Top 5 Activities

1. UNFORGETTABLE WILDLIFE
   - Peek your way and listen for the thunderous hooves of bison, moose, and elk as you hike, bike, or drive throughout the park.

2. SPECTACULAR SKIES
   - Experience seasonal meteor showers, the northern lights, or count the number of stars you see twirling in the night sky above.

3. FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND FUN
   - Pack a picnic and head to Astotin Lake for a full day of fun! Paddle the lakes many islands, visit the Astotin Theatre, start a game of tag, or take a short hike for stunning lake views.

4. CACHING THE EXCITMENT
   - Pick up the new guide to Geocaching and challenge yourself to find each of the caches hidden in the park!

5. A DAY OF DISCOVERY
   - Go behind the scenes of bison conservation and experience Elk Island’s 110-year conservation legacy on a scheduled tour. Pick up a seasonal program schedule for four times.

Guided Programs

1. ASTOTIN THEATRE
   - Stop by the Astotin Theatre in the summer to watch a film, speak with an interpreter, borrow a Discovery Kit, or pick up an iPuzzle book!

PRIVATE PROGRAMMING

School groups, organizations, and families can book fall programs throughout the year. Contact eipinfo@pc.gc.ca for info.

Stop by the Visitor Centre or visit parkscanada.gc.ca/elkisland for seasonal program schedules.

Discovery Kits

Pick up a pack to fun
Visit the Astotin Theatre in summer or the Visitor Centre in winter to borrow a free Discovery Kit. These themed backpaks are loaded with tools such as binoculars, animal identification guides, pond dipping kits, trail maps, QPS cards, and other items to suit your park exploration interests.

Choose between the:
- Nature kit
- Geocaching kit
- Winter kit

Camping

Enjoy a true wildlife experience less than an hour east of Edmonton!

With so much to do, why not spend the night? Share stories around the campfire as the stars in the night sky huddle above.

Reserve your site today for camping dates between May 19 and October 8, 2018:
- reservation.parkscanada.gc.ca
- 1-877-737-3783

A beautiful area south of Elk Island National Park has been designated as Elk Island Campground.

Campground offers:
- Potable water
- Flush toilets
- Firewood provided with the permit
- Hot showers
- Picnic tables

Want the experience of camping, but don’t have the gear you need? It’s E TEN V and 2-Equipped Camping sites are available at Astotin Lake Campground.

Hiding and seek
Geocaching is a fun high-tech adventure where participants use a GPS (Global Positioning System) to hunt for containers called “caches.” Caches range from easy finds with vehicle access to challenging half-day finds on longer trails. See if you can locate them all!

Visit geocaching.com or pick up the Elk Island Guide to Geocaching brochure to find the Elk Island cache clues.

Geocaching

Activities

1. Wildlife Viewing
   - Moccas
   - Wildlife Viewing Tips
     - Dawn and dusk are the best times to view wildlife, many birds are raised by hatching among the trees.
     - Slow down on the parkway where bison and coyotes often travel. Better yet, go for a hike.
     - Be patient and take your time; you’ll see what will wander by.

2. Stargazing
   - Lose yourself in the wonder of bison, moose, and elk as you hike, bike, or drive throughout the park.

3. Picnicking
   - Bring your bike and breathe in the fresh air as you watch the sunset over Astotin Lake. Most trails have parking, viewpoints, washrooms, and garbage facilities. Trail descriptions and locations are listed on the back of this guide.

4. Paddling
   - Explore the park at a slower pace
   - With over 80 km of trails to explore, your day will be as unique and memorable as your experience. Watch the busy beaver as it constructs its dam, listen to songbirds sing you a tune, or breathe in the fresh air the busy beaver as it constructs its dam, listen to songbirds sing you a tune, or breathe in the fresh air

5. Wildlife Viewing
   - Feel the breeze as you pedal through nature
   - Bring your bike and breathe in the fresh air as you cycle along paths or roadsides in the park.

