

# ZONE 1 *Eastern Slopes*

■ The Eastern Slopes consists of the mountains and foothills that form the “Eastern Slopes” along the Rocky Mountains from Montana to the Grande Prairie region. Throughout this zone, tributary creeks flow into larger streams and into major rivers. These watersheds support numerous trout and mountain whitefish populations, as well as Arctic grayling populations in the north.

The Eastern Slopes four Watershed Units are the Oldman and Bow rivers (ES1), the Red Deer and North Saskatchewan rivers (ES2), the Athabasca and Pembina rivers (ES3) and the Smoky River (ES4).

## ES1 WATERSHED UNIT REGULATIONS

■ the Oldman River watershed upstream of Secondary Road 509 near Coalhurst and the Bow River watershed upstream of Highway 24 near Carseland.

### BAIT FISHING

- Fishing with Bait in ES1 streams is **NOT** allowed.
- Fishing with Bait is allowed at lakes without bait bans. Check the ES1 regulation tables for site specific regulations.
- Fishing with Bait Fish is **NOT** allowed in ES1 except at the following waters: Payne (Mami) Lake, Lees Lake, Ghost Reservoir and Pine Coulee Reservoir.

Alberta Fish and Wildlife may announce short-term emergency stream closures in response to low stream flows and warmer water temperatures. Sportfishing would be suspended and fishing not allowed for the duration of the emergency period.

**Ice fishing:** Angling is not permitted through the ice; a) into beaver ponds or b) into flowing waters in ES1

**Mainstem of a river:** includes the mainstem channel and any side channel, oxbows, riparian flow channels, and plunge pools below spillways.

### ES1 Default Sportfishing Regulations

- The names of most ES1 lakes and streams are listed alphabetically in the site specific regulation tables on the following pages.
- Smaller streams may not be listed, but may be included as tributaries to a listed larger stream.
- If a listed waterbody does not have a season listed, it is **CLOSED** to fishing during that period.
- If a ES1 lake, reservoir, river, stream or species is not listed, follow the default regulations below.
- General regulation stocked trout lakes are listed on page 16.

ES1 Default Sportfishing Regulations			
LAKES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OPEN all year</b></li> <li>• <b>Bull Trout limit 0</b></li> <li>• <b>Arctic Grayling limit 0</b></li> <li>• Trout limit 5</li> <li>• Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm</li> <li>• Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm</li> <li>• Pike limit 3</li> <li>• Perch limit 15</li> <li>• Lake Whitefish limit 10</li> <li>• Burbot limit 10</li> <li>• <b>Bait except Bait Fish allowed</b></li> </ul>		
STREAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OPEN June 16 to Aug. 31</b></li> <li>• <b>Bull Trout limit 0</b></li> <li>• <b>Arctic Grayling limit 0</b></li> <li>• Trout limit 2</li> <li>• Cutthroat and Rainbow over 35 cm</li> <li>• Mountain Whitefish limit 5 over 30 cm</li> <li>• Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm</li> <li>• Northern Pike limit 3</li> <li>• Yellow Perch limit 15</li> <li>• Lake Whitefish limit 10</li> <li>• Burbot limit 10</li> <li>• <b>Bait Ban</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OPEN Sept. 1 to Oct. 31</b></li> <li>• <b>Bull Trout limit 0</b></li> <li>• <b>Arctic Grayling limit 0</b></li> <li>• Trout and Mountain Whitefish limit 0</li> <li>• Walleye limit 3 over 50 cm</li> <li>• Northern Pike limit 3</li> <li>• Yellow Perch limit 15</li> <li>• Lake Whitefish limit 10</li> <li>• Burbot limit 10</li> <li>• <b>Bait Ban</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CLOSED Nov. 1 to June 15</b></li> </ul>

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## ES1 - Lakes, Reservoirs and Ponds

Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait except bait fish allowed	WALL	NRPK	YLPR	LKTR	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BKTR	DLVR	Trout Total
Lower Kananaskis Lake	35-19-9-W5; northwest bay-the portion north of a line drawn from the southernmost tip of the peninsula in NE 11-20-9-W5 due west to the point where the line intersects the shoreline of the lake (the northwest bay)	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
	35-19-9-W5; the remainder of the lake	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban						over 50 cm	over 50 cm			1 trout
Lys Lake	26-3-3-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Maude Lake	14-20-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Memorial Lakes	6-23-9-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Mount Lorette Ponds	19-23-8-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Mud Lake	22-21-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Odlum Lake	33-17-7-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Oldman Reservoir	The Crowsnest River downstream of the Cowley Bridge, the Castle River downstream of Hwy. 3, and the Oldman River downstream of Sec. Rd. 510. The boundaries are fixed regardless of water level fluctuations.	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban					5 over 30 cm					5 trout
Phillips Lake	18-8-5-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Picklejar Lakes	16, 17-18-6-W5	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
Pine Coulee Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait and bait fish allowed	3 fish	3 fish								5 trout
Quarry Lake	29-24-10-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										2 trout; 0 ARGR
Rainy Ridge Lake	32-3-3-W5	OPEN JULY 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
	Tributaries and outlet	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Rawson Lake	11-19-9-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										0 trout
Ribbon Lake	19-22-9-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Rummel Lake	3-22-10-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Running Rain Lake	7-18-7-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										2 under 30 cm
Shark Lake	NW-1-22-11-W5	OPEN ALL YEAR	●										2 trout
Smuts Lakes	24-21-11-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
Southfork Lake	29-4-3-W5	OPEN JULY 16 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 40 cm
	Tributaries and outlet	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
Sparrow's Egg Lake	6-20-8-W5; Includes tributaries and outlet	OPEN JULY 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban										1 trout over 50 cm
Spray Lakes Reservoir		OPEN ALL YEAR	●				3 fish	5 over 30 cm					5 trout (includes 3 LKTR)
	Tributaries	OPEN JULY 1 TO AUG. 31	Bait ban					5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm			2 trout
	Tributaries	OPEN SEPT. 1 TO OCT. 31	Bait ban					0 fish					0 trout



**Legend:** As examples, '3 over 63 cm' indicates a possession and size limit of '3 fish each over 63 cm' or '10 fish' indicates a possession limit of 10 for that species of any size. An empty cell indicates the species is not likely present at that waterbody; however, if caught the default regulations for the Watershed Unit apply. SHL=Special Harvest Licence, BKTR = Brook Trout, BNTR=Brown Trout, BURB = Burbot, CISC = Cisco, CTTR = Cutthroat Trout, DLVR = Dolly Varden, GOLD = Goldeye, LKTR = Lake Trout, LKWH = Lake Whitefish, MNWH = Mountain Whitefish, NRPK = Northern Pike, RNTR = Rainbow Trout, SAUG = Sauger, TGTR = Tiger Trout, WALL = Walleye, YLPR = Yellow Perch. [Regulation changes are highlighted blue](#). Waterbodies closed to angling are highlighted grey.

ES1 - Rivers, Creeks and Streams													
Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait ● = Bait except Bait fish allowed	WALL	NRPK	BURB	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BKTR	BNTR	Trout Total	
Beaver Creek		OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
Belly River	Mainstem upstream of Sec. Rd. 800 and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
		CLOSED SEPT. 1 to JUNE 15											
	Mainstem; Downstream of Sec. Rd. 800	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm				2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm						0 trout
Boulton Creek		OPEN JULY 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
Bow River	Banff National Park downstream to Bassano Dam including Reservoir	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish					0 trout	
Canmore Creek		OPEN APR. 1 to SEPT. 30	Bait ban							2 fish		Other trout 0	
Canyon Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban									0 trout	
Carbondale River	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
Castle River	Mainstem from Hwy. 3 to West Castle River and includes tributaries except Mill, Beaver Mines, and Screwdriver creeks and Carbondale River	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm			2 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
Crownsnest River	Mainstem from outlet of Crownsnest Lake downstream to the Cowley Bridge	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish					0 trout	
	All tributaries of Crownsnest River except Gold Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm			1 or 2 fish	1 or 2 fish	2 trout	
	All tributaries of Crownsnest River except Gold Creek	OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish					0 trout	
Elbow River	Headwater downstream to Elbow Falls and tributaries except Quirk Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0	
	Mainstem, Elbow Falls downstream to Canyon Creek	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
	Mainstem, Canyon Creek downstream to Hwy. 22	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
	Mainstem, Hwy. 22 downstream to Glenmore Reservoir and tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm			2 trout	
	Mainstem, from Glenmore Reservoir downstream to Bow River	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish					0 trout	

