Site Name: Black Fox Island

Site Type: Natural Area

Status: Order-in-council (OC)

Subtype: Education

PASite ID (Map Ref #): 540

O.C. No. (Land Ref. Manual): 519/95

Site # (Parks Website): 477

 Reserved Area:
 0.00 ha. (0.00 ac.)

 Designated Area:
 12.60 ha. (31.13 ac.)

 Total Area:
 12.60 ha. (31.13 ac.)

Additional Protected Areas: none

Lat/Long Co-ordinates: 54.8500559563 N, -112.066765526 W

Natural Region: Boreal

Natural Subregion(s): Dry Mixedwood

IUCN Classification:

Operated By: Parks Division
Info Phone: 780-623-5235
Steward(s) Aug2002: Volunteer(s) 1
Steward(s) Aug2003: Volunteer(s) 1

Steward(s) Dec2011: no

Petroleum & Natural Gas Surface

Access Aug2002: No Surface Access

Day Use Site(s): Black Fox Island

Recreation Activities: none noted

Access:

Notes: The vegetation of Black Fox Island Natural Area includes grassland with mint and sage and extensive shrublands dominated by saskatoon. There is also a small wetland in the centre of the island and a large glacial erratic. The island is a loafing area for waterfowl.

Black Fox Island played an important role in Alberta's history. During the Riel Rebellion, it was a refuge for the Grey Nuns and the children they cared for. It also served as a fishing camp for many year, and contains two pottery sites, with prehistoric pottery dating to A.D. 120 (Alberta Parks web site, 2012).

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