

Beaverhill Lake is found in a geomorphic area of "knob and kettle" topography. The lake is 18 km long and about 10 km wide. The maximum depth is around 3 m but most is only a foot or so deep.

The lake was designated as a National Nature View Point by the Canadian Nature Federatio and the south east corner of the lake, along with the Dekker Islands and Pelican Islands were designated as an Alberta Natural Area. Beaverhill Lake was identified as an Important Bird Area of Global Significance because of the large numbers of shorebirds and waterfowl that use the area as a stop-over site during migrations.

For upland birds, the area contains a mature aspen forest, willow, and ungrazed grasslands. Many songbird species can be found in these forests on migration and throughout the summer months. The Natural Area is also bordered by grazing pastures which also have many diverse species.

Natural Areas protect special and sensitive natural landscapes of local and regional significance while providing opportunities for education, nature appreciation and low intensity recreation. Facilities are limited to staging areas, trails and signs.

Enjoy your walk through this beautiful area. As a Natural Area, no motorized vehicles and no open fires are allowed. Please remove your garbage and *please* stay on the trails. Thank you!

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