

Frequently Asked Questions: Sustainable Recreation— Funding and Partners

You may have questions about this public engagement and how your feedback will be used. This document provides answers to some of these questions.

What is the purpose of this engagement?

The purpose of this engagement is to gather the public's opinion and values to inform the Government of Alberta's direction on ways to improve outdoor recreation on Crown land and ensure experiences are sustainable.

What is Provincial Crown Land?

Provincial Crown land is comprised of public land, provincial parks, and protected areas managed by Alberta Environment and Parks. Provincial Crown land does not include private land or federal land such as National Parks and First Nations reserves.

Why is the Government of Alberta interested in sustainable funding and partnerships for recreation?

The province has seen increasing demand for outdoor recreation on provincial Crown land. This year, the Covid-19 pandemic has increased interest in and use of Crown land for outdoor recreation, and has highlighted some challenges.

Challenges include lack of education and awareness about the rules on Crown land, accessibility, safety, and protection and maintenance of the natural environment for the long term. In particular, the increase in the intensity and number of users on Crown land this summer has been exceptional, and has outpaced government's ability to resource and staff to effectively manage outdoor recreation.

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How is recreation currently managed in Alberta?

Government manages recreation by providing infrastructure, such as campgrounds, staging areas, trails, signs and maps. Education (e.g., Alberta.ca/OutdoorRecreationGuide) and enforcement through acts and regulations, and partnerships with provincial and local organizations also support responsible recreation on Crown lands. Government also uses tools such as visitor statistics and experience surveys to understand and validate people's experiences.

What kind of feedback is the Government of Alberta interested in receiving?

We are interested in your feedback in regards to ensuring sustainability of outdoor recreation and enabling partnerships on Crown lands.

How can I provide feedback?

Feedback can be provided by filling out the online survey and/or by posting an idea. To find information about engagement opportunities, visit: www.alberta.ca/public-engagement.aspx.

Where can I find more information?

Alberta Outdoor Recreation www.alberta.ca/outdoor-recreation.aspx

Respect the Land Facebook Page www.facebook.com/RespectTheLand

My Wild Alberta mywildalberta.ca

AlbertaParks www.albertaparks.ca

Contact Us

Email us at OutdoorRecreation@gov.ab.ca for more information about the public engagement process or if you have other questions.

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