

Site Name: **Wildhay Glacial Cascades**

Site Type: **Natural Area**

Status: Order-in-council (OC)

Subtype:

PASite ID (Map Ref #): 593

O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual): 325/01

Site # (Parks Website): 572

Reserved Area: 0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)

Designated Area: 2476.83 ha. (6120.25 ac.)

Total Area: 2476.83 ha. (6120.25 ac.)

Additional Protected Areas: none

Lat/Long Co-ordinates: 53.6839292427 N, -117.716132461 W

Natural Region: Foothills

Natural Subregion(s): Upper Foothills

2nd Natural Region:

2nd Natural Subregion(s):

IUCN Classification: II

Operated By: Parks Division

Info Phone: 780-865-8394

Steward(s) Aug2002:

Steward(s) Aug2003:

Steward(s) Dec2011: no

**Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface
Access Aug2002:**

Day Use Site(s): Wildhay Glacial Cascades

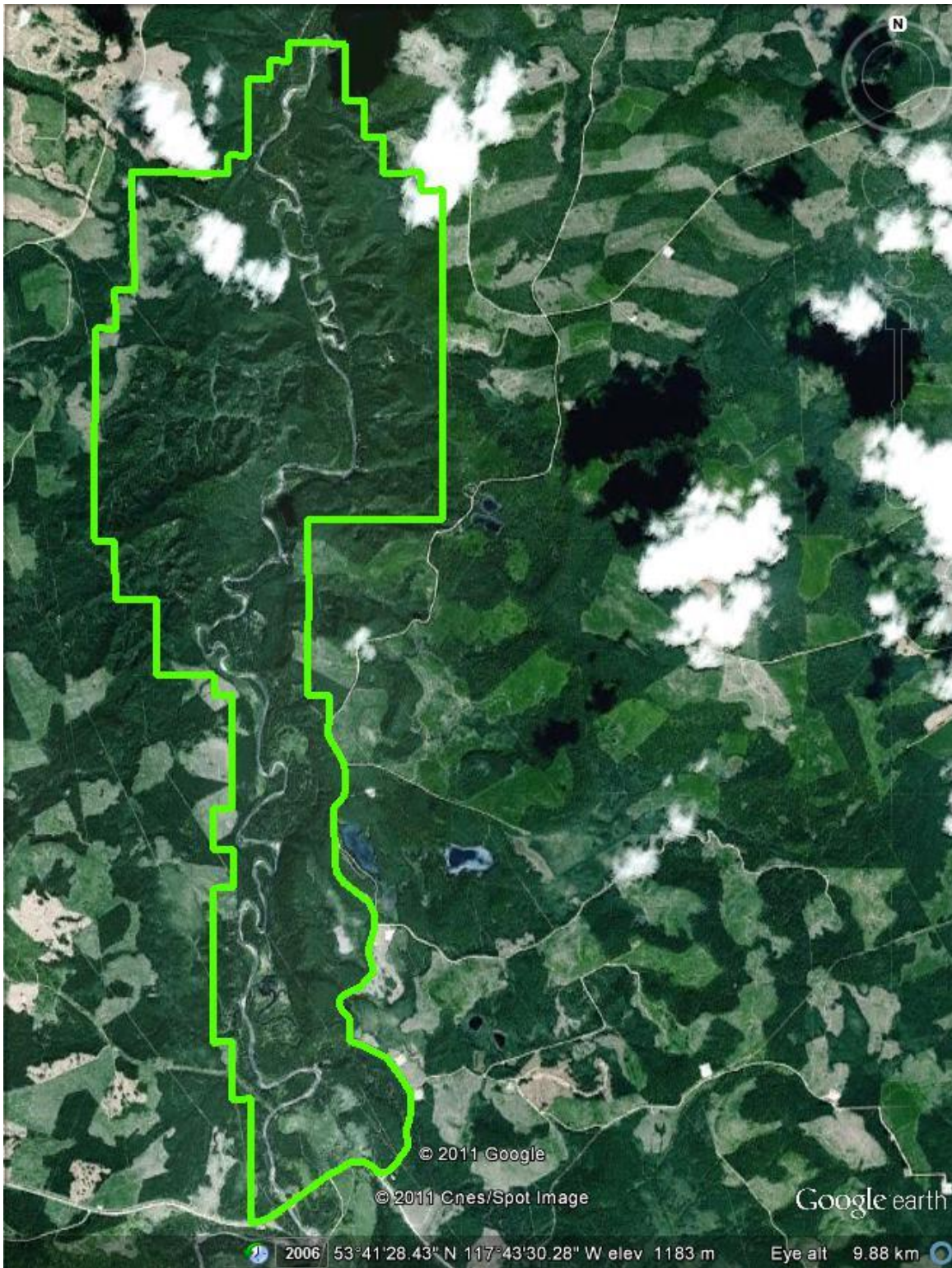
Recreation Activities: Canoeing/kayaking, Fishing, Hiking - backcountry,
Hunting, Wildlife viewing

