

MARA PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

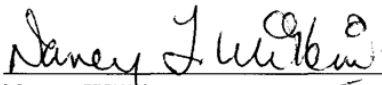
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The **primary purpose** of Mara Provincial Park is to provide opportunities for public recreation access and use of Mara Lake, with emphasis on swimming, picnicking and boat launching.

Mara Provincial Park is situated on the southeast end of Mara Lake. The park supports the local tourist industry. It is a popular site used as a rest stop for travellers on Highway 97A and as a destination day use area for visitors to the area as well as local residents. It provides good sandy beaches and the only major public access and boat launch on Mara Lake.

Containing only 5 hectares and mostly dedicated to intensive recreation, the park does not contribute to ecosystem representation and is considered of only minor conservation value. There is fish-spawning at the mouths of two creeks. One kekuli pit can be found in the park, but this feature is only considered as locally significant.

Known Management Issues	Response
Deteriorating infrastructure (septic tank upgrade required, boat launch buckling, change building has failed).	Include projects in Annual Management Plan for future facility upgrades.

Zoning: The whole of the park (5 ha) is zoned as **Intensive Recreation**.

Conservation

- Representation
- ecosection no contribution to ecosection representation
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant no contribution to BEC representation
- Special Feature none identified
- Rare/Endangered Values none identified
- Scientific/Research Opportunities none identified

Recreation

- Representation
backcountry
- destination
- travel corridor major use (50%) from Highway 97A as a reststop and picnic site
- local recreation popular regional day use site
- Special Opportunities provides good sandy beaches and the only major public access and boat launch on Mara Lake.
- Education/Interpretation Opportunities

Cultural Heritage

- Representation
- Special Feature

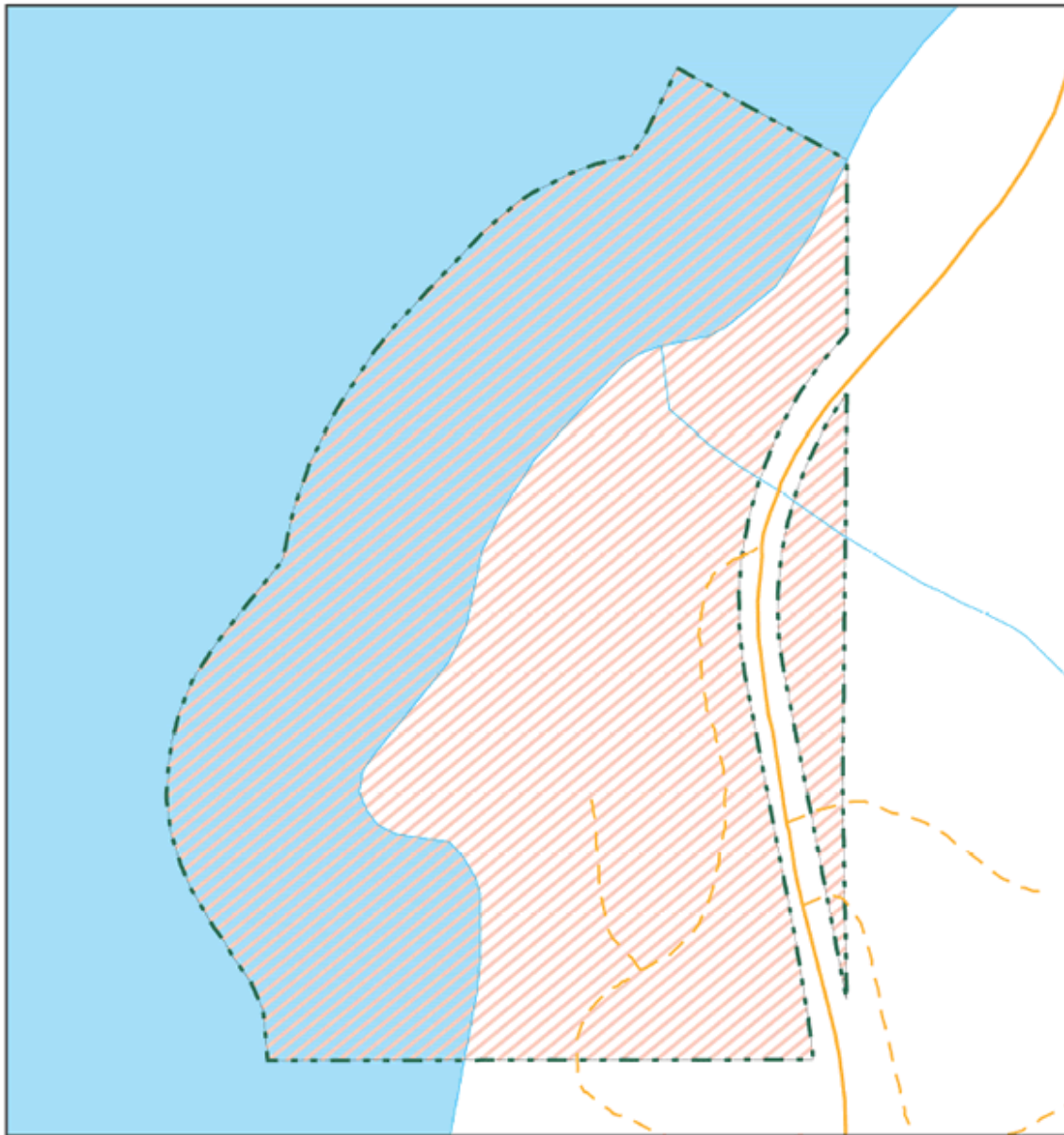
Other Management Considerations

- Other Designations
- Relationship to other PAs provides good sandy beaches and the only major public access and boat launch on Mara Lake
- Co-operative Management Arrangements
- Partnerships
- Vulnerability
- Relationship to other Strategies

Area: 5 hectares



Date of Establishment: May 31, 1938

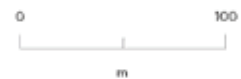
Zoning Map - Mara Provincial Park



Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83



 Intensive Recreation
 Protected Area Boundary



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