

Site Name:	Rumsey
Site Type:	Ecological Reserve
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	36
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	511/90
Site # (Parks Website):	462
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	3431.86 ha. (8480.13 ac.)
Total Area:	3431.86 ha. (8480.13 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	see NA area
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	51.9389271451 N, -112.645121808 W
Natural Region:	Parkland
Natural Subregion(s):	Central Parkland
2nd Natural Region:	Grassland
2nd Natural Subregion(s):	Northern Fescue
IUCN Classification:	VI
Operated By:	Parks Division
Info Phone:	403-528-5228/ 403-340-6791
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):	Rumsey
Recreation Activities:	Birding, Hiking - backcountry, Wildlife viewing
Access:	No public roads in the reserve; travel in reserve restricted to foot only; visitors encouraged to contact Usher Ranching Ltd. ranch foreman prior to entering reserve.

Notes: Rumsey Natural Area and Rumsey Ecological Reserve protect the largest remaining tract of aspen parkland in Canada. The area consists of hummocky moraine (knob and kettle) topography. In wet years, the kettles fill with water and the resulting pothole country becomes some of the most productive waterfowl habitat in North America. Spanning the transition between Grassland Natural Region and the Central Parkland sub-region of Parkland Natural Region, Rumsey protects plants, birds and mammals at both the northern and southern extent of their ranges. It contains several flat-topped hills, and there are extensive woodlands along the northern boundary; there are numerous wetlands through the centre of reserve; the most common upland vegetation is rough fescue. Wildlife species include white-tailed deer, porcupines, muskrats, and chorus & leopard frogs. Grassland birds found here include Spragues pipit, upland sandpiper & Baird's sparrow; aspen woodlands are home to red-eyed vireo & northern oriole; in wetland areas there are mallards & killdeer (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

Images:



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Botany Alberta outing to Rumsey in 2002 - photo L. Kershaw



