

SILVER BEACH PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

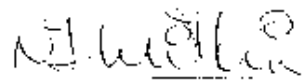
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The **primary purpose** of Silver Beach Provincial Park is to provide recreation opportunities associated with road and marine access destination use at the upper end of Seymour Arm on Shuswap Lake. The park is strategically situated at the extreme north end of Seymour Arm, essentially within the small community of Seymour Arm (historically a gold rush town known as Ogden City), to serve as a key destination point on the Shuswap Lake marine park system. The primary attraction is the beautiful long sand beach. The park serves as an destination for camping in association with beach and water activities. The small campground (30 sites) is well used through the summer months.

As a **secondary role**, the park protects important foreshore and riparian habitats. The major portion of the park covers cottonwood and willow riparian habitats on the lower delta of the Seymour River. These are important habitat types of which there are very few left on Shuswap Lake found in such a relatively undisturbed condition.

As a **tertiary role**, the park protects archaeological sites and an historical graveyard.

Known Management Issues	Response
Limited inventory and information on delta habitats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry out inventory of the park habitats.• Establish a monitoring program.
Inappropriate use (parties) of an adjacent road causes noise disruption to park users. Illegal use of Natural Environment Zone (river delta) by ATV's and 4 wheel drive vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate with local community to gain cooperation from residents to reduce impacts to park users, and to inform people of the sensitive park habitats.
Campground facilities and use are not considered compatible with the community setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convert park facilities to day use when Albas is developed to provide alternate camping opportunity.

Zoning

The campsite and immediate beach and day use area is all zoned as **Intensive Recreation**. The remainder of the park is zoned as **Natural Environment** with the primary intent to maintain the relatively undisturbed condition of the environment, while allowing for compatible recreation uses

Conservation

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| Representation
- ecosection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Minor representation of the Shuswap Highlands Ecosection. This ecosection is well represented with over 16 % contained within 28 protected areas , although Silver Beach Park makes a minimal contribution . |
| - biogeoclimatic subzone/variant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Some representation of ICHmw3 subzone/variant, which is well represented in the protected areas system. |
| Special Feature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Seymour River Delta |
| Rare/Endangered Values | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Scientific/Research Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | none identified |

Recreation

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| Representation
backcountry | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| destination | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | popular vehicle and marine destination site for camping, and beach and water based activities. |
| travel corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| local recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | regional day use and destination use |
| Special Opportunities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Primary destination point (end of lake) on Shuswap Lake |
| Education/Interpretation Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Cultural Heritage

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| Representation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Feature | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other Management Considerations

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| Other Designations | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Relationship to other PAs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A key component of the Shuswap Lake park system. |
| Co-operative Management Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Vulnerability

Relationship to other Strategies

Area: 129.8 hectares (101.2 upland; 28.6 foreshore)

Date of establishment: September 18, 1969