake, Little Shuswap and Kamloops First Nations. Continuing traditional use of the park for hunting, gathering and ceremonial purposes by First Nation is recognized.

## 3.0 Management Direction

### 3.1 Management Strategies

Management Issues and Opportunities	Management Strategies
Future role of this park in the provincial protected areas system	<p>Review park against Park and Protected Area system criteria to determine future direction for maintaining it within the system, or other options for the park. Transfer to an appropriate level of local government, Chamber of Commerce or other organization will be considered.</p> <p>Investigate opportunities with volunteers or other groups to manage and maintain the park on behalf of BC Parks.</p>
Access to the park from the highway is considered unsafe for the public, limiting recreational use	Continue to discourage access to the park from the highway in order to reduce safety risks.
	Encourage recreational use in other nearby parks; no facilities will be provided in Monte Lake Park.
	Continue current maintenance of the park and monitor the park for potential new management issues.
The blue-listed Flammulated Owl may be present in the park.	Assess the park for the presence of Flammulated Owl, and consider their presence and management as a factor in the future management/disposition of the park.

### 3.2 Zoning

The entire park is zoned as Nature Recreation (Figure 3) with the intent to maintain the relatively undisturbed condition of the environment. Although this zone designation usually allows for recreation opportunities, public access to this park is not encouraged.

