

Site Name:	Police Point
Site Type:	Natural Area
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
Subtype:	Recreation
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	492
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	531/87
Site # (Parks Website):	500
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	370.00 ha. (914.27 ac.)
Total Area:	370.00 ha. (914.27 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	none
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	55.5659845631 N, -116.134801028 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:	780-538-5350
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):	Police Point
Recreation Activities:	Birding, Cross-country skiing, Hiking - front country, Horseback riding

Access:

Notes: Police Point Natural Area is located on the east shore of Buffalo Bay on the west end of Lesser Slave Lake. More than half of the site contains wetlands consisting predominantly of low marshy meadows, with some black spruce fens & willow swamps. A steep bank rises 30 metres above the level of the bay, and this upland area is forested with a mix of tall white spruce and aspen with a rich shaded understory. More than 100 species of nesting birds are found here, including common goldeneye, mallard, killdeer, spotted sandpiper, red-necked grebe, black tern, sora and marsh wren.

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).

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