



Information Bulletin

PRESCRIBED FIRE IN PRINCE ALBERT NATIONAL PARK Restoring fescue meadows and plains bison habitat

WASKESIU LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN, May 4, 2017 – Between May 4 and May 22, Parks Canada plans to conduct a prescribed fire in the southwest corner of Prince Albert National Park.

The safety of the public, fire crews, and neighbouring lands is a top priority for Parks Canada. The 3,000-hectare prescribed fire will only be held if the required environmental and weather conditions are met. Fire personnel, supported by helicopters, will remain on-site for several days to monitor the fire.

Prince Albert National Park remains open to visitors. Smoke may be visible to rural residents on the south and west sides of the national park and should dissipate quickly. The Valleyview Trail Network and Amyot Lake Trail spur may be closed during part of the prescribed fire. Check the park's [Important Bulletins](#) for updates.

Parks Canada is a world leader in conservation and its fire management program is designed to reduce wildfire risk and improve park ecosystems. Prescribed fires reduce fuel to lessen the severity of wildfires, release nutrients, and allow for a mosaic of ecosystems that support diverse plants and wildlife. The Millard prescribed fire, last burned in 2014, will enable rare pockets of fescue meadows to return to their historic size and range. Fescue provides critical habitat and forage for plains bison, songbirds, and many other species found in this uniquely protected transition zone between parkland and boreal forest.

Want to see a prescribed fire on the West Side? Watch the video, [Using prescribed fire to reconnect grasslands, bison and people in Prince Albert National Park](#)

Want to visit the West Side after the prescribed fire? Check out the new [Valleyview Trail Network](#).

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