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Waterbody	Waterbody Detail	Season	Bait	WALL	NRPK	BURB	MNWH	RNTR	CTTR	BKTR	BNTR	Trout Total
Ghost River	Mainstem including tributaries except Waiparous Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout
Ghost River Wilderness Area	All water within the Wilderness Area	CLOSED ALL YEAR										
Gold Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0
Gorge Creek		OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban									0 trout
Hidden Creek	Tributary to Oldman River	CLOSED SEPT. 1 to JUNE 15										
		OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout
Highwood River	Headwater originating at Storm Ck and Mist Ck confluence downstream to Kananaskis Country boundary; Includes tributaries except Storm Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm			2 fish		Other trout 0
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout
	Mainstem from K-Country boundary downstream to 500m above the mouth & tributaries except Sheep R	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout
	Mainstem within 500m of Bow River (see Bow River)	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish	0 fish					0 trout
Jumpingpound Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm			2 fish		Other trout 0
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0
Kananaskis River	Headwater downstream to Hwy. 1 including tributaries except Smith-Dorrien Creek	OPEN APR. 1 to JUNE 15	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0
		OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	0 fish	0 fish			Other trout 2
	Headwater downstream to Hwy. 1 including tributaries except Smith-Dorrien Creek	OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0
	Mainstem from Hwy. 1 downstream to Bow River	OPEN ALL YEAR	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm			2 fish		Other trout 0
Livingstone River	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout
Mill Creek	Including Gladstone and Whitney creeks	CLOSED SEPT. 1 to JUNE 15										
	Includes tributaries including Gladstone and Whitney creeks	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				0 fish			2 fish		Other trout 0

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Oldman River	Tributaries of Oldman River from headwater downstream to Sec. Rd. 510 excluding Livingstone River and Hidden Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
	Mainstem - headwater downstream to Racehorse Creek	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm						0 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish						0 trout
	Mainstem - Racehorse Creek downstream to Hwy. 22	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
	Mainstem - Hwy. 22 downstream to Sec. Rd. 510	OPEN APR. 1 to JUNE 15	Bait ban				0 fish						0 trout
		OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm				2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm						0 trout
	Mainstem downstream from Sec. Rd. 510 - see Oldman Reservoir												
	Oldman Reservoir dam downstream to Sec. Rd. 509	OPEN APR. 1 to JUNE 15	Bait ban			3 fish		0 fish					0 trout
		OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban			3 fish		5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm		over 40 cm	2 trout
OPEN NOV. 1 to MAR. 31		Bait ban			3 fish		0 fish					0 trout	
Pincher Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	
Policeman Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN APR. 1 to SEPT. 30	Bait ban							2 fish		Other trout 0	
Quirk Creek	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban									0 trout	
Sheep River	Includes tributaries; Headwater downstream to the bridge at Indian Oils Day-use Site	OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban									0 trout	
	Bridge at Indian Oils Day-use Site downstream to Gorge Creek and tributaries (except Gorge Creek)	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
	Mainstem - Gorge Creek downstream to Highwood River	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm	over 35 cm	over 35 cm				2 trout
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm						0 trout
Silvester Creek		OPEN JUNE 16 to OCT. 31	Bait ban								0 trout		
Smith-Dorrien Creek	Includes tributaries	CLOSED ALL YEAR											
South Castle River	Includes tributaries	OPEN JUNE 16 to AUG. 31	Bait ban				5 over 30 cm					0 trout	
		OPEN SEPT. 1 to OCT. 31	Bait ban				0 fish					0 trout	

