

Slave Lake, Little Bow, Little Fish Lake, Long Lake, Ma-Me-O Beach, Miquelon Lake, Moonshine Lake, Moose Lake, O'Brien, Park Lake, Pembina River, Pigeon Lake, Police Outpost, Red Lodge, Rochon Sands, Saskatoon Island, Sir Winston Churchill, Taber, Thunder Lake, The Vermilion, Tillebrook Trans-Canada Campsite, Wabamun Lake, William A. Switzer (formerly Entrance), Williamson, Willow Creek, Winagami Lake, Woolford, Writing-on-Stone and Young's Point. These parks, generally provided with picnic, camping and playground facilities, are maintained by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Wildlife, Provincial Parks Division, primarily for the recreation and enjoyment of residents and visitors. There is a park within easy reach of almost every town in Alberta and over 4 million tourists and vacationers visit the parks annually.

Four areas have been set aside to protect the natural environment for present and future generations. Willmore Wilderness Park, 1,774.8 sq miles (4596.7 km²) adjoins Jasper National Park in the north and extends along the British Columbia border. Siffleur Wilderness Area, 159.1 sq miles (412.1 km²), White Goat Wilderness Area, 171.7 sq miles (444.6 km²) and Ghost River Wilderness Area, 59.1 sq miles (153.1 km²) all are on the east side of Jasper and Banff national parks.

Complementing the wilderness areas are six natural areas established in representative zones of Alberta: Kootenay Plains, 8,320 acres (3367 ha); Foothills, 160 acres (65 ha); Parkland, 159.6 acres (64.6 ha); Brown-Lowrey, 686.5 acres (277.8 ha); Red Rock Coulee, 801 acres (324 ha) and Plateau Mountain, 320 acres (129 ha).

British Columbia. There are 322 (175 developed) provincial parks in British Columbia, with a total area of about 10,287,023 acres (4163010 ha). Class A parks are intended to preserve outstanding natural, scenic and historic features for public recreation; they have a high degree of legislative protection against exploitation and alienation. Class B parks, also primarily for the protection of natural attractions, may permit other resource use if it does not unduly impair recreational values. Class C parks are intended primarily for local residents and are usually managed by local park boards. Nature Conservancy Areas in any park are fully protected from resource development and are dedicated to a variety of recreational uses. There are also 20 Recreation Areas encompassing a total area of 562,592 acres (227673 ha) and one wilderness conservancy, Purcell, of 325,000 acres (131523 ha) administered by the Parks Branch. There are immense wilderness areas such as Tweedsmuir Park and Wells Gray Park and outstanding scenic and mountain parks such as Garibaldi, Mount Robson, Manning, Bowron Lake, Mount Edziza, Atlin, Kwadacha Wilderness, Tatlatui and Mount Assiniboine. The formal gardens of Peace Arch Park are a monument to the goodwill between Canada and the United States. Vancouver Island is the site of Strathcona, first (1911) and at 561,453 acres (227212 ha) one of the largest parks in the system, and a number of smaller parks. The restored gold town of Barkerville became the first provincial historic park; Fort Steele in the East Kootenay area is also being restored to preserve another of British Columbia's pioneer settlements. Eighteen marine parks with mooring facilities and campgrounds have been developed on mainland inlets and coastal islands.

The popularity of British Columbia's parks with their integrated campgrounds and picnic areas is attested to by the fact that over 550,000 camper party nights and 7,000,000 day visits were recorded during 1975.

1.4.3 The National Capital Region

Canada's Capital lies on the south shore of the Ottawa River below the Chaudière Falls and just above the confluence of the Rideau and Gatineau rivers. It was called "Ottawa" for Outaouac or Outaouais, the name of an Indian tribe from Lake Huron which traded with the French in the 17th century.

The United Province of Canada, following its formation in 1841, shuttled its capital between Kingston, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec and was trying to agree