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Public Consultation Extension of the Chitek Lake Provincial Park Reserve

The Chitek Lake Provincial Park Reserve was first established in April of 1999. It was subsequently renewed in 2004 to allow more time for consultations on its final designation. The current park reserve designation expires on September 30, 2009. Manitoba Conservation intends to renew the Chitek Lake Provincial Park Reserve for an additional period of 5 years and is seeking any comments or concerns you may have in this regard.

What is a park reserve?

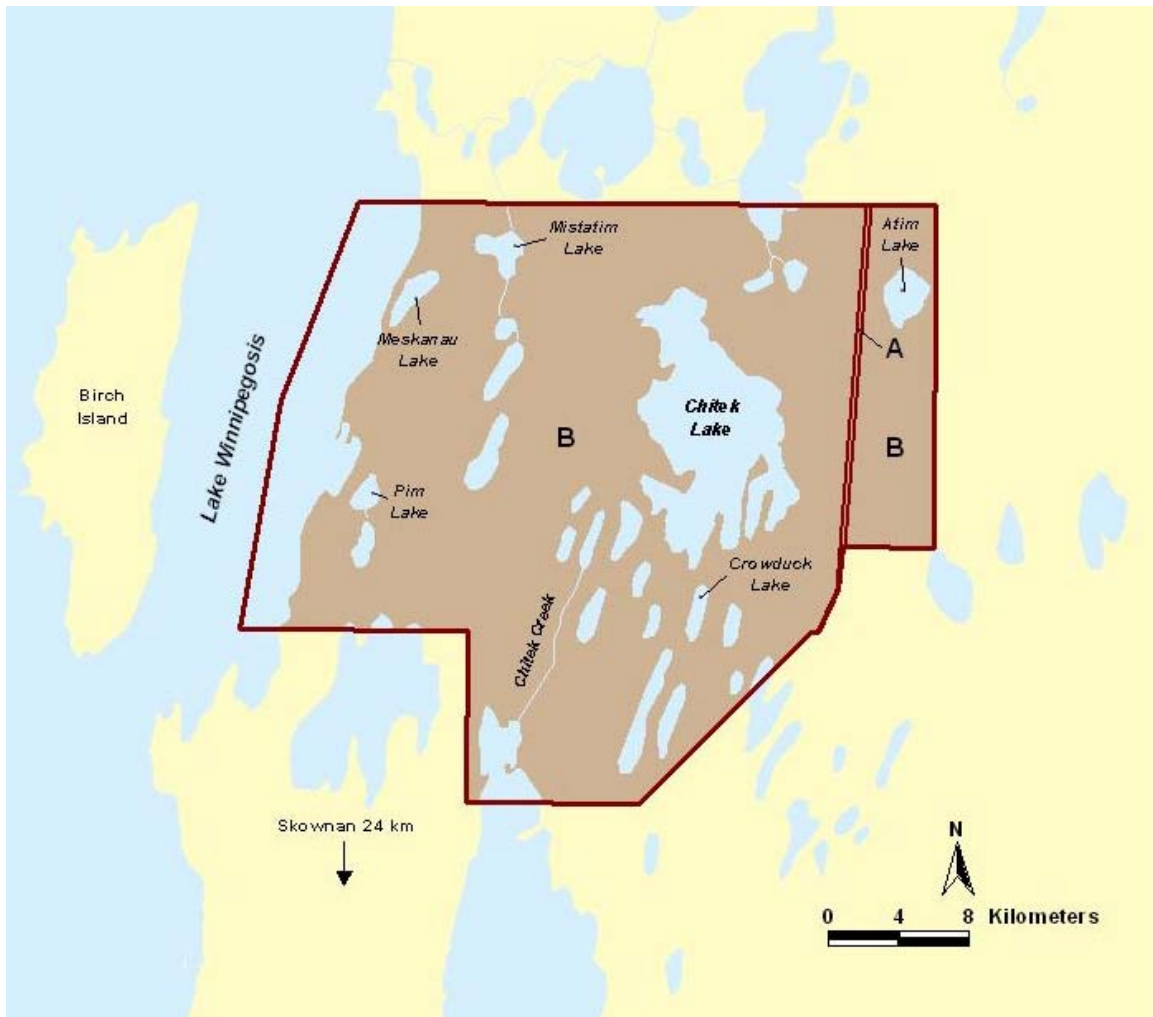
To assist in the creation of new parks and protected areas, *The Provincial Parks Act* provides for the establishment of park reserves. Park reserves provide interim protection for periods of up to five years for lands that are being considered for inclusion in Manitoba's system of provincial parks. Public review occurs during this period to determine a final designation, select park boundaries, and identify land use categories.

The purpose of the Chitek Lake Provincial Park Reserve designation has been to conserve the area's values and maintain it free from logging, mining or the development of oil, petroleum, natural gas or hydro-electric power while views on the future of the land, including a final designation, are discussed in a public consultation process.

Your comments respecting the proposal to extend the existing park reserve designation for this area are requested by August 10, 2009. A comment form is included for your convenience. If you would like more information about this process, please visit manitobaparks.com, call (204) 945-6797 or email mgmtplan@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for your interest in Manitoba's provincial park system.

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A = Access land use category
B = Backcountry land use category