

WHAT'S NEW?



Elk Island
National Park
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EXPLORA *Tour with Technology!*

Wander around the Astotin Lake Area and down Shoreline Trail. Explora will make you look like an expert; giving you directions, letting you tell Elk Island's stories while showing you cool photos! Borrow a device from the Astotin Theatre and take your family on a guided tour!



TEEPEE CAMPING

Have you ever wanted to sleep in a teepee? Here's your chance! Elk Island is offering 3 brand new teepee campsites. The teepees sit on a raised platform and come with comfy sleeping mats. Reserve your campsite today!



PACK ELK ISLAND ON YOUR BACK

These family day packs come with binoculars, an animal identification guide, a pond dipping kit, trail maps and information about other attractions in the area. Pick up a pack at the Astotin Theatre, Visitor Centre or Sandy Beach Campground and spend a fun-filled day with your family!

BISON STAMPEDE



Watch out for the stampede of bison as you walk into the Visitor Centre! Here you can discover the creatures of Elk Island on a stunning wall sized mural. See if you can identify all of the unique species home to Elk Island.



MEMORIES ARE FOR SHARING...coming soon

Discovering a magnificent bison for the first time, rest and relaxation at peaceful Tawayik Lake, identifying animal scat at one of our interpretive programs, or a back country camping adventure, are all examples of a great experience! We want you to tell us all about it. Connect with Elk Island staff at the Visitor Centre and share your memorable experience by inputting them onto a computer with the opportunity to upload or scan your photographs of these amazing experiences.



MOOSE MORTALITY - another conservation effort

In order to better monitor the increasing mortality rate of moose in Elk Island, animals have been radio collared. When the collared moose dies the radio emits a signal where staff can locate the carcass location, then do a necropsy and collect tissue samples to determine the cause of death. These collars are monitored daily and can last for up to 5 years. For more information about this program please call the Main Park number 780-992-2950.



BOAT LAUNCH CLOSURE

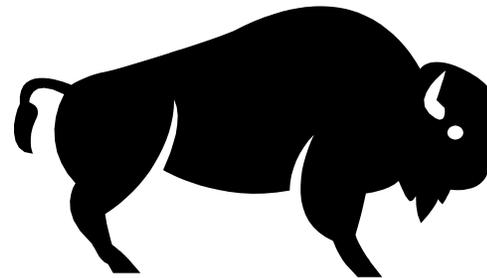
Due to heavy drought conditions, boat trailer launching is unadvisable. Please walk your boat to the shoreline of Astotin Lake and launch from there.

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SPECIAL EVENT DAYS



FRIDAY JULY 1 - CANADA DAY

Free
Entry!

12:00 PM - 9:00 PM Astotin Lake Area

Join Parks Canada staff as we celebrate Canada's 144th birthday with cake, entertainment and a traditional flag raising ceremony. Also on this exciting day be the first to become a Parks Canada *Xplorer* and complete an action packed fun filled booklet geared to kids age 6 - 11. Available at the Visitor Centre or Astotin Theatre; don't forget to pick up a cool souvenir after completion of the book.

SATURDAY JULY 16 - CANADA'S PARKS DAY & CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Free
Entry!

8:00 AM - 9:00 PM (dusk till dawn) Astotin Lake Area

Be a part of the challenge! Join a team with Park Superintendent Stephen Flemming or Friends of Elk Island Society and assist in a bird-a-thon challenge. The team that wins will result in shaving or saving the Superintendent's beard! Also celebrate the rich diversity of Canada and witness a Citizenship Ceremony.

SATURDAY JULY 23 7:30 PM & SUNDAY JULY 24 2:00 PM IMAGINaTION! & Mountain WIT Variety Show

Astotin Lake Area

Celebrate 100 years of the world's first National Parks service, Parks Canada, with IMAGINaTION! Mountain WIT animates this family-friendly journey through the mosaic of our country's most treasured places. If you've ever wondered how to say "Quttinirpaaq" this is the show for you! Full of colorful characters, music and laughs, IMAGINaTION is a treat for all ages.

SATURDAY JULY 23 ELK ISLAND GOLF COURSE 75th ANNIVERSARY TOURNAMENT



Elk Island Golf Course in the Astotin Lake Area

This year Elk Island Golf Course celebrates 75 years in the park offering visitors a beautiful 9 hole golf course situated in the beautiful Beaver Hills landscape. Golf for 1936 green fees if you dress the part! Call 780-998-3161 for more information or visit www.elkislandgolf.com

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4 DARK SKY PRESERVE CELEBRATIONS

Astotin Lake Area

Have fun being in the dark! Beaver Hills Dark Sky Preserve partners will host events such as special guest presenters, telescope observations, guided hikes and activities showcasing how residents can contribute to preserving dark skies. Astronomical celebration and celebrities will be out of this world!



Events will proceed rain or shine; children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call 780.992.2960 or visit our website www.parkscanada.pc.gc.ca/elkisland

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS



MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS 3:00 PM Astotin Theatre

Plants & the People - Can they meet our needs or are they just weeds?

Join an interpreter for a 1.5 hour guided hike and discover how for thousands of years people have depended on plant life for survival.



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 3:00 PM, SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

The Living Waters

Astotin Theatre

Discover what lurks beneath the waters of Astotin Lake! Dip net with park interpreters for 1.5 hours and discover a fascinating world of water striders, backswimmers, water boatmen and whirligig beetles.



FRIDAYS 7:30 PM Astotin Theatre

Space Canoe 2.0 - Conserve the Cosmos

Join Space Cadet Matt for a 1.5 hour adventure as he continues his mission of cosmic discovery and once again searches the solar system to answer the age old question; can life exist beyond our little blue planet? Will he discover a new life form?



SATURDAYS



The Early Birds 8:00 AM Astotin Theatre

Join a real bird brain, Superintendent Stephen Flemming, for a 1.5 hour birding safari on the shores of Astotin Lake. Explore the shore and discover how Elk Island makes the perfect home for over 250 species of birds.



Tracks & Traces 2:00 PM Astotin Theatre

Join interpreters on this 1.5 hour program and learn and search for animal signs including tracks, hair, bones, and scat. Take home plaster casts of animal tracks!

Herds & Birds Puppet Theatre 4:30 PM Astotin Playground

We protect them all, big and small! Enjoy the fun filled adventures of Charlie the bison and his Elk Island friends for a .5 hour puppet show.

The "Canuck" List - Celebrating Parks Canada 7:30 PM Astotin Theatre

Priscilla and Lambert have just won the lottery and will spend their rewards exploring all of the places Parks Canada protects. Join the happy couple on their 1.5 hour journey of discovery!

SUNDAYS



Art in the Park 1:00 PM Astotin Playground

Let the natural surroundings inspire you to create a masterpiece. Supplies are provided.



Legacy Tour 3:00 PM Visitor Centre

Join an interpreter for a 1.5 hour guided hike and get a behind the scenes look at how our park has protected Canada's natural and cultural heritage for over 100 years!

Programs may be subject to change without notice. All events and programs are free with park admission. Pets and food are not allowed in the Astotin Theatre; seating is limited.

Service en Anglais seulement.

