

<b>Site Name:</b>	<b>Garner Orchid Fen</b>
<b>Site Type:</b>	<b>Natural Area</b>
<b>Status:</b>	Order-in-council (OC)
<b>Subtype:</b>	Conservation
<b>PASite ID (Map Ref #):</b>	561
<b>O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):</b>	345/04
<b>Site # (Parks Website):</b>	486
<b>Reserved Area:</b>	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
<b>Designated Area:</b>	166.27 ha. (410.85 ac.)
<b>Total Area:</b>	166.27 ha. (410.85 ac.)
<b>Additional Protected Areas:</b>	none
<b>Lat/Long Co-ordinates:</b>	54.8544854902 N, -112.391950951 W
<b>Natural Region:</b>	Boreal
<b>Natural Subregion(s):</b>	Dry Mixedwood
<b>2nd Natural Region:</b>	
<b>2nd Natural Subregion(s):</b>	
<b>IUCN Classification:</b>	III
<b>Operated By:</b>	Parks Division
<b>Info Phone:</b>	780-623-5235
<b>Steward(s) Aug2002:</b>	Volunteer(s) 1
<b>Steward(s) Aug2003:</b>	Volunteer(s) 1
<b>Steward(s) Dec2011:</b>	yes
<b>Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:</b>	No Surface Access
<b>Day Use Site(s):</b>	Garner Orchid Fen
<b>Recreation Activities:</b>	hiking - front country

**Access:**

**Notes:** This site protects the west shore of Garner Lake, portions of the tributary creek, the fen, & adjacent upland areas and it also contains iron mineral springs. Typical plant species include black spruce, trembling aspen, various willow species, prickly rose, cattails, bulrushes, nodding wood-reed, reed grasses, sedges, knight's plume & Sphagnum mosses. The area is also home to 11 orchid species, including white adder's-mouth, which is one of the more rare orchid species in Alberta

Garner Orchid Fen Natural Area 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 (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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