



Be Bear Smart

When planning a fishing or hiking trip into the wilderness, there are a number of things you should consider before heading out.

Grizzly bears, brown bears, cougar, elk and many other wildlife live in this wilderness playground. Having an understanding of the do's and don'ts around wildlife is important. Visit the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development website for good information on bears and other wildlife:

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/bearfacts/index.html>

For those who plan to fish, a Wildlife Identification Number card and a sportfishing licence are required. The 2005 Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations is available at all licence issuers and Fish and Wildlife offices, or view the guide online:

<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/fishing/reg.html>

Please note there is a bait ban and the use of barbless hooks is mandatory in Alberta.

Proper clothing and footwear are essential. The weather is very unpredictable in the mountains. Rain gear, fleece/wool sweaters, hat and proper pants are essential and key ingredients to keeping you warm and comfortable.

For day trips, we recommend that you bring extra food, a first-aid kit, tarp or even a tent in case we are not able to get you out that day because of poor weather conditions.

Chainsaws are not allowed. It is recommended that you bring your own source of fuel (e.g., firewood, propane). Michelle and Coral lakes are above the tree line and no open fires are permitted. You will need to bring in propane and a cook stove.

There is no form of established communication at the lakes. Cell phones do not work, but satellite phones can operate in certain areas.

Please do not leave any garbage behind. If you smoke, put the butt in a can to be brought back to the heliport so it can be properly disposed of with your other garbage. Please do not leave fishing line or lure packaging on shore. Pack your garbage out. Leave the area as if you were never there.

**“Leave the backcountry pristine
for the next person to enjoy”**