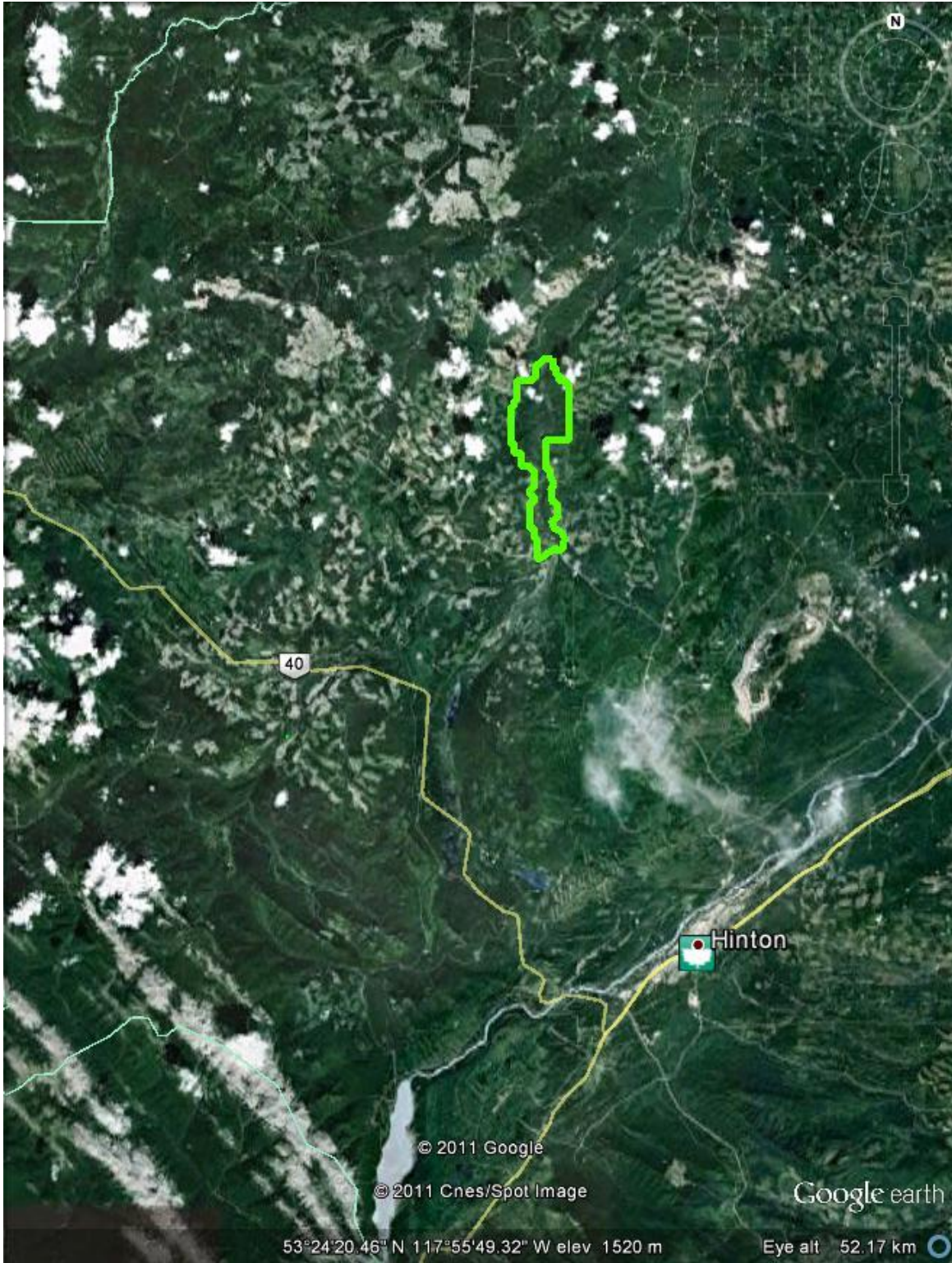
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Notes: Wildhay Glacial Cascades Natural Area (24.93 km²) preserves a rugged area of highly eroded and dissected glacial debris along the valley of the Wildhay River north of William A. Switzer Provincial Park. The Natural Area straddles the lower Wildhay River valley and supports diverse upland and wetland habitats. Vegetation includes deciduous, mixed and coniferous forests. Stands of old growth white spruce, balsam fir and lodgepole pine occur throughout the site. Wetland features include fens, marshes, meadows and beaver ponds. The area has rolling, broken terrain and steep slopes patterned by glacial deposits.

