

Site Name:	Athabasca Dunes
Site Type:	Ecological Reserve
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	399
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	614/88
Site # (Parks Website):	399
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	3769.78 ha. (9315.13 ac.)
Total Area:	3769.78 ha. (9315.13 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	none
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	58.1784132531 N, -110.884630037 W
Natural Region:	Boreal
Natural Subregion(s):	Athabasca Plain
IUCN Classification:	IA
Operated By:	Parks Division
Info Phone:	780-743-7437
Steward(s) Aug2002:	Not Available
Steward(s) Aug2003:	Not Available
Steward(s) Dec2011:	no
Petroleum & Natural Gas	
Surface Access Aug2002:	No Surface Access
Day Use Site(s):	Athabasca Dunes
Recreation Activities:	Birding, Hiking - backcountry, Wildlife viewing
Access:	

Notes: This site is noted as part of the Boreal Forest, but not mentioned in the 'Site Descriptions' section of the Parks web site.

The Athabasca Dunes Ecological Reserve protects part of the largest active sand dune system in Alberta; there are large areas of kame & kettle (the kames, over 60 metres high, are among the largest in the world); peatlands in the reserve range from relatively dry bogs dominated by jack pine, black spruce, Labrador tea & reindeer lichen to wetter peatlands with black spruce, tamarack & peat mosses; shoreline areas include mixed forests of aspen, balsam poplar & white spruce. Total wildlife species & populations are not extensive, as a result of the lack of habitat diversity; red squirrels are very common, and beaver, muskrat, black bear, red fox, lynx, wolf, moose & mink are known to frequent the area (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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