

Approximate Itinerary Elk Island National Park

July 8, 2010

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8:30 Board bus at Shaw Conference Centre, leave for Elk Island, bring boxed lunches from Shaw

9:30 Arrive at Elk Island (see <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ab/elkisland/index.aspx>); met by park staff at Astonin Day Use Area; learn about the challenges of managing a fenced park with hyper-abundant ungulates on a bus-based tour with several stops (15 minutes). Following the meet and greet, there are three options:

Option 1: Travel to south end of park for tour of ungulate management facilities and in depth tour of disease management, return ~1:00 to Astontin Lake for guided or guideless hiking and wildlife viewing

Option 2: As above, but begin with the hiking and return to Astonin Lake Day Use Area at 1:00 to take the wildlife tour.

Option 3: Hike all day either based at Astontin (there are 3 ~3 km walks in the area: Amiskwuce loop, Shoreline Trail and Lakeview Trail (~3 km) or travel with the first wildlife tour to Moss Lake for for an ~11 km hike. The Moss Lake Group will have a guide and will be picked up at the trailhead between 3:30 and 4:00. Participants will need to be dressed for the weather and comfortable walking this distance over uneven ground in 5.5 h.

Cell phone coverage is available throughout the park for Telus phones.

Note there is a restaurant in the Astonin Lake Day Use Area.

4:00 Depart for Edmonton

5:00 Arrive at Shaw; dinner on your own.

Although some aspects of this itinerary may change to accommodate unforeseen circumstances, we will endeavor to maintain departure and return times to support further travel plans.