This site lies in the Foothills Natural Region, Upper Foothills Sub-region. Five level 1 and 39 level 2 natural history themes describe the environmental diversity of the Upper Foothills. All themes are moderately well represented, with shortfalls in the ridge valley wall and organic wetland level 1 themes (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

Images:





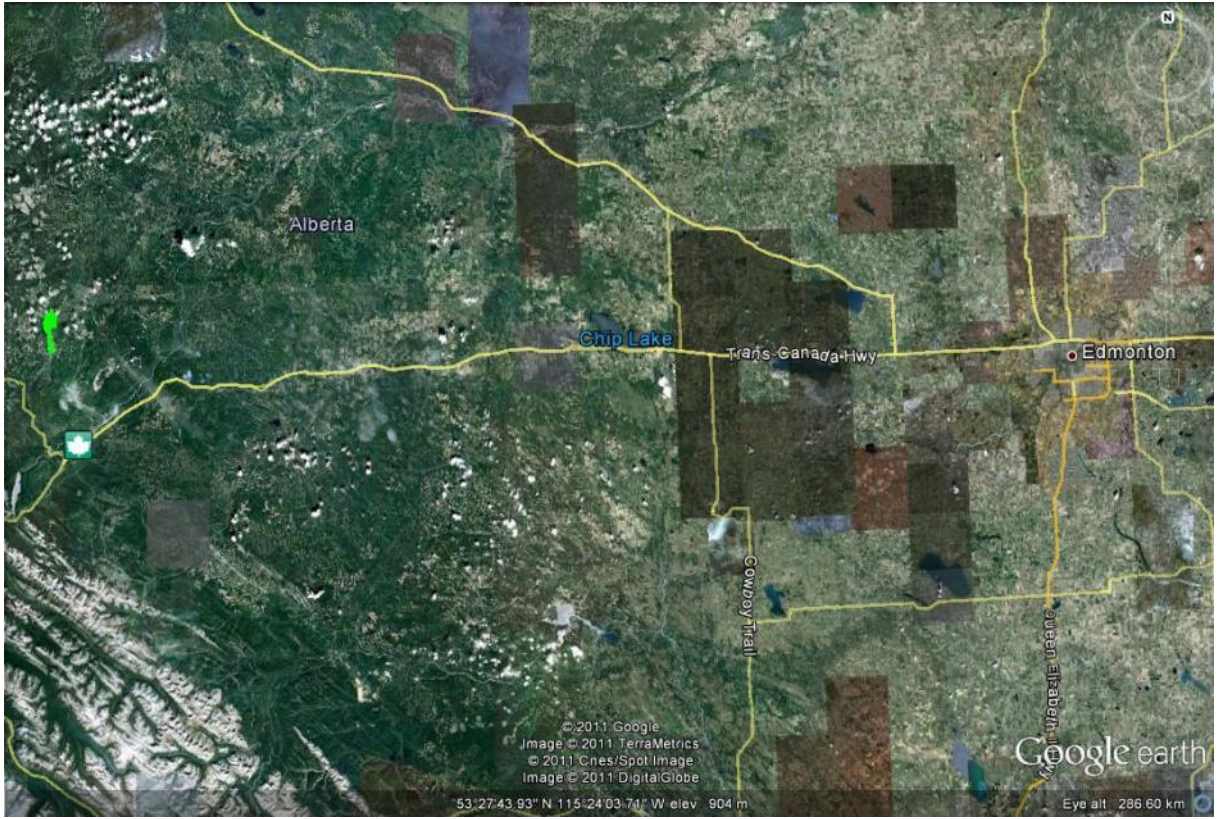
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53°24'20.46" N 117°55'49.32" W elev 1520 m

Eye alt 52.17 km



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Chip Lake

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Queen Elizabeth Hwy

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53°27'43.93" N 115°24'03.70" W elev 904 m

Eye alt 286.60 km