

Site Name:	Genesee
Site Type:	Natural Area
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
Subtype:	Education
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	224
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	519/95
Site # (Parks Website):	442
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	179.40 ha. (443.29 ac.)
Total Area:	179.40 ha. (443.29 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	none
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	53.3433573366 N, -114.401608832 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:	403-340-7691
Steward(s) Aug2002:	Available
Steward(s) Aug2003:	Available
Steward(s) Dec2011:	no
Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:	No Surface Access
Day Use Site(s):	Genesee
Recreation Activities:	none noted

Access:

Notes: Genesee Natural Area (1.79 km²) protects a site along the North Saskatchewan River that contains some of the world's best-preserved Late Upper Cretaceous plant fossils. It is a moderately rolling upland incised by two creeks. The vegetation is aspen-dominated forest with white spruce, balsam poplar & paper birch over a dense understory. This is a key wildlife area for white-tailed deer, mule deer & moose. (Alberta Parks web site, 2012). 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 (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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