

Frequently asked questions:

Hiker-Biker Camping

Peter Lougheed Provincial Park

Spray Valley Provincial Park

Why is Alberta Parks providing hiker-biker camping in some areas?

Alberta TrailNet, with approval from Parks, constructed the High Rockies Trail in 2017 providing a new trail opportunity for long distance hikers and bikers. The High Rockies Trail is an 80 km trail that extends from the Goat Creek trailhead near Canmore to Elk Pass at the BC border. Alberta Parks created designated hiker-biker camping areas in Spray Valley Provincial Park and Peter Lougheed Provincial Park to support trail users for the purposes of long distance travel and to prevent random camping in this area.

What is a hiker-biker?

Hiker-bikers are recreationists who under their own power and without the support of a motorized vehicle, travel through Kananaskis region. Only hiker-bikers are permitted to camp at [Buller Mountain Day Use](#) and [Sawmill Day Use](#).

Where is the designated hiker-biker camping?

Kananaskis established hiker-biker camping areas along the [High Rockies Trail](#). These areas include:

- [Spray West Campground](#)
- [Buller Mountain Day Use](#)
- [Sawmill Day Use](#)
- [Pocaterra Overflow Campground](#)

What facilities are provided at the hiker-biker camping areas?

At Spray West Campground and Pocaterra Overflow Campground, Alberta Parks provides food lockers, bike maintenance tool stand, washroom and a self-registration kiosk. There is a no turn away policy for hiker-bikers at Spray West during campground operation (May 19 to September 20).

Pocaterra Overflow is open when the other campgrounds within the Peter Lougheed Facility Zone are full. One night stays only. Campers wishing to stay multiple nights in the Peter Lougheed Facility Zone will be moved to other available campgrounds by 9 am, if sites are available.

At Buller Mountain Day Use and Sawmill Day Use, facilities include food lockers, washroom and a self-registration kiosk. Hiker-biker camping is permitted between 6 pm and 9 am for one night stays only. Hiker-Biker camping is permitted at these day use sites from June 1 to September 20. The purpose of these sites is to provide minimal facilities for safe overnight stay. Plan to camp at the regular Kananaskis Campgrounds for extended stays.

Can hiker-bikers camp in other areas in Kananaskis?

Hiker-bikers may always stay at other campgrounds. Some campgrounds are first-come, first serve; some campgrounds are on the reservation system. Please go to the Alberta Parks website to [Kananaskis campgrounds](#).

What is the cost of camping?

For 2021, the rate per night is \$31.

Is there a maximum length of stay?

The maximum length of stay at Spray West campground is 16 nights.

The maximum length of stay at Pocaterra Overflow, Buller Mountain and Sawmill Day Use is one night.