
Welcome to Big Island Provincial Park!

Big Island Provincial Park is located within the North Saskatchewan River valley in southwest Edmonton. At 79 hectares, Big Island is not very big and is no longer a true island due to natural processes, but it has played an outsized role in the City of Edmonton's history as a recreation and resource hub. The park supports the river valley's role as a provincially significant wildlife corridor, playing a key role in sustaining ecological connectivity through the Capital Region. The site holds cultural significance for Indigenous peoples who have lived in amiskwaci-ywâskahikan (amisk-WA-chee wass-skag-N – the Cree word for Edmonton) for millennia and provides opportunities to connect to nature in the city.

Big Island Provincial Park was established on February 16, 2023 through a unique tri-government partnership between Enoch Cree Nation, the City of Edmonton and the Government of Alberta. The three governments have been working together since 2019 to create the vision and management principles for the park.

What Can I do at Big Island Provincial Park?

Paddle over to Big Island Provincial Park and enjoy the natural beauty of the North Saskatchewan River valley while you hike through the informal trail network or have a picnic along the shore. There are no facilities or infrastructure on site, including washrooms and garbage cans, so make sure to plan ahead and be prepared.

For more information or to keep informed about updates to the park, check out:

<https://albertaparks.ca/parks/central/big-island-pp/>

<https://www.alberta.ca/big-island-provincial-park-engagement.aspx>

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Permitted Activities

The park is surrounded by private land and current access to the park is by river only. Planning is currently underway to design new roads and amenities such as an interconnected trail system, picnic sites with fire pits, and interpretive signage to allow visitors to access and enjoy this beautiful part of the Edmonton river valley.



Wildlife Viewing



Hiking



Canoeing/
Kayaking

- Big Island Provincial Park is a **day-use only** site. Camping is **NOT allowed**.
- There are currently no facilities or services within Big Island, including garbage receptacles: pack in and pack out – leave no trace.
- Fires are **NOT permitted**.
- Please stay on existing, informal trails.
- Wildlife live here – always keep your **dog on a leash**.
- Clean Drain Dry Your Gear to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species
- Please respect private property and do not trespass to access or leave Big Island by land. **Please obey all posted signs and notices.**

Come and Enjoy

Come and enjoy the shoreline and trails. Practice “leave no trace” while you are here:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Leave what you find
- Travel on durable surfaces
- Respect wildlife
- Dispose of waste properly
- Be considerate of others

Alberta Parks Visitor Information

Web: albertaparks.ca

Phone: 1-877-537-2757

Public safety and Enforcement (24/7)

Phone: 310-LAND (5263)

Fire Bans in Alberta

Web: albertaparks.ca/firebans

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

Phone: 911



Grand Isle Road
Private land – no public access past this point

Private Land

Private Land



▲ Big Island Provincial Park

Wetland

Wetland

North Saskatchewan River

Public Access via River



Hiking Trail



Gate

Park boundary