

# What are Municipal Reserves?

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Mountain View County has several areas around the County that are deemed Municipal Reserves. These lands are owned by Mountain View County and kept as land that can be enjoyed by all people. Most often, these areas protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as Winchell Lake, however, these reserves also include sites such as school yards. Essentially, these lands are considered to be parks for all people to enjoy, however, much like any other Provincial Park or City Park, they have certain rules. The rules for Municipal Reserves can be found in the Mountain View County Parks Bylaw and are as listed below:

- Do not leave garbage or dump garbage on these lands. Take any garbage you have with you.
- Do not erect a building, fence or other structure on these lands.
- Do not camp on these lands. They are day use only!
- No motorized vehicles of any type are allowed.
- No off-highway vehicles are allowed anywhere within the reserve.
- No hunting or discharging of firearms.

- Do not vandalize anything within the reserve (no cutting of trees).
- No open liquor allowed.

The fines for breaking these rules range from \$50 to \$250 or a mandatory Court Appearance should the offence be serious enough. If you observe anyone breaking these rules on any of the Mountain View County