

Plan for Parks - Phase 2 Engagement

Sharing the new draft plan for Alberta's provincial parks system

The Plan for Parks:

The original <u>Plan for Parks</u> was first introduced in 2009 as a 10-year strategic plan, to establish the vision and strategic priorities for Alberta's parks.

The new draft Plan for Parks builds on this original work, providing a renewed vision for the future, enduring goals, and outcomes which describe the core purpose of parks. The draft plan provides strategic supporting actions that will guide how to achieve these goals while responding to emerging pressures and embracing new opportunities.

The new draft Plan for Parks will guide management of the 305 sites administered under the *Provincial Parks Act.* This includes 78 provincial parks, 34 wildland provincial parks, and 193 provincial recreation areas. The Plan for Parks is not about any single park. It considers how parks across the province work together to achieve the goals outlined in the plan.

Phase 2 engagement:

This second phase of Plan for Parks engagement seeks input on the new draft plan.

In 2024, the first phase of engagement (June 19 to August 18, 2024) collected feedback on the perspectives, priorities, and needs of Albertans on how current and future generations use parks. This helped inform the creation of the new draft plan.

The draft plan is now being released for review and input by the public, Indigenous communities and organizations, and stakeholders.

Participation:

An online survey and supporting information materials are available throughout the 60-day engagement period (from May 27 to July 26, 2025) at Alberta.ca/planforparks. You can participate by reading the draft Plan for Parks then completing the online survey.

Next steps:

All feedback will be reviewed and analyzed once the engagement period closes on July 26, 2025. Input from the public, Indigenous communities and organizations and stakeholders, along with subject matter expertise, will inform revisions to the draft Plan for Parks.

The final Plan for Parks will be reviewed by government prior to its approval and release.

Parks and protected areas:

Protected areas managed under other legislation such as the Wilmore Wilderness Park Act, and the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Area and Heritage Rangelands Act are not the focus of this plan and engagement.

These important sites have a management intent that is focused on conservation and the maintenance of ecological processes, and typically do not have the same recreational uses and competing pressures. These sites will remain protected areas under legislation, and they will continue to be managed to meet their legislative outcomes. You can find out more about our parks system <a href="https://example.com/here/be/legislative-new-management intent that is focused on the maintenance of ecological processes, and typically do not have the same recreational uses and typically do not have the same recreational uses and competing pressures.

To find out more:

You can find more information on the Plan for Parks engagement here <u>Alberta.ca/planforparks</u>.



