

Grasslands, coulees, and riparian areas meet in Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park, creating a great diversity of habitats for wildlife. At least 13 species of fish, 4 species of amphibians, 3 species of reptiles and 30 species of mammals can be found in the Park. Use this checklist to discover more about the many different animals that live in the park.

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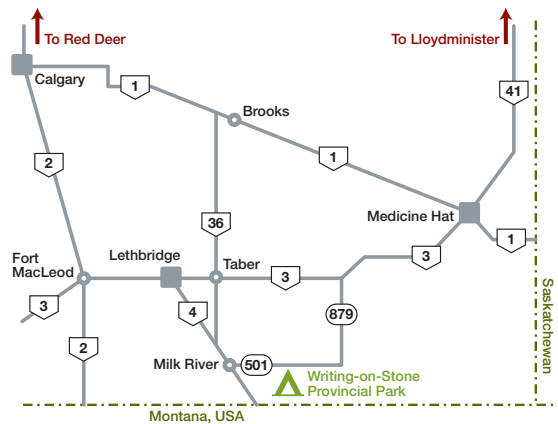
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## Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles & Mammals

Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park



Boreal Chorus Frog



Coyote



Alberta

# Checklist

## Fish

Brassy Minnow <i>A minnow scarce elsewhere in Alberta</i>
Fathead Minnow
Finescale Dace
Flathead Chub
Lake Chub
Longnose Dace
Longnose Sucker
Mountain Sucker
Northern Pike <i>Introduced to the Milk River</i>
Sauger <i>The provincial record Sauger was caught in the Milk River</i>

Stonecat <i>The catfish is not found in any other river in Alberta</i>
Western Silvery Minnow <i>Not found anywhere else in Alberta</i>
White Sucker

## Amphibians

Barred Tiger Salamander
Boreal Chorus Frog
Canadian Toad
Northern Leopard Frog <i>Once widespread in Alberta, but now found only along the Milk River and at a few other locations</i>
Plains Spadefoot Toad <i>Breeds only in wet years, using temporary, uncultivated prairie sloughs</i>

## Reptiles

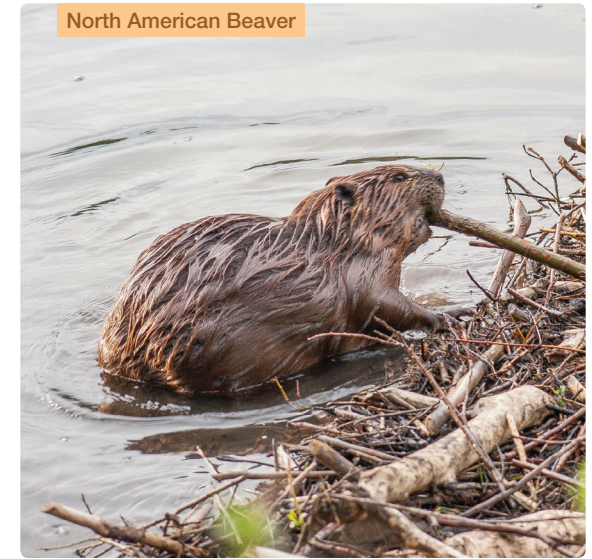
Bull Snake <i>A large, colorful, non-venomous snake with a limited range in Alberta</i>
Mountain Short-horned Lizard <i>The northwestern range of this iguanid seems to end just a few km east of the park</i>
Plains Garter Snake

Prairie Rattlesnake <i>Although common, this snake poses little threat to park visitors</i>
Wandering Garter Snake

## Mammals

**Note:** Information on the presence of most shrews, mice, and voles is still incomplete.

Dusky Shrew
Masked Shrew
Prairie Shrew
Big Brown Bat
Hoary Bat
Little Brown Myotis Bat <i>This bat is often seen at dusk, swooping above campsites while catching insects</i>
Long-eared Myotis Bat
Long-legged Myotis Bat
Silver-haired Bat
Western Small-footed Myotis Bat <i>Scarce elsewhere in Alberta</i>
Nuttall's Cottontail <i>This rabbit thrives in the campground area where it is protected from predators</i>
White-tailed Prairie Hare <i>Commonly known as the Jack Rabbit</i>
Beaver
Bushy-tailed Wood Rat <i>Canada's only true rat, and more typical of mountainous regions, the nocturnal "pack rat" lives in caves and crevices in the sandstone</i>
House Mouse
Long-tailed Vole
Meadow Vole <i>Better known as the Field Mouse</i>
Muskrat
Northern Grasshopper Mouse



North American Beaver



Prairie Rattlesnake

Northern Pocket Gopher
Olive-backed Pocket Mouse
Porcupine
Richardson's Ground Squirrel <i>Commonly called Gophers, these little creatures are seldom seen these days in the park, probably due to the protected healthy populations of snakes and birds of prey</i>
Sagebrush Vole
Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel
Western Harvest Mouse
Western Jumping Mouse
Yellow-bellied Marmot <i>Their main habitat in Alberta is rock outcrops in the Milk River ridge area, along the coulees and the Milk river</i>
Coyote <i>Although often heard howling at night, the coyote is rarely seen in the park</i>
Gray Wolf
Red Fox <i>Fairly common in the surrounding area</i>
Swift Fox <i>Recently reintroduced to the area, this rare, tiny fox has not yet returned to the park</i>

Plains Grizzly Bear
Raccoon <i>Tracks of this nocturnal animal are often seen in the mud along the river</i>
Badger
Least Weasel
Long-tailed Weasel
Mink
Striped Skunk
Bobcat
Mountain Lion (Cougar)
Elk (Wapiti) <i>Once common throughout the prairies, elk occasionally visit the park from the Sweetgrass Hills</i>
Mule Deer <i>The most common large mammal in the park, with as many as 200 resident here</i>
White-tailed Deer
Pronghorn <i>Not a true antelope, the Pronghorn is the fastest land animal in North America</i>