

<b>Site Name:</b>	<b>Sherwood Park</b>
<b>Site Type:</b>	<b>Natural Area</b>
<b>Status:</b>	Order-in-council (OC)
<b>Subtype:</b>	Education
<b>PASite ID (Map Ref #):</b>	212
<b>O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual):</b>	519/95
<b>Site # (Parks Website):</b>	464
<b>Reserved Area:</b>	0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
<b>Designated Area:</b>	68.35 ha. (168.89 ac.)
<b>Total Area:</b>	68.35 ha. (168.89 ac.)
<b>Additional Protected Areas:</b>	none
<b>Lat/Long Co-ordinates:</b>	53.4721184496 N, -113.277462282 W
<b>Natural Region:</b>	Parkland
<b>Natural Subregion(s):</b>	Central Parkland
<b>IUCN Classification:</b>	II
<b>Operated By:</b>	Parks Division
<b>Info Phone:</b>	403-340-7691
<b>Steward(s) Aug2002:</b>	Volunteer(s) 2+
<b>Steward(s) Aug2003:</b>	Volunteer(s) 2+
<b>Steward(s) Dec2011:</b>	yes
<b>Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002:</b>	No Surface Access
<b>Day Use Site(s):</b>	Sherwood Park
<b>Recreation Activities:</b>	Birding, year-round hiking on 3 km of trails Wildlife viewing

**Access:**

**Notes:** The rolling landscape of this natural area is covered mainly by mature aspen and balsam poplar forest with patches of mature white spruce & paper birch. There are a number of wet depressions throughout the area, including one fairly large slough in the northwest corner of the site. Wetland habitats include willow shrubland, paper birch-willow-Labrador tea shrubland and cattail-sedge wetland. The mosaic of habitats attracts a variety of bird species, some of which (hairy and downy woodpeckers; great horned owl; northern saw-whet owl; black-capped chickadee; and white-breasted nuthatch) reside here year-round, White-tailed deer, coyotes, snowshoe hare, porcupine and red squirrel are common, and moose are occasionally seen. The "Old Edmonton Trail", a wagon track used in the early 1900s for travel between Edmonton and Cooking Lake, passes through the natural area.

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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