

Site Name:	Riverlot 56
Site Type:	Natural Area
Status:	Order-in-council (OC)
Subtype:	Recreation
PASite ID (Map Ref #):	453
O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):	221/87
Site # (Parks Website):	416
Reserved Area:	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area:	109.27 ha. (270.01 ac.)
Total Area:	109.27 ha. (270.01 ac.)
Additional Protected Areas:	none
Lat/Long Co-ordinates:	53.658870148 N, -113.587088805 W
Natural Region:	Parkland
Natural Subregion(s):	Central Parkland
IUCN Classification:	II
Operated By:	Parks Division
Info Phone:	780-464-7955
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):	Riverlot 56
Recreation Activities:	Hiking, X-country skiing, Self-guided interpretive trail
Access:	

Notes: River Lot 56 is one of the original parcels of land subdivided during settlement of the region during the 1900s; in 1965 the land was transferred to the provincial government; since 1973, local groups have maintained the area for outdoor education & nature-based recreation; the area contains upland aspen forests, streambed communities & open meadows which provide habitat for wildlife including deer, moose, coyote, snowshoe hare, muskrat and beaver; under a municipal by-law, hunting is prohibited in this natural area. The site lies in the **Central Parkland Sub-region**. Full representation of five level 1 themes has been achieved, but the remaining level 1 themes are not well represented within the parks and protected areas network. There is some representation of most level 2 themes within the network. Listed in "Other Natural Areas" (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

Website: <http://riverlot56.ca/>

Riverlot 56 Celebrates 30 Years!

On Sunday, Sept 22nd, Riverlot 56 celebrated its 30th Anniversary with displays and guided walks, starting at Red Willow Park in St. Albert. It was a perfect fall day, and lots of people came out to wander along the trails in the lower lot. The Riverlot 56 Society has produced an excellent brochure/trail guide, and their web site (<http://riverlot56.ca>) has lots of information about the area. This natural area is definitely worth a visit!



Another warm, sunny fall day – perfect for a walk in the woods

For more information about other Natural Areas, Ecological Reserves, Wilderness areas and Heritage Rangelands, visit <http://sapaastewards.com>.

Linda Kershaw (SAPAA Newsletter Sept 2013)

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