

Site Name: **Holmes Crossing Sandhills**

Site Type: **Ecological Reserve**

Status: Order-in-council (OC)

Subtype:

PA Site ID (Map Ref #): 580

O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual): 183/97

Site # (Parks Website): 408

Reserved Area: 0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)

Designated Area: 1982.65 ha. (4899.14 ac.)

Total Area: 1982.65 ha. (4899.14 ac.)

Additional Protected Areas: none

Lat/Long Co-ordinates: 54.2768039347 N, -114.863004265 W

Natural Region: Boreal

Natural Subregion(s): Central Mixedwood

IUCN Classification: IA

Operated By: Parks Division

Info Phone: 780-960-8170

Steward(s) Aug2002:

Steward(s) Aug2003:

Steward(s) Dec2011: yes

Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface

Access Aug2002:

Day Use Site(s): Holmes Crossing Sandhills

Recreation Activities: Wildlife viewing

Access:

Notes: Holmes Crossing Sandhills Ecological Reserve preserves some of the highest transverse dunes in Canada. The dunes are stabilized with jack pine lichen forests. The reserve also contains a number of small lakes. This area is one of the few occurrences of transverse dunes in Canada (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

Images:



Prairie Crocus in Holmes Crossing Natural Area, another natural area with sand dunes
Photo Rod Olstad



