

Site Name:	Red Rock Coulee
Site Type:	Natural Area
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
Subtype:	Conservation
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	66
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	146/85
Site # (Parks Website):	422
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	324.15 ha. (800.98 ac.)
Total Area:	324.15 ha. (800.98 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	none
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	49.6541307205 N, -110.870567008 W
Natural Region:	Grassland
Natural Subregion(s):	Dry Mixedgrass; Mixedgrass
2nd Natural Region:	
2nd Natural Subregion(s):	
IUCN Classification:	III
Operated By:	Parks Division
Info Phone:	403-528-5228
Steward(s) Aug2002:	Volunteer(s) 1
Steward(s) Aug2003:	Volunteer(s) 1
Steward(s) Dec2011:	yes
Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:	No Surface Access
Day Use Site(s):	Red Rock Coulee
Recreation Activities:	Hiking - front country, Wildlife viewing

Access:

Notes: Red Rock Coulee Natural Area (Alberta Parks web site, 2012) contains large red spherical sandstone concretions that have eroded out of the softer bedrock (best example of spheroid rock formations in Alberta); concretions measure up to 2.5 metres across & are believed to be among largest in the world. The natural area consists of eroded steep sided coulees and a small upland of fescue-needle grass. In places, hoodoos (columns of bedrock) have formed. This site lies in the Grassland Natural Region, Mixedgrass Sub-region. Although over 60% of the preservation targets for the 13 level 1 natural history themes that make up the Mixedgrass Sub-region have been achieved, there is still no representation of two of the themes. The glacial lakebed theme represents some of the best agricultural land in Alberta and, as with other sub-regions in the Parkland and Grassland natural regions, it has proven difficult to find representative landscapes that have not been cultivated (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

Images:



Photo - Alberta Parks web site, 2012