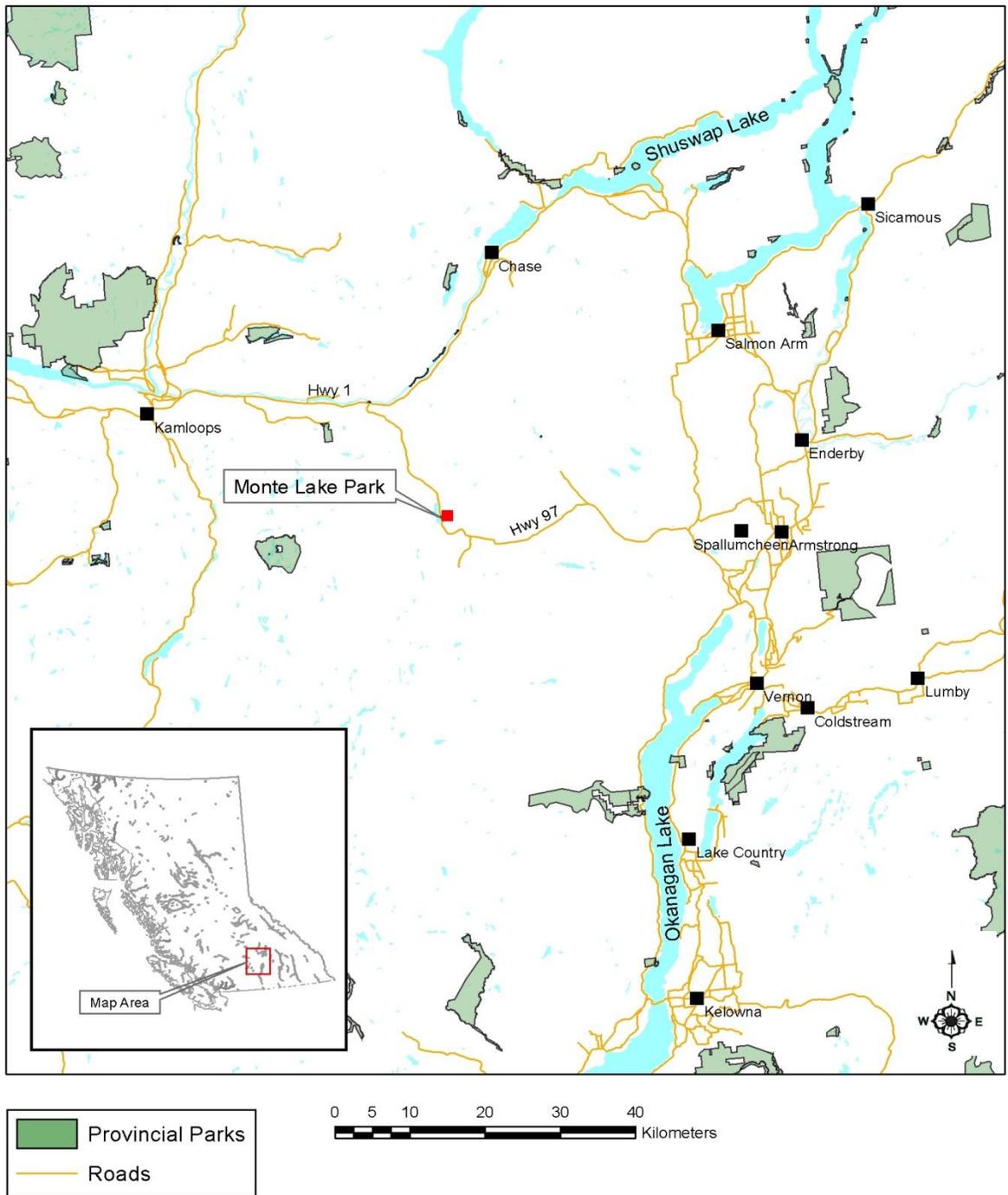
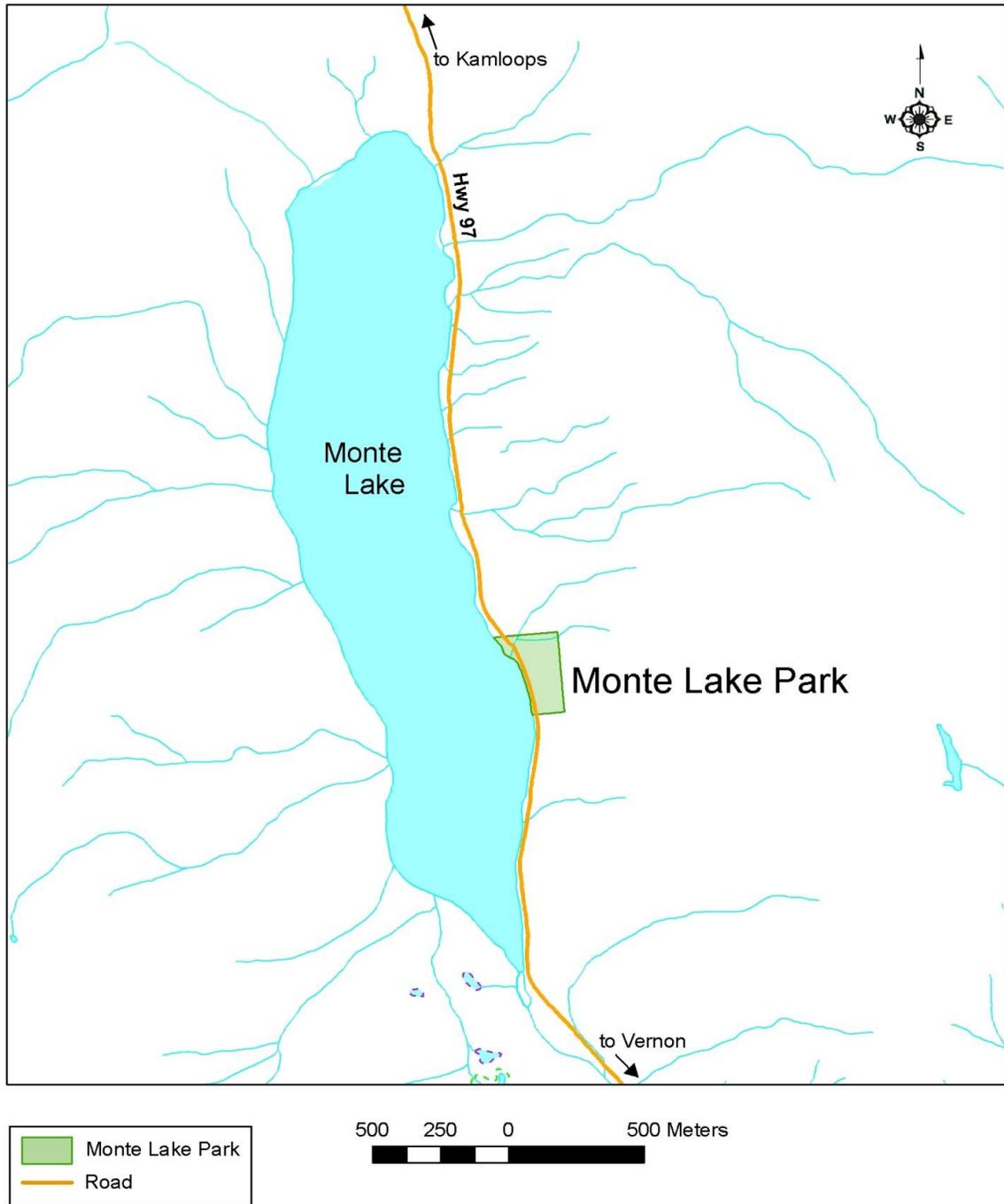


Figure 1: Regional and Provincial Context Map



**Figure 2: Local Location Map**



**Figure 3: Zoning and Park Map Monte Lake Provincial Park**