Site Name: Ghost River

Site Type: Wilderness Area

Status: Order-in-council (OC)

Subtype:

PASite ID (Map Ref #): 1101
Site # (Parks Website): 396

Reserved Area: 0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)
Designated Area: 15317.18 ha. (37848.75 ac.)
Total Area: 15317.18 ha. (37848.75 ac.)

Additional Protected Areas: none

Lat/Long Co-ordinates: 51.3532403126 N, -115.397148559 W
Natural Region: Rocky Mountain
Natural Subregion(s): Alpine; Subalpine
IUCN Classification: IB

Operated By: Parks Division

Info Phone: 403-678-5500

Steward(s) Aug2002: no
Steward(s) Aug2003: no
Steward(s) Dec2011: no

Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface Access Aug2002: no info

Day Use Site(s): none

Recreation Activities: Camping - backcountry, Hiking - backcountry

Access: Best from a road off Hwy. 1/1A to Lake Minnewanka that leads to a day use area in Banff National Park; as well, from a seasonal road off Hwy. 40, vehicles can be driven to within a few kilometres of the area's eastern border; trails undulate through rolling alpine tundra, across boulder fields to high alpine lakes; topographic map - NTS 1:50,000 scale 82 O/6-Lake Minnewanka; before visiting, inform family/friends of your intended route and return time; horses/mountain bikes are not permitted (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

Notes: This area, established in 1967, consists of rugged mountain terrain and glacier-carved valleys. Some of the higher peaks (Aylmer, Apparition, Oliver and Costigan mountains) reach elevations of 2743 to 3353 metres. Below 2100 metres there are subalpine forests of spruce, fir and pine; above 2100 metres are grasses, sedges and wildflowers dominate the vegetation. Many rare species of butterflies are found in this Wilderness Area. Many restrictions apply to activities in this area. Travel is by foot only; open fires are prohibited; hunting & fishing are prohibited; all litter and refuse must be packed out; human waste should be buried at least 60 metres away from any water source (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).