

<b>Site Name:</b>	<b>Hondo</b>
<b>Site Type:</b>	<b>Natural Area</b>
<b>Status:</b>	Order-in-council (OC)
<b>Subtype:</b>	Education
<b>PASite ID (Map Ref #):</b>	341
<b>O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):</b>	587/87
<b>Site # (Parks Website):</b>	496
<b>Reserved Area:</b>	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
<b>Designated Area:</b>	389.00 ha. (961.22 ac.)
<b>Total Area:</b>	389.00 ha. (961.22 ac.)
<b>Additional Protected Areas:</b>	none
<b>Lat/Long Co-ordinates:</b>	55.101870199 N, -114.144019222 W
<b>Natural Region:</b>	Boreal
<b>Natural Subregion(s):</b>	Central Mixedwood
<b>2nd Natural Region:</b>	
<b>2nd Natural Subregion(s):</b>	
<b>IUCN Classification:</b>	II
<b>Operated By:</b>	Parks Division
<b>Info Phone:</b>	780-538-5350
<b>Steward(s) Aug2002:</b>	Available
<b>Steward(s) Aug2003:</b>	Available
<b>Steward(s) Dec2011:</b>	no
<b>Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:</b>	Conditional
<b>Day Use Site(s):</b>	Hondo
<b>Recreation Activities:</b>	none noted

**Access:**

**Notes:** Hondo Natural Area (3.89 km<sup>2</sup>) is part of a group of natural areas [also includes Otawau (2.56 km<sup>2</sup>) and Salteau (2.58 km<sup>2</sup>)] used for research & education by the University of Alberta. Collectively, these sites represent a diversity of forest communities within easy access of Highway 2. Hondo supports a mosaic of undulating sand ridges & wet depressions with pine-lichen stands, mixed aspen-white spruce stands, black spruce-Sphagnum fens, patterned fens and lake shoreline; excellent wildlife habitat.

This site lies in the Boreal Forest Natural Region, Central Mixedwood Sub-region. There is excellent representation of all 11 of the level 1 natural history themes that define the environmental diversity of the Central Mixedwood Sub-region. All 48 level 2 themes are similarly well represented within the parks and protected areas network (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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