

William Watson Lodge is situated in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, overlooking the Lower Kananaskis Lake. When Kananaskis Country was established in 1977, the Government of Alberta announced its intention to develop selected areas within Kananaskis Country as multi-use recreation areas for all Albertans.

William Watson Lodge was opened September 22, 1981 by then Premier Peter Lougheed and his wife Jeanne. Jeanne has been accredited with the idea of creating a facility for the disabled in Kananaskis Country. The Lodge has proved to be the most successful facility for persons with disabilities within the Alberta Parks system.

William Watson Lodge is operated by Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Parks Division and was financed by the Alberta Heritage Trust Fund.

William Watson Lodge provides year-round accommodations for Albertans with disabilities and Senior citizens 65 and over. It includes 22 accessible cottages, 13 full-service campsites, picnic sites, and 20 kilometres of accessible trails.

William Watson Lodge is named after an Albertan who spent much of his life working to improve social and environmental conditions for people with disabilities. His goal was to see the disabled given a fair chance to lead as normal and productive a life as possible. The Lodges 22 cottages are also named after notable Albertans.



## RESERVATIONS

Phone: 403-591-7227

Reservation hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except holidays)

Reservations may be made by phone or in person. **No in-person bookings on the first booking day.**

We are unable to take reservations by fax or email.

*Cancellation of a reservation must be made 14 days in advance. This allows the cancelled space to be offered to waiting guests.*

## CABIN FEES

*These fees are subject to change.*

One bedroom with fireplace \$30.00/night  
 Two bedroom-no fireplace \$30.00/night  
 Two bedroom with fireplace \$40.00/night  
 Three bedroom-no fireplace \$40.00/night

Each bedroom has 2 single beds. There is also a double pull-out couch in the living room. Guests are required to bring their own food, bedding and toiletries. Laundry facilities are available. \$1.00 to wash, \$2.00 to dry. Please bring your own soap and loonies. Check-in after 3:30 p.m. Check-out by 11:00 a.m.

**Lodge accommodation is based on a prioritized system.**

**Our three-priority system also applies to our campsites which are open from the May long-weekend through to the Thanksgiving long-weekend.**

*The following rules apply:*

- 14 day maximum stay
- No more than 2 stays booked at one time
- RV sites — \$16 per unit, maximum 2 units per site
- Full hookups with comfort station.

## DAY USE FACILITIES

- Picnic sites are available to anyone on a "first-come, first-served" basis
- The group fire-circle is available to lodge guests and campers
- The main lodge can be booked for day use by large groups of persons with disabilities or Alberta seniors; one-third of the group must be disabled or senior.

### **First priority is given to**

**Albertans who are severely disabled:**

- non ambulatory
- legally blind
- profoundly deaf
- dependently cognitively disabled

*People in this category may book up to four months in advance. Example: Persons booking for the month of July would call on the first working day of April.*

### **Second priority is given to**

**Albertans with less severe disabilities:**

- semi ambulatory
- medically fragile (Eligibility forms will be required)

*People in this category may book three months in advance from the day they call. Example: Persons booking for July 10<sup>th</sup> may call for reservations on April 10<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Third priority is given to**

**Alberta senior citizens age 65 and over.**

*People in this category may book two months in advance from the day they call. Example: Persons booking for October 10<sup>th</sup> may call for reservations on August 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**Larger groups if eligible**, may book cabins; 1/3 of the group must be disabled or senior. Maximum group size is 40 midweek, 32 on weekends, and 12 during the summer and on holidays.

**The William Watson Lodge is divided into 3 four-month seasons.**

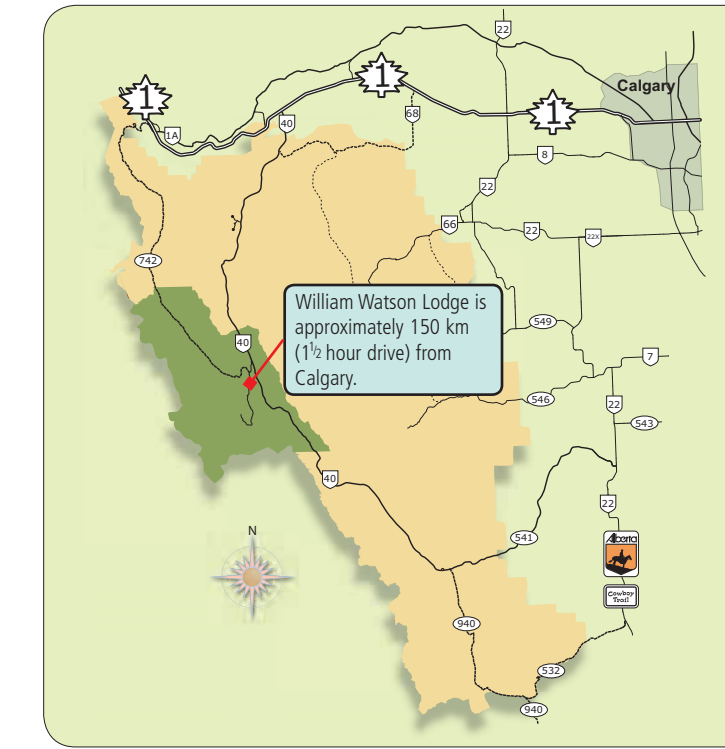
Persons may have one booking for a maximum of 7 days or two bookings totaling 7 days in each of the following periods:

1. October, November, December, and January.
2. February, March, April, and May.
3. June, July, August, and September — guests may have only one booking for a maximum of 7 days.

### **DUE TO HEAVY DEMAND**

**People holding a booking for July or August of one year, must wait for the second booking day to call for reservations for July or August of the following year. In-person booking for these months will not be taken on the first day, to ensure everyone in the province has an equal chance for accommodation.**

## THE WAY TO WILLIAM WATSON LODGE



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

William Watson Lodge . . . . . 403-591-7227  
 Peter Lougheed Visitor Information Centre . . . . . 403-591-6322  
 Service Alberta Call Centre (toll free in Alberta) . . . . . 310-0000

[www.Kananaskis-Country.ca](http://www.Kananaskis-Country.ca)

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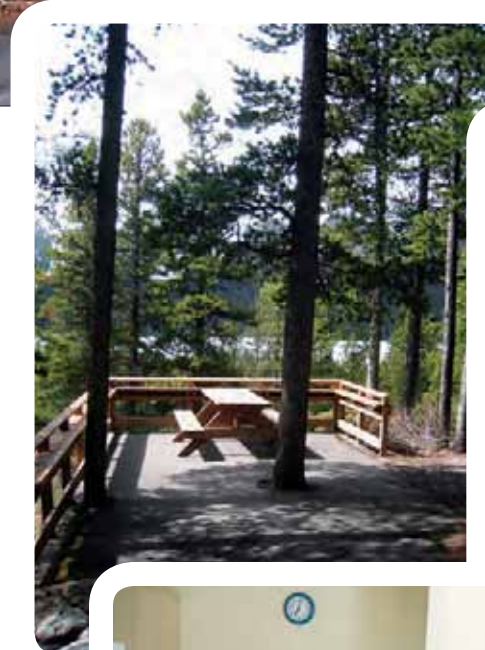
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**Donations can be sent to:**

William Watson Lodge Society  
 Box 30344  
 Chinook Postal Outlet  
 6455 MacLeod Trail South  
 Calgary, Alberta  
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# William Watson Lodge Area Map

