

Viability of Expanding Ecotourism within Windy Lake Provincial Park

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Wilderness areas are valued for their solitude, biological diversity and scenery. Windy Lake Provincial Park, located northwest of Sudbury, has the potential for expansion into the Eco-tourism sector, specifically interior campsites and trail development for hiking, snowshoeing, Nordic skiing and mountain biking. This study examines the viability of expansion as well as the areas in which development could take place by using statistical analysis (S.P.S.S.) derived from surveys, the mapping of trails with the assistance of global positioning systems, and geographic information systems (ArcView-GIS). Additionally, the report looks at how local trends compare to those of Northern Ontario.

Planning and Management at the Lower Kananaskis River: The Opportunities and Challenges for Future Management

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The Lower Kananaskis River in Kananaskis Country is recongized as one of the premiere whitewater paddling locations in Southern Alberta and in recent years it has become the focus of intense debate. Serving a broad spectrum of interests, the Lower Kananaskis River is mandated to integrate the recreation needs of commercial guiding and instructional groups, non-profit clubs and organizations, educational teaching groups, military groups, and private recreation users. As well, management at the Lower Kananaskis River also integrates the operating needs of a Canadian-owned utilities company whose principle interest in the river is to regulate flows for the generation of hydroelectric power.

The Lower Kananaskis River is approximately ten kilometers long. Within this short distance there are a number of recreational facilities provided for users including three launch and landing sites, a world-class kayak slalom course, and an array of natural and man-made features. In addition, the Lower Kananaskis River also facilitates overnight group camping that is available through an advanced reservation system.

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