

20th Annual **BROOKS-
LAKE NEWELL
SPECIES COUNT
MAY 18-20, 2018**

Ducks Unlimited and Trans Canada Pipelines are proud to sponsor the 20th annual Brooks May species count. Lake Newell, Brooks and the surrounding area is known for its diverse prairie grassland plant life, irrigated farmlands and many (183) species of birds such as; Burrowing Owl, Black-necked Stilt, Grasshopper & Baird's Sparrow, Ferruginous Hawk, Long-billed Curlew, and animals such as; Pronghorn Antelope, Prairie Rattle snake, Great Plains Toad...



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Situated on the Trans-Canada Highway, Brooks has many affordable Motels with full facilities. Tillebrook Provincial Park is the traditional count headquarters but all evening meetings will be held at the Brooks Legion Hall (235 - 3rd St. W.). Reservations have been made for count participants at the Tillebrook campground. We have 7 sites available, all with power. To book your site call the Alberta Parks Reservation Centre *(see instructions). Look forward to a fun weekend with a Saturday night social. This Nature Alberta approved count is coordinated by Bob Parsons, Special event coordinator of the Edmonton Nature Club.

ITINERARY:

If you are only coming out for the day, we will meet at the entrance of Tillebrook Trans Canada Provincial Park Campground at 7:00 am Saturday and Sunday.

Friday, May 18

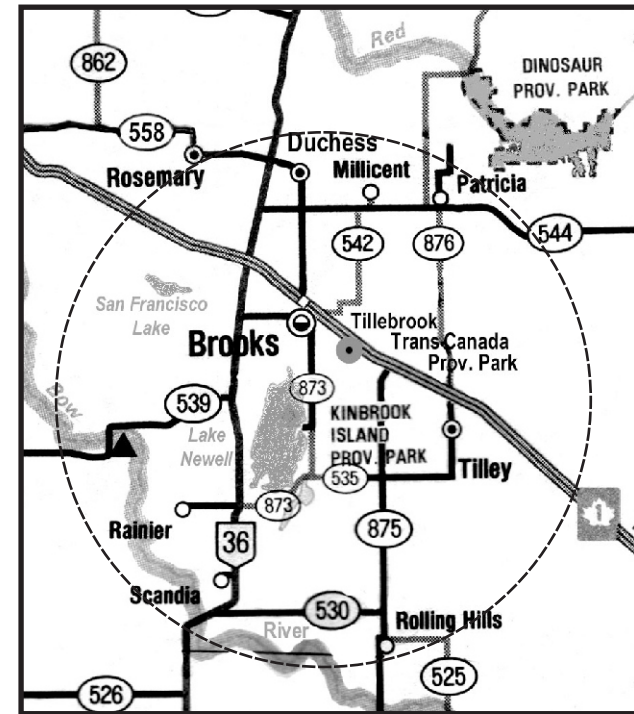
After-noon Register at Motel or set-up campsite at Tillebrook Park campground
6:30pm Meet at Brooks Legion (235- 3rd Street W.) Introduction to count area, zones, species, hand out maps and meet fellow counters.
7:30pm Quick visit to local marshes and wood lots.

Saturday, May 19

Dawn Divide into groups and get out to zones; Kinivie Marsh, Tilley Lake, Killam...
11-2 Siesta; find shade, relax and re-hydrate
2 pm Continue counting...
7 pm Social at Brooks Legion (follow signs).

Sunday, May 20

Dawn Get out to areas not covered on Saturday and new areas
11-2 Siesta; find shade, relax and re-hydrate
2 pm Continue counting...
6 pm Leave final count sheets at Bob's HQ campsite at Tillebrook campground.



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*Tillebrook P.P. Camping Reservations:

Call 1-877-537-2757 (before May 4th), book and pay for one of the Edmonton Nature Club reserved sites (A1-4, B30-32) at Tillebrook Provincial Park Campground for the dates required.

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18th Annual

MILK RIVER WRITING-ON-STONE SPECIES COUNT MAY 25-27, 2018



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Grasslands, coulee's and riparian areas meet in Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park, 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.

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The count area includes Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park; Crow Indian, Verdigris and Pakowki Lakes; Pinhorn Provincial grazing reserve; Manny-berries, Ketchum and Canal Creeks and remote areas along Milk River. Count participants can use Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park campground as headquarters or motel facilities at Coutts and Foremost. We will also have the participation of local enthusiasts who know the area very well.

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ITINERARY:

If you are only coming out for the day, we will meet at the new interpretive centre in Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park at 7:30 am, Saturday and Sunday. Park walk at 6:30 am

Friday, May 25

After-noon Register at Motel or set-up campsite at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

6 pm Meet at interpretive centre
 Introduction to count area, zones, species, hand out maps and meet fellow counters.

7 pm Walk park trails, explore the coulee's.

Saturday, May 26

Dawn Split into groups and get out to zones;

11-2 *Siesta; find shade, relax and hydrate*

2 pm Continue counting...

7 pm Sunset Visit to local marshes, lagoons

8 pm Social at Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park Campground

Sunday, May 27

Dawn Get out to areas not covered on Saturday and new areas such as canals and ravines

11-2 *Siesta; find shade, relax and hydrate*

2 pm Continue counting...

6 pm Wind-down count, final tally, share tales...

