

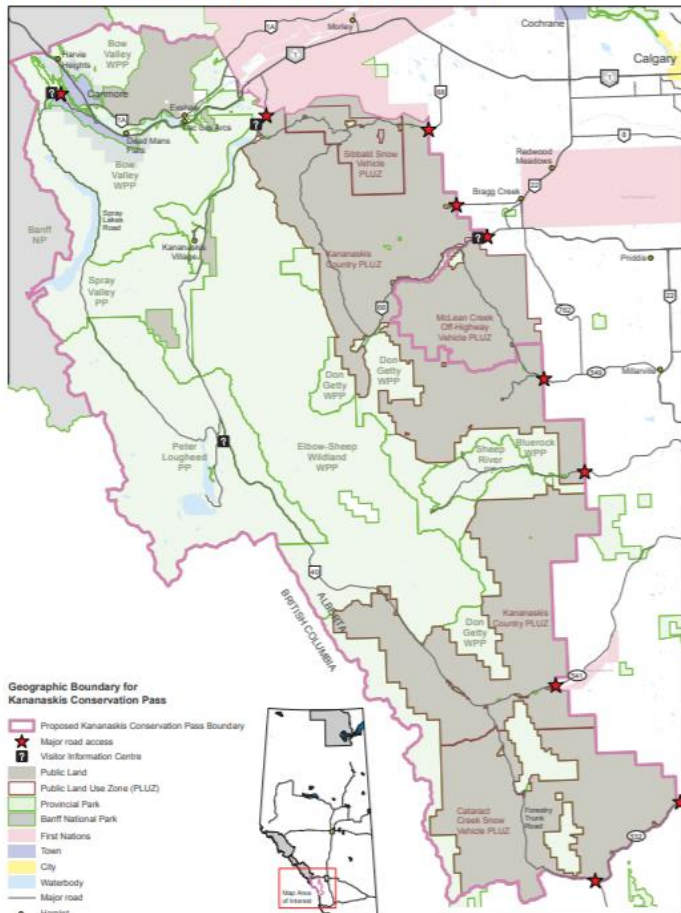
Kananaskis Country

This week, the Alberta Government announced a new \$90 annual user fee for Kananaskis Country. The fee has had mixed reception among the general public. You can read the details of the fee [here](#) and form your own opinion.

A lot of the mixed reception around the new conservation pass stems from confusion about where and what exactly Kananaskis Country is. Many people are under the impression that Kananaskis Country is limited to the area around Highway 40, or that Kananaskis Country is a provincial park. In fact, Kananaskis Country encompasses 4200 square kilometres which extends from the Ghost Wilderness Area in the north, west to Canmore, and south to the Oldman River. Included within this area are multiple land use designations, as highlighted in the image below. According to the Alberta Wilderness Association, only 57% of this land is protected park land. Some notable areas within Kananaskis include the town of Canmore, West Bragg Creek and Peter Lougheed Provincial Park.

Are you looking to get out for an easy hike this weekend? Check out the Elbow-Riverside Loop. Park at the gates at Paddy's Flats. Cross the Highway and follow the trail signs. Here's a [link](#) with trail descriptions and maps. Follow trails 12, 14 and 15 and be prepared to get muddy ☺

KANANASKIS CONSERVATION PASS



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Included sites

Total area: 428,058 hectares

Provincial Parks and Protected Areas

Provincial Parks

Bow Valley
Canmore Nordic Centre
Peter Lougheed
Sheep River
Spray Valley

Provincial Recreation Areas

Cat Creek
Cataract Creek
Cobble Flats
Crane Meadow
Dawson
Elbow Falls
Elbow River
Elbow River Launch
Etherington Creek
Evan-Thomas
Fitzsimmons Creek
Gooseberry
Heart Creek
Highwood
Highwood Compound
Highwood Junction
Indian Graves
Ing's Mine
Jumpingpound Creek
Lantern Creek
Lineham
Little Elbow
Lusk Creek

Mesa Butte
Mist Creek
Moose Mountain Trailhead
North Fork
Old Baldy Pass Trail
Picklejar
Pine Grove
Pinetop
Sentinel
Sibbald Lake
Sibbald Meadows Pond
Sibbald Viewpoint
Stoney Creek
Strawberry
Trout Pond
Ware Creek
West Bragg Creek
Wildhorse
Wolf Creek

Wildland Provincial Parks

Bluerock
Bow Valley
Don Getty
Elbow-Sheep

Public Land Recreation Areas

Jumpingpound Demonstration
Barrier Lake

Public Land Use Zones

Cataract Creek Snow Vehicle
Sibbald Snow Vehicle
Kananaskis Country

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