

Berland Sub-regional Plan

Recreation and tourism

The plan supports a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities, including hiking, backcountry travel, off-highway vehicle use, paddling, equestrian use, hunting, fishing, and camping. The landscapes are popular for mountain/backcountry experiences. These activities support local communities, contribute to tourism, and help people connect with the land.

Key components of the plan

Recreation Management Areas

- The plan identifies priority areas where recreation and tourism are a focus and where trail planning and management strategies will be used to improve user experience while protecting sensitive environments.

Indigenous-led tourism

- The plan supports Indigenous tourism to increase opportunities for Indigenous communities and increase awareness of Indigenous culture and values while maintaining natural landscapes.

Minimize environmental impacts

- The plan manages trail width, access, and location to reduce habitat disturbance with an emphasis on caribou habitat recovery, biodiversity conservation, and managing motorized use.

Recreation and tourism facts

- Within the sub-region, 13.5% of the land is covered by recreation and park areas:
 - Willmore Wilderness Park
 - William A. Switzer and Pierre Grey's Lakes Provincial Parks
 - Wildhay Glacial Cascades and Pinto Creek Canyon Natural Areas
 - Big Berland, Smoke Lake, Simonette River, Wildhay Provincial Recreation Areas
 - Mason Creek, Westview, Economy Lake, Bison Flats Public Land Recreation Areas

Did you know...

- Grande Cache and surrounding staging areas serve as recreation gateways.
- The sub-region includes provincial recreation areas and scenic landscapes popular for backcountry travel.
- The draft plan proposes the establishment of the Grande Cache Mount Louis Public Land Use Zone.

Figure 1: Recreation Management Areas in the Berland sub-region.