6. Camping
   - Feel safe and secure in Elk Island National Park.
   - Watch for Bison Warning signs. A raised tail, pawing the ground, or-sorting its ears are signs you are too close to bison!
   - Avoid startling wildlife
   - Avoid disturbing wildlife by following these guidelines.
   - If you encounter elk, moose, or bison on a trail make yourself known by singing a song or whistling. Walk slowly around them at a safe distance on return the way you came.

7. Stargazing
   - Look up! The Milky Way is an easy target for stargazers.
   - To find the Elk Island cache clues.

8. Picnicking
   - Bring your brocure: Over 250 species of birds can be spotted In Elk Island throughout the year!

9. Wildlife Viewing
   - Keep a safe distance from all wildlife.
   - Do not feed wildlife.
   - Avoid starting wildlife by being aware of your surroundings, moving slowly, traveling in groups, and making noise.
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Save the Date

1. Elk Island National Park is home to a number of exciting events every year:
   - BISON FESTIVAL – June 2, 2018
   - CANADA DAY – July 1, 2018
   - CAMPTASTIC DAYS – July 27, 2018
   - WINTER WALKIN’ – December 15, 2018
   - FAMILY DAY – February 18, 2019

For more information or to book a tee time or wildlife viewing tour, contact 1-877-737-3783 or visit elk.island@pc.gc.ca.

Everything tastes better in the great outdoors

Choose from one of these scenic areas to enjoy your picnic:

- Astotin Lake
- Beaver Bay (along Shoreline Trail)
- Traverse Lake

Be sure to bring matches, paper, and a hatchet if you plan to use a firepit.

Golfing

Designed by Stanley Thompson, the 9-hole Elk Island Golf Course blends nature and recreation. Enjoy a round or participate in one of the 24-hour golf events.

For more information or to book a tee time visit elkislandgolf.com or call 780-988-3161.
Gather your winter gear and head to Astotin Lake. Lace up your skates and glide around Astotin Lake. SNOWSHOEING is a magical experience. Snowshoeing or blaze your own path over snow on park trails covered with snow. Stomp your way through snow and enjoy the following winter activities:

**STARGAZING** out gear for a game of shinny. Enjoy a cleared trail around Archer Island or bring your snowshoes or cross-country skis for a thrilling journey through snow. Watch your step as you make your way through the snow. Be alert and use caution; you may encounter one or more construction zones. In the spring, these areas can be muddy and difficult to navigate. You are responsible for your own safety.

- **Be self-sufficient:** Make a trip plan and pack adequate equipment.
- **Share your trip plan:** With a friend or family member.
- **Bring a map and stay on trails:** Trails are not patrolled.
- **Watch your step:** On paths and boardwalks.
- **Be alert and use caution:** Wildlife encounters are possible.
- **Check the weather forecast:** Before coming to the park.
- **Stay hydrated:** Bring water and food.
- **Follow posted speed limits.**

Visit adventuresmart.ca for more safety information and trip planning templates.

**YOUR FEES**

To ensure you have the best experiences connecting with nature and our history, Parks Canada is renewing structures like trails, fences and pathways in sites across the country. When visiting or driving through Elk Island National Park, you may encounter one or more construction zones or reduced services while we complete this important work. Please plan ahead before you begin to avoid inconvenience. Visitors are asked to drive with care and obey all signs in and around the affected work areas.

**Elk Island National Park**

Elk Island is Canada’s only fully fenced national park. It manages one of Canada’s conservation reserves for plains and wood bison. Elk Island was the first national park in Canada, established in 1856. It played a significant role in the conservation of plains and wood bison. Today, there are more bison at Elk Island than in any other park or reserve in North America in 1850.

**HOW TO GET TO ELK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK**

Elk Island is located south of Hwy 63 and Hwy 16. The visitor centre is on the west side of Hwy 63, 17 km south of the junction of Hwy 63 and Hwy 16. The entrance is on the south side of Hwy 16, 5 km north of Hwy 63. The visitor centre is on the west side of Hwy 16, 17 km south of the junction of Hwy 63 and Hwy 16. The entrance is on the north side of Hwy 16, 5 km south of the junction of Hwy 63 and Hwy 16.

**NO DRONE ZONE!**

All Parks Canada places are “no drone zones” for recreational use. Please leave your drone at home and enjoy Elk Island National Park from the ground!