

Site Name: **Burtonsville Island**

Site Type: **Natural Area**

Status: Order-in-council (OC)

Subtype: Education

PA Site ID (Map Ref #): 419

O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual): 531/87

Site # (Parks Website): 428

Reserved Area: 0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)

Designated Area: 328.00 ha. (810.49 ac.)

Total Area: 328.00 ha. (810.49 ac.)

Additional Protected Areas: none

Lat/Long Co-ordinates: 53.3209031622 N, -114.525178437 W

Natural Region: Boreal

Natural Subregion(s): Dry Mixedwood

IUCN Classification: II

Operated By: Parks Division

Info Phone: 780-427-3582

Steward(s) Aug2002: Volunteer(s) 1

Steward(s) Aug2003: Volunteer(s) 1

Steward(s) Dec2011: yes

Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface

Access Aug2002: No Surface Access

Day Use Site(s): Burtonsville Island

Recreation Activities: cross-country skiing, hunting, snowmobiling (off site), wildlife viewing; used extensively for outdoor survival skills training.

Access:

Notes: Burtonsville Island Natural Area consists of a group of islands surrounded by a fork in the North Saskatchewan River. The vegetation includes old-growth balsam poplar and white spruce forest with a tall, dense shrub layer; mixed stands of poplar, spruce and trembling aspen with trees of varying height, density and understory composition; willow, alder and early successional communities dominate active channel banks and older inactive river channels.

This site is part of the Dry Mixedwood Sub-region, the only Boreal Forest sub-region that does not have excellent representation within Alberta's parks and protected areas network. There are still significant shortfalls in the glacial lakebed, ground moraine, sandplain and sand dune natural history themes (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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