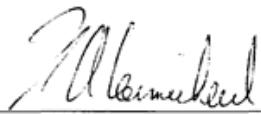


# JOHNSTONE CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

## PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

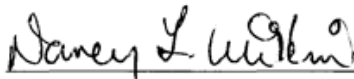
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**JOHNSTONE CREEK PARK  
Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan**

Johnstone Creek Park, 38 hectares in size, is located adjacent to Highway 3 just west of Rock Creek.

The **primary purpose** of the park is to provide camping opportunities to highway travellers. The park contains 16 campsites, as well as trails to a lookout and to a nearby waterfall. The campsites are used for picnicking as well.

The **secondary purpose** of the park is to protect a small section of Johnstone Creek, its mature Douglas-fir - Larch - Spruce forest and small area of grassland. Johnstone Creek supports rainbow trout.

Although contributing about 15% of the land protected in the Southern Okanagan Highland Ecosession, the park's small size and level of development limits the value of its contribution. Two biogeoclimatic subzones/variants are present - IDFxh1 and PPdh1 - the latter amounting to almost all of the subzone/variant protected in the ecosession.

A 102 hectare addition is being considered by the Kootenay Inter-Agency Management Committee as part of the Kootenay Boundary Land Use Plan goal 2 review. This largely grassland/open forest land would increase the PPdh1 values and extend the length of creek protected.

<b>Known Management Issues</b>	<b>Response</b>
This park's small number of campsites and lack of room for expansion makes it unviable if it were not managed as part of a group of parks.	Investigate the potential transfer of the core developed area to a local interest or withdrawal of facilities. Protect the conservation values of the remainder of the park which would be greatly enhanced if the 102 hectare addition occurs.
The grassland values can be impacted by trespass grazing if fencing fails.	Monitor the situation and establish a fencing program if required.

**Zoning**

The land between the highway and the park road is zoned Intensive Recreation to provide camping and day use recreation opportunities (24% of the park). The remainder of the park (approximately 76% of the park) is Natural Environment Zone to protect its natural values.

## CONSERVATION

### Representation

- ecosection  Southern Okanagan Highland – 1 of 5 small protected areas contributing to the representation of this ecosection. Only 0.55% of the ecosection is protected. Johnstone Creek contributes 14.93% of the overall protected area representation of this ecosection. Largest contributor to representation of this ecosection is Anarchist Protected Area (82.80%).
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant  IDFxh1 – under-represented in the protected areas system (6.85%); park contributes only 0.09% of the overall representation of this BEC unit in the protected areas system.  
PPdh1 – only 0.23% protected; 1 of only 2 small protected areas contributing to the representation of this BEC unit; despite its small size (38 ha), the park contributes 95.68% of the representation of this BEC unit in the protected areas system

### Special Feature

- Riparian habitat

### Rare/Endangered Values

### Scientific/Research Opportunities

## RECREATION

### Representation

- backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor  Provides camping and picnicking opportunities for Highway 3 travellers
- local recreation

### Special Opportunities

### Education/Interpretation Opportunities

## CULTURAL HERITAGE

### Representation

**Special Feature**

**OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

**Other Designations**

**Relationship to Other PAs**

**Co-operative Management Arrangements**

**Partnerships**

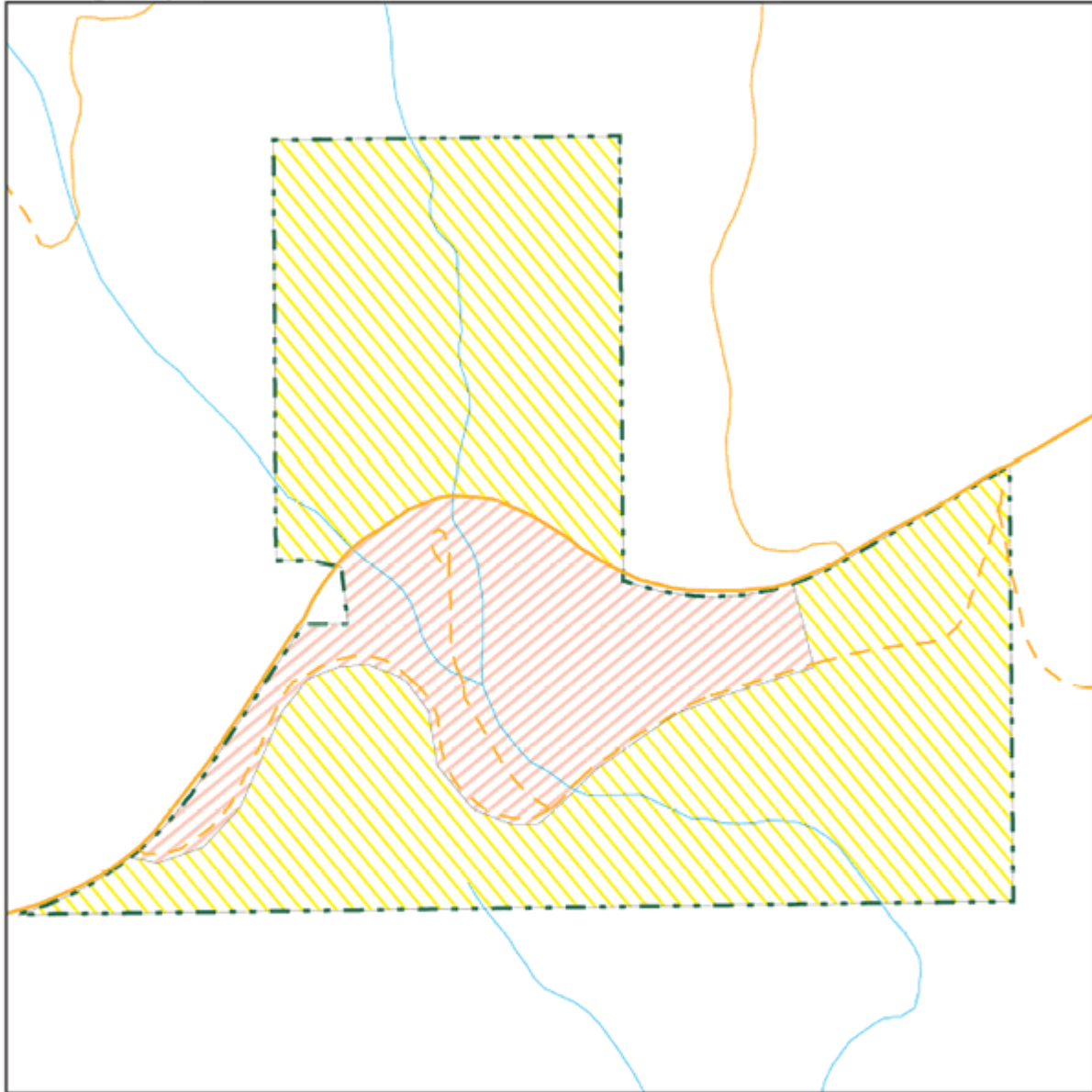
**Vulnerability**

**Relationship to Other Strategies**  Kootenay Boundary LUP goal 2 review recommends 102 hectare grassland/open forest addition

**Area:** 38 hectares




**Date of establishment:** March 16, 1956

# Zoning Map - Johnstone Creek Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas  
Datum: NAD83



-  Intensive Recreation
-  Natural Environment
-  Protected Area Boundary



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