

23rd annual

Brooks-Lake Newell Bird Count May 20-22, 2022

Lake Newell, Brooks and the surrounding area feature diverse prairie grassland plant life, irrigated farmlands, and many (244+) species of birds such as Burrowing Owl, Black-necked Stilt, Grasshopper and Baird's Sparrow, Ferruginous Hawk, Long-billed Curlew, and animals such as: Pronghorn Antelope, Prairie Rattlesnake, Great Plains Toad and many more.



Photo: Randal Hoscheit

Situated on the Trans-Canada Highway about 186 km southeast of Calgary, Brooks has many affordable motels with full facilities.

All 2022 participants must pre-register and agree to abide by Alberta Health Covid protocols in place at the time of the count.

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SCHEDULE

Friday, May 20

Register at motel or set-up campsite at Tillebrook Park campground

6:30 pm: Meet at Brooks Legion, 235 3rd St. West, Brooks. Be sure to be there! Introduction to count and area species, assignment of count areas, distribute maps, meet fellow birders. Optional steak dinner (user pay).

Saturday, May 21

6:00 am: meet at Tillebrook park headquarters for park bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

7:00 pm: Social at Brooks Legion. Deliver Saturday count totals (one list per zone team), discuss sightings, swap stories.

Sunday, May 22

6:00 am: meet at Tillebrook park headquarters for park bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

6-7 pm: deliver Sunday counts results (one list per zone team) to Tillebrook campsite #TBA or email debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com

Note: a small fee \$12 will be charged to Brooks participants to cover the cost of the Brooks Legion meeting room.

Travel Advisory

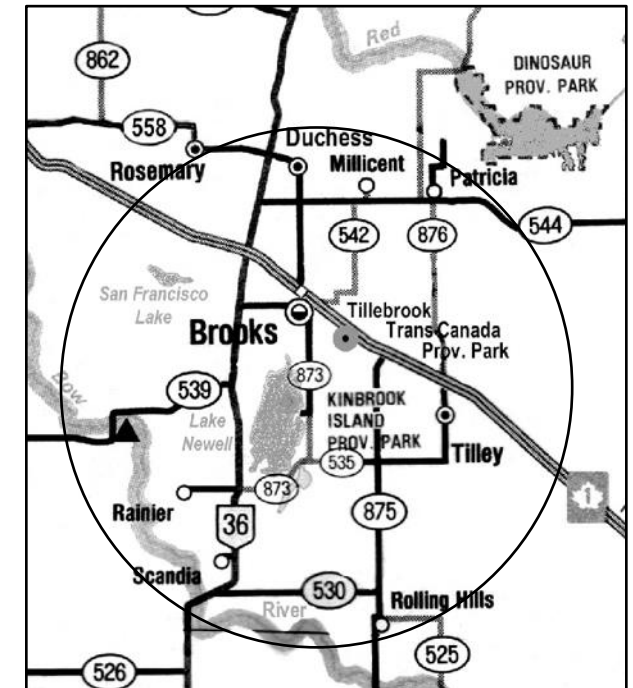
Many count areas are accessed via rough country roads. Spring conditions can make travel difficult. High-clearance or 4x4 vehicles are recommended.

AREA ACCOMODATION

Tillebrook campsites can be booked through www.reserve.albertaparks.ca, 1-877-537-2757.

General reservations for May 20-22 will open at 9 am on Saturday February 19. A limited number of powered campsites have been reserved for count participants. For more information, email: debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com.

Hotels in Brooks include: Days Inn & Suites, Heritage Inn & Suites, Tel Star Motel, Travelodge, and Ramada. Other area campgrounds include: Brooks Kiwanis campground, Cobblestone RV Park, Kinbrook Island Provincial Park, and Rolling Hills Reservoir Campground.



Map: Randal Hoscheit

21th annual

Milk River Writing-on-Stone Bird Count May 27-29, 2022



Photo: Randal Hoscheit

Grasslands, coulees and riparian areas meet in Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park (WOSPP), creating a great diversity of habitats for wildlife. At least 13 species of fish, 4 species of amphibians, 3 species of reptiles, 30 species of mammals and more than 160 species of birds have been recorded within the park. The count area includes WOSPP; Crow Indian, Verdigris and Pakowki Lakes; Pinhorn provincial grazing reserve; Manyberries, Ketchum and Canal Creeks; and remote areas along the Milk River. The headquarters for the 2022 count will be WOSPP.

All 2022 participants must pre-register and agree to abide by Alberta Health Covid protocols in place at the time of the count.

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SCHEDULE

Friday, May 27

Register at motel or set-up campsite at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

6- 7 pm: Pre-count meeting. Location: TBA. Be sure to be there! Introduction to count and area species, assignment of count areas, distribute maps, meet fellow birders.

7 pm: walk park trails

Saturday, May 28

6:00 am: meet in front of Writing-on-Stone campground store for morning bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas

6-7 pm: deliver count results (one list per zone team) to Campsite #TBA or email debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com

Sunday, May 29

6:00 am: meet in front of campground store for morning bird walk, and/or disperse to count areas.

6-7 pm: deliver count results (one list per zone team) to Campsite #TBA or email debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com

AREA ACCOMMODATION

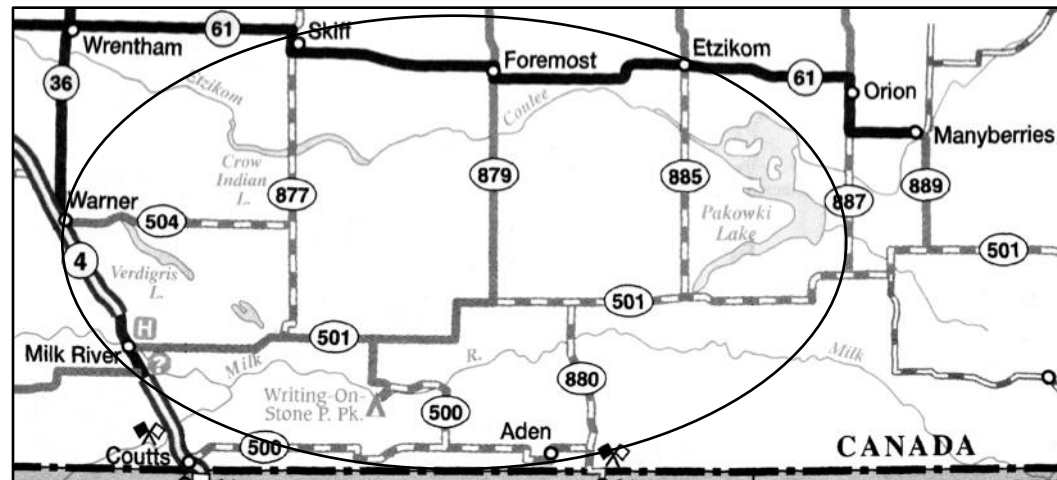
Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park: Reservations: www.reserve.albertaparks.ca, 1-877-537-2757.

General reservations for May 27-29 will open at 9 am on Saturday February 26. A limited number of campsites have been reserved for count participants. For more information, email debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com.

Hotel/motel options are limited. Possibilities include the Sandstone Motel in Milk River, and Double Tree Inn in Coutts. Area campgrounds include 8 Flags Campground in Milk River, and Gold Springs Park campground, 4 km south of Milk River.

Travel Advisory

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Map:
Randal Hoscheit