

Site Name: **Matthews Crossing**

Site Type: **Natural Area**

Status: Order-in-council (OC)

Subtype: Recreation

PASite ID (Map Ref #): 136

O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual): 454/71

Site # (Parks Website): 547

Reserved Area: 0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)

Designated Area: 310.68 ha. (767.68 ac.)

Total Area: 310.68 ha. (767.68 ac.)

Additional Protected Areas: none

Lat/Long Co-ordinates: 53.6509511714 N, -114.91841889 W

Natural Region: Boreal

Natural Subregion(s): Dry Mixedwood

2nd Natural Region:

2nd Natural Subregion(s):

IUCN Classification: II

Operated By: Parks Division

Info Phone: 780-960-8170

Steward(s) Aug2002: Volunteer(s) 1

Steward(s) Aug2003: Volunteer(s) 1

Steward(s) Dec2011: yes

Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface

Access Aug2002: Conditional

Day Use Site(s): Matthews Crossing

Recreation Activities: hiking - front country, hunting

Access:

Notes: Matthews Crossing Natural Area contains rolling terrain and the steep banks of the Pembina River, with wetlands in depressions, aspen forest on the uplands and mixed aspen-balsam poplar on the river bank and near wetlands.

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. Listed in "Other Natural Areas" (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

Images:



