

Introduction

Pembina Valley Provincial Park is located approximately 120 kilometres southwest of Winnipeg, along the International Border.

When opportunities are presented in areas where there is little Crown land available, the Manitoba Parks and Protected Spaces branch purchases private land for addition to provincial parks. Between 2009 and 2015, Manitoba purchased 228 ha of land for inclusion as part of Pembina Valley Provincial Park. In addition, Manitoba has also added 262 ha of the Pembina Valley Wildlife Management Area for a total park addition of 490 ha, increasing the park size from 182 ha to 672 ha.

Prior to park expansion 95 per cent of the existing park area was protected within the Backcountry Land Use Category (LUC) while five per cent had a Recreational Development LUC. In keeping with the intent of the Park, 488 ha of the land being added to the park has been designated under the Backcountry LUC and 2 ha has been designated under the Recreational Development LUC. The addition of these lands adds to the protection of representative features of a glacial spillway and river valley ecosystem associated with the Pembina River. The additional land provides an opportunity for future expansion of recreational opportunities which may include day use, trail development, or backcountry camping.

All hunting and trapping will continue to be prohibited in the lands currently designated as Pembina Valley Provincial Park. Hunting and trapping is permitted on the lands newly added to the Park.

The Provincial Parks Act specifies that provincial parks are dedicated to the people of Manitoba. Provincial parks are recognized as special places that play an important role in the protection of natural lands and the quality of life for Manitobans.

With the exception of those lands closed to hunting and trapping the rights of Indigenous people to access this area for hunting, trapping, fishing and other traditional activities, will continue to be respected. The lands that have been added to Pembina Valley Provincial Park will remain available for Treaty Land Entitlement selection.

Lands classified with a Backcountry LUC are categorized as an International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) protected area management category III - protected area managed for one or more specific natural features of outstanding or unique value because of inherent rarity, representative or aesthetic qualities or cultural significance. These protected lands are free from logging, mining, hydroelectric development, oil and gas development, exploring for or harvesting peat, and any other activities that may significantly or adversely affect habitat.

Map 1: Pembina Valley Provincial Park Expansion

