

Birds Hill Provincial Park

Park Role and Purpose



Birds Hill is classified a natural park. Its purpose is to preserve areas that are representative of the Aspen/Oak Parklands Natural Region, and to accommodate a diversity of recreational opportunities. It will:

- provide nature-orientated recreational opportunities such as hiking, horse-back riding, cross country skiing, mountain biking and wildlife viewing in a largely undisturbed environment
- provide opportunities for a wide range of high quality intensive recreational activities and permit associated developments such as campgrounds, trails, and day-use areas
- promote public appreciation and understanding of the park's natural features and cultural heritage, serving as a key year-round natural setting for introducing visitors to the provincial park system

The park is divided into four land use categories.

Backcountry (B)

Size: 2,060 ha or 59% of the park

- Protects breeding sites for woodland and prairie birds, and habitat for white-tailed deer.
- Protects examples of aspen/oak parkland, remnant patches of white spruce, black spruce/tamarack and cedar bog communities, relict patches of mixed grass prairie, and concentrations of orchids.
- Provides nature-oriented recreation such as hiking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking and snowmobiling.

Recreational Development (RD)

Size: 1,350 ha or 38% of the park

- Provides intensive recreational opportunities including campgrounds, beach, day use areas, self-guiding trails, amphitheatre, riding stable and concession services.
- Provides location for equestrian centre facility and Winnipeg Folk Festival site.
- Contains areas such as the Kudlowich homestead and Papal site.

Resource Management (RM)

Size: 40 ha or 1% of the park

- Forest Protection Services office, nursery and equipment storage complex.
- Commercial removal of sand, gravel and clay prohibited.

Access (A)

Size: 60 ha or 2% of the park.

- Recognizes existing automobile and hydro transmission line rights-of-way through Backcountry Land Use Categories.

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Natural and Cultural Features



Whitetailed deer

About 300 in the park and more in the surrounding area.



Western Silvery Aster

A threatened species of wildflower. One of several rare plants in the park.



Cedar bog

One of the most westerly occurrences of white cedar in Canada.



Native tall grass prairie

Remnants of an ecosystem that once thrived in the Red River valley.



Kudlowich homestead

An example of a homestead in the early community of Pine Ridge.



Papal site

Commemorates the 1984 visit of Pope John Paul II to Manitoba.