

APPENDIX C
LIST OF OTHER PARK SYSTEMS WITHIN THE PRRD

The PRRD is well served with parks of various kinds and levels within its boundaries. Although there are no national parks within the PRRD, there is an abundance of provincial parks, protected areas and ecological reserves. The PRRD encompasses a portion of one of the largest Forest Districts in the province, the Fort St John Forest District which itself has an area of approximately 4.6 million hectares. The large size is as a result of the amount of crown land in the district area.

The result of all of this open space area is that when compared to other regional districts across the province the PRRD comes out well especially when regional population densities are considered.

As compared to other Regional districts such as: Regional District of East Kootenay

The Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) has 28 provincial parks, 2 conservancy protected areas, 1 national park, 6 wildlife management areas, 93 recreation sites, 66 recreation trails and 3 Ducks Unlimited properties within their land area of 27, 560 sq km and a population density of 2.0 based on a total population of 56,685.

Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) has 28 provincial parks, 1 wilderness conservancy park, 1 ecological reserve, 2 wildlife management areas, 49 recreation sites and 64 trails. The RDCK has a land area of 22,130.72 sq km and a 2011 population of 58,441 for a population density of 2.6 persons per sq km.

Regional District - Regional Parks Comparison

Selected Regional District	Population (2011)	Population (2006)*	RD Area (km2)*	Population Density (2011)	Number of Regional Parks	Parks per 10,000 population
Peace River RD	60,082	58,264	119,337	0.5	5	0.8
Bulkley Nechako RD	39,208	38,243	77,821	0.5	0	0
Cariboo Regional District	62,392	62,190	83,145	0.7	0	0
RDCK (Central Kootenay)	58,441	55,883	23,160	2.6	21	3.6
RDEK (East Kootenay)	56,685	55,485	27,572	2.0	3	0.5
RDFFG (Fraser-Fort George)	91,879	92,264	51,999	1.8	11	1.2
RDKS (Kitimat Stikine)	37,361	38,481	107,471	0.3	0	0
RD of Nanaimo	146,574	138,631	2,084	70.3	9	0.6
RD AVERAGEs across BC	151,726	135,096	54,037	4.7	9	0.6

Parkland & Open Space Within the PRRD

There are 7 provincially recognized Ecological Reserves:

- Cecil Lake Ecological Reserve
- Clayhurst Ecological Reserve
- Rolla Canyon Ecological Reserve
- Sikanni chief River Ecological Reserve
- Ospika Cones Ecological Reserve
- Chunamon Creek Ecological Reserve
- Raspberry Harbour Ecological Reserve

There are 5 Provincial Protected Areas:

- Bearhole Lake Protected Area (near Tumbler Ridge)
- Kiskatinaw River Protected Area
- Sikanni Chief Canyon Protected Area
- Sikanni Chief Falls Protected Area
- Finlay-Russell Protected Area

There are 34 Provincial Parks:

- Charlie Lake Provincial Park
- Beatton Provincial Park
- Milligan Hills Provincial Park
- Prophet River Hotsprings Provincial Park
- Redfern-Keily Provincial Park
- Finlay-Russell Provincial park
- Ed Bird-Estella Lakes Provincial Park
- Buckinghorse River Wayside Provincial Park
- Pink Mountain Provincial Park
- Graham-Laurier Provincial Park
- Chase Provincial Park
- Muscovite Lakes Provincial park
- Omineca Provincial Park (portion)
- Northern Rocky Mountains Provincial Park (portion)
- Bijoux Falls Provincial park
- Pine Le Moray Provincial Park
- Boccock Peak Provincial Park
- Klin-se-za Provincial Park
- Butler Ridge Provincial Park
- Peace River Corridor Provincial Park
- Taylor Landing Provincial Park
- Beatton River Provincial Park

- Kistatinaw Provincial Park
- Moberly Lake Provincial Park
- Pine River Breaks Provincial Park
- East Pine Provincial Park
- Sukunka Falls Provincial park
- Hole-in-the-Wall Provincial Park
- Gwillim Lake Provincial Park
- Bearhole Lake Provincial park
- One Island Lake Provincial Park
- Monkman Provincial Park
- Wapiti Lake Provincial Park
- Swan Lake Provincial Park

Recreation Areas (25), the following have partnerships for maintenance:

- Flathead Pools Trails Network (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Bear Mountain Community Forest (includes: Paradise Valley Snowmobile trails and Bear Mountain Nordic Ski Club trails)
- Wolverine Nordic ski Trails (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Sundance Lake (Peace River Regional District)

Recognized Trails 30, the following have partnerships for maintenance:

- Dinosaur Footprints Trail (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Bootski Lake (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Boulder Gardens (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Bullmoose Marsh (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Cowmoose Mountain (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Holzworth Meadows (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Long lake (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Mount Reesor (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Mount Spieker Trail (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Pinnacle Peak (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Babcock Falls Trail (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Barbour Falls (Wolverine Nordic Mountain Society)
- Redfern Trail (Moose ATV & Northland Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club)
- Stewart Lake Motorized Trail (Moose ATV & Northland Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club)
- Mud Creek Motorized Trail (Northern Dirt Riders)
- Lost Haven Cabin & the Wolverine Ski Trails (near Tumbler Ridge)

Management Areas

- Muskwa Ketchika Management Area

Municipal/Community Parks

- **City of Fort St. John** has 12 municipal parks including the Community Forest.
- **City of Dawson Creek** has approximately 19 municipal parks within their boundary.
- **Village of Pouce Coupe** has one municipal park that offers overnight camping.
- **District of Hudson's Hope** has four municipal parks that all offer camping as well as the Jamieson Woods Nature Preserve.
- **District of Chetwynd** has approximately 11 parks.
- **District of Tumbler Ridge** has two municipal parks within the town core.
- **District of Taylor** has Peace Island Park offering overnight camping and two playgrounds, two municipal parks and two green spaces.

Not-for-Profit Protected Areas

Ducks Unlimited – 11 sites partnerships with Nature Trust of BC

- Bisette Marsh
- Jackson Potholes
- Nicholson Marsh
- Patterson Marsh
- Jackson Slough
- Comstock Marsh
- Miller's Marsh
- North Valleyview
- Rice Ponds
- Worth Marsh
- Hartnell Marsh

Nature Trust (Partnership with Compensation Programs - Peace/Williston Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program)

- Adams Property
- Beattie Property
- Dunlevy Property

Community Association Parks

- Farmington Community Association operates Matthews Park
- Tomslake & District Recreation Commission operates the Sudeteen Historical Park

Provincial & Federal Heritage Recognition

There are no provincially registered BC Historic and Heritage Sites within the PRRD, although they do mention the dinosaur tracks at Tumbler Ridge on the Super Natural BC website¹, nor are there any sites that are nationally registered or recognized under 'Canada's Historic Places'². However, in Taylor at Mile 32 there is a plaque recognizing Fort St. John as a National Historic Site as a designated by the *Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada* for recognition of the trading post that was first established at the confluence of the Peace and Beatton Rivers³. The PRRD could investigate commemorating historical significant places and features through the the Historic Places Initiative a forum through which Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments and heritage conservation stakeholders work to make it easier for Canadians to recognize and celebrate historic places today and for future generations⁴.

The Peace River is recognized as one of twenty rivers in British Columbia as a 'BC Heritage River' through the Ministry of Environment's BC Heritage Rivers Program. This heritage river program provides greater emphasis on river related values during land use planning processes, raises awareness of the importance of a healthy river system, helps protect the special values of the river and builds a stronger public support for and involvement in stewardship of the river⁵.

¹ <http://www.hellobc.com/british-columbia/things-to-do/arts-culture-history/historic-heritage-sites.aspx>

² <http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/home-accueil.aspx>

³ http://www.pc.gc.ca/apps/dfhd/page_nhs_eng.aspx?id=79

⁴ http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/heritage/local_government/planning_progs/prov_prog_hpi.htm

⁵ Provincial Proclamation Retrieved on July 5, 2011 www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/heritage_rivers_program/bc_rivers.html