

<b>Site Name:</b>	<b>Sand Lake</b>
<b>Site Type:</b>	<b>Natural Area</b>
<b>Status:</b>	Order-in-council (OC)
<b>Subtype:</b>	Recreation
<b>PASite ID (Map Ref #):</b>	26
<b>O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):</b>	519/95
<b>Site # (Parks Website):</b>	501
<b>Reserved Area:</b>	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
<b>Designated Area:</b>	2844.41 ha. (7028.54 ac.)
<b>Total Area:</b>	2844.41 ha. (7028.54 ac.)
<b>Additional Protected Areas:</b>	none
<b>Lat/Long Co-ordinates:</b>	56.1606971868 N, -118.610307582 W
<b>Natural Region:</b>	Boreal
<b>Natural Subregion(s):</b>	Dry 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>	Volunteer(s) 1
<b>Steward(s) Aug2003:</b>	Volunteer(s) 1
<b>Steward(s) Dec2011:</b>	yes
<b>Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:</b>	Conditional
<b>Day Use Site(s):</b>	Sand Lake
<b>Recreation Activities:</b>	Cross-country skiing and Hiking trails, Wildlife viewing
<b>Access:</b>	

**Notes:** Sand Lake Natural Area (28.44 km<sup>2</sup>), 15 km northwest of Fairview, contains open pine stands, black spruce-tamarack wetlands, aspen woods and willow shrub land. It is an area of stabilized sand dunes with a mosaic of forested ridges and wetlands. The site's diverse habitats are home to a wide variety of plants and animals.

The 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. It was established or expanded as part of the Special Places program (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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