

Site Name: Beaverhill Lk Heritage Rangeland

Site Type: Natural Area

Status: Order-in-council (OC)

Subtype:

PASite ID (Map Ref #): 585

O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual): 451/99

Site # (Parks Website): 436

Reserved Area: 0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)

Designated Area: 17533.57 ha. (43325.45 ac.)

Total Area: 17533.57 ha. (43325.45 ac.)

Additional Protected Areas: none

Lat/Long Co-ordinates: 53.4506741692 N, -112.530041 W

Natural Region: Parkland

Natural Subregion(s): Central Parkland

IUCN Classification: VI

Operated By: Parks Division

Info Phone: 403-340-7691

Steward(s) Aug2002:

Steward(s) Aug2003:

Steward(s) Dec2011: no

Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface

Access Aug2002:

Day Use Site(s): Beaverhill Lake Heritage Rangeland

Recreation Activities: none noted

Access:

Notes: This natural area is internationally recognized for its wetlands & diverse bird populations; more than 270 species of birds have been reported, with 145 known to breed locally; Beaverhill Lake was designated a RAMSAR site (wetland of international significance) in 1987. In the past, the 2-day long Beaverhill Lake Snow Goose Festival attracted 6000 people to the site each year (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

Beaverhill Lake is one of 37 designated RAMSAR sites in Canada. It is described as follows: Beaverhill Lake. 27/05/87; Alberta; 18,050 ha; 53°30'N 113°30'W. A broad, shallow lake set in a rolling landscape containing many smaller water bodies, or "sloughs". The vegetation includes emergent shoreline communities, forest, natural and cultivated grassland. An important breeding and staging area for various migratory waterbirds. Nesting species include a variety of ducks, colonies of *Pelecanus erythrorhynchus* and *Phalacrocorax auritus*. Spectacular numbers of birds occur particularly during fall migration, when over 200,000 Anatidae (ducks, geese, swans, etc.) gather. Notable concentrations (for the prairie region) of migratory shorebirds also occur. Ramsar site no. 370. Most recent RIS information: 2001. http://ramsar.rgis.ch/cda/en/ramsar-documents-list-anno-canada/main/ramsar/1-31-218%5E16491_4000_0

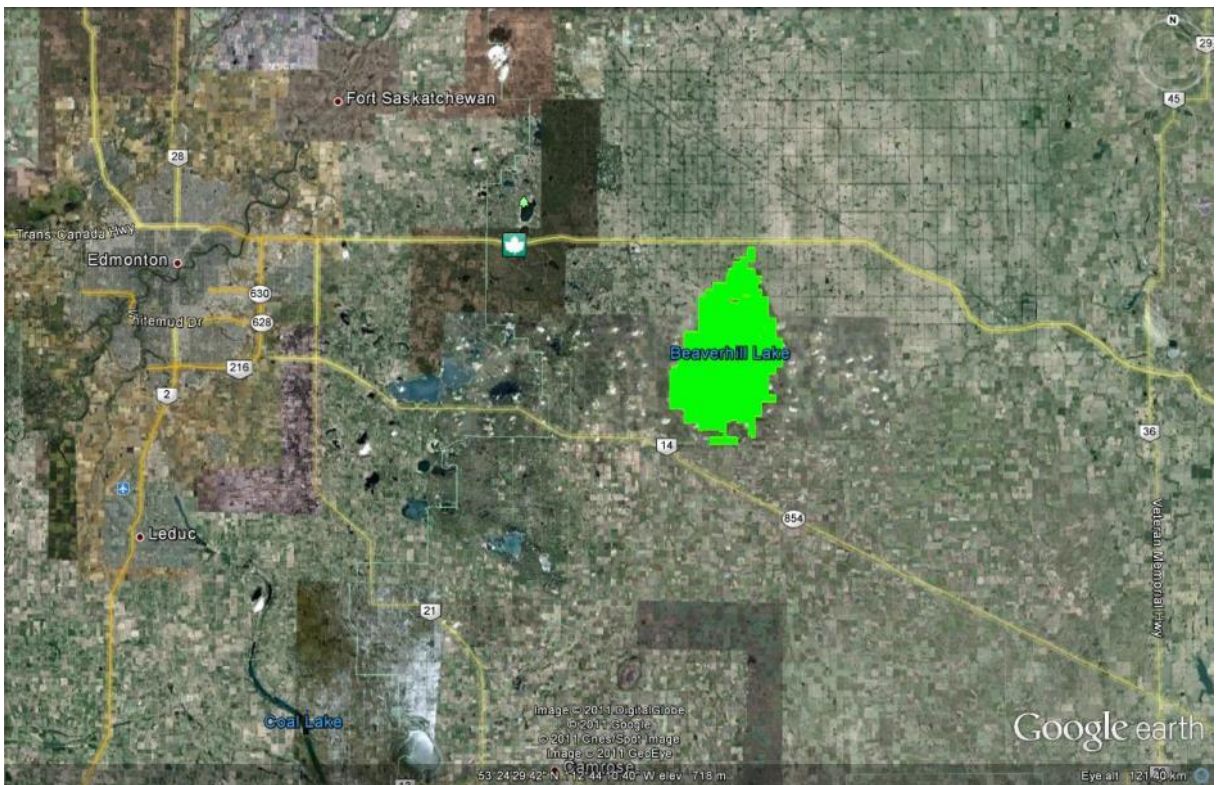
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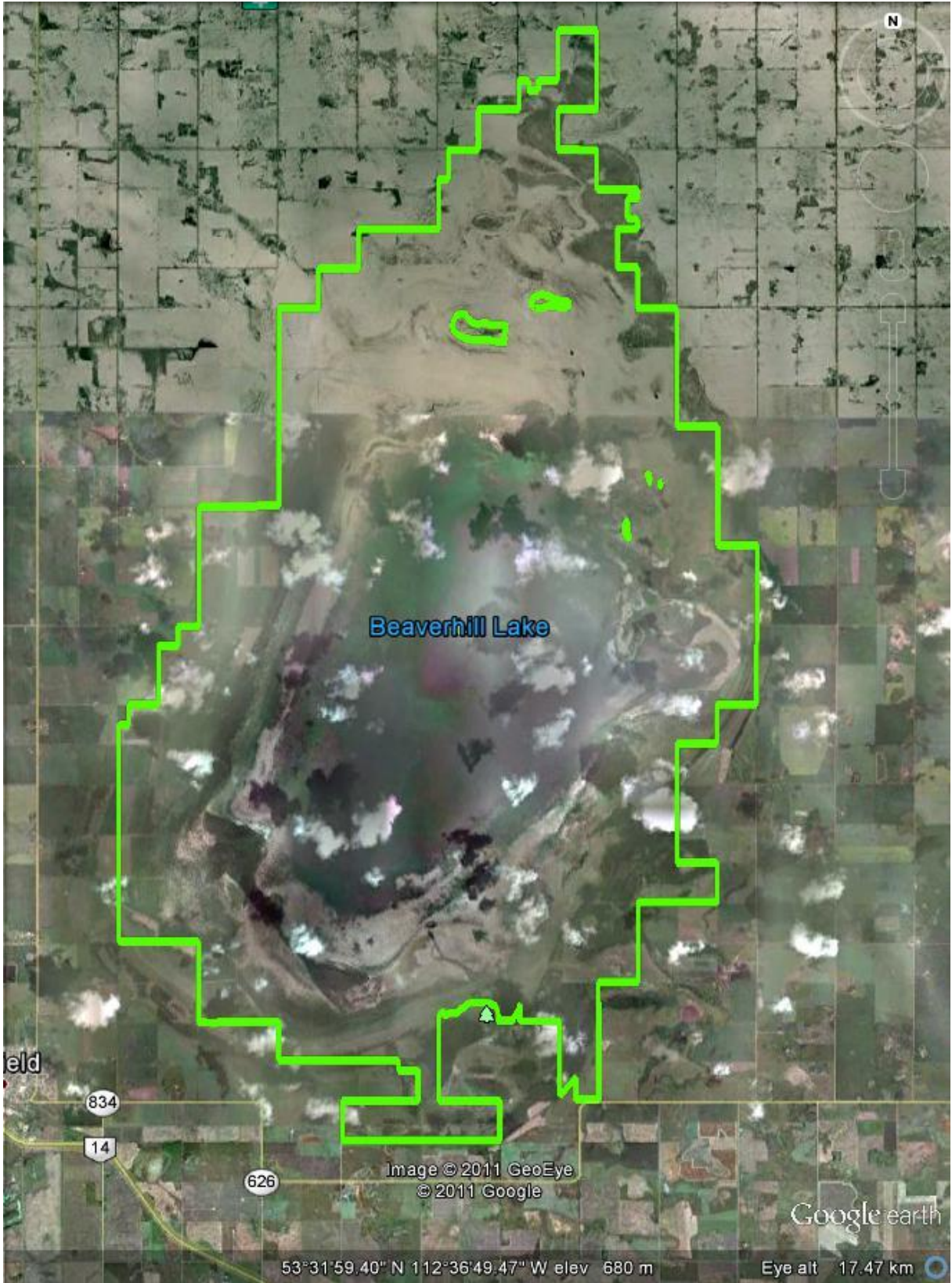


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Spring wildfire on Beaverhill Lake Photo - Linda Kershaw





Beaverhill Lake

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53°31'59.40" N 112°36'49.47" W elev 680 m

Eye alt 17.47 km

