

Site Name:	Child Lake Meadows
Site Type:	Natural Area
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
Subtype:	Conservation
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	536
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	519/95
Site # (Parks Website):	494
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	388.50 ha. (959.98 ac.)
Total Area:	388.50 ha. (959.98 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	none
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	58.4202190424 N, -116.547188056 W
Natural Region:	Boreal
Natural Subregion(s):	Dry Mixedwood
2nd Natural Region:	
2nd Natural Subregion(s):	
IUCN Classification:	III
Operated By:	Parks Division
Info Phone:	780-538-5350
Steward(s) Aug2002:	Available
Steward(s) Aug2003:	Available
Steward(s) Dec2011:	no
Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:	Conditional
Day Use Site(s):	Child Lake Meadows
Recreation Activities:	none noted

Access:

Notes: Child Lake Meadows Natural Area * (3.9 km²), located southeast of High Level, features northern salt meadows that support interesting plant communities and uncommon plants. The site has a diversity of habitats, from aspen forest to dry meadows to wetlands, and contains several species uncommon to northern Alberta. This is the only northern salt meadow identified with dry meadow vegetation types (salt meadows are uncommon in the Boreal Forest Natural Region. All of the major vegetation types of northern salt meadow are found here, including wet meadows. Part of the saline complex extends into the Child Lake Indian reserve.

This site lies in the Boreal Forest Natural Region, Dry Mixedwood Sub-region. The Dry Mixedwood Sub-region is 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. It was established or expanded as part of the Special Places program (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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