

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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

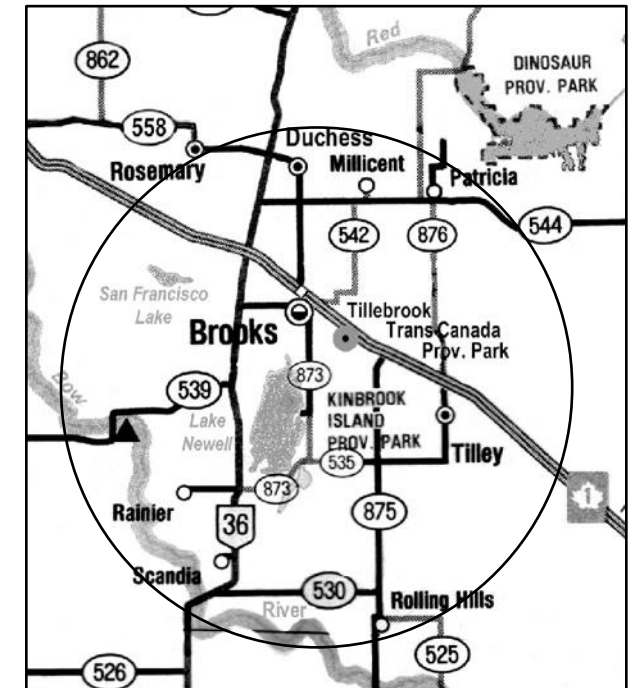
Many count areas are accessed via rough country roads. Spring conditions can make travel difficult. High-clearance or 4x4 vehicles are recommended.

## AREA ACCOMODATION

Tillebrook campsites can be booked through [www.reserve.albertaparks.ca](http://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](mailto: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

21<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:debra.hornsby.banff@gmail.com)

## AREA ACCOMMODATION

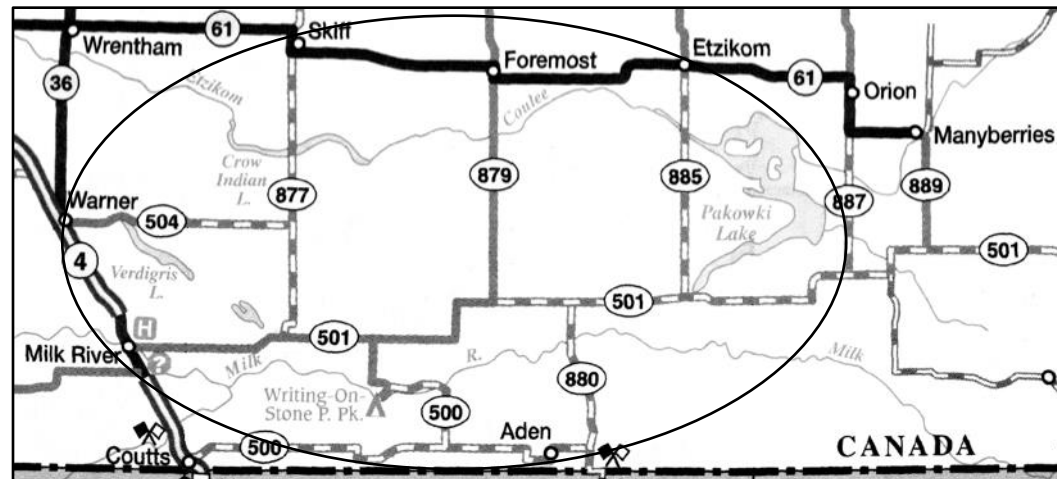
Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park: Reservations: [www.reserve.albertaparks.ca](http://www.reserve.albertaparks.ca), 1-877-537-2757.

**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](mailto: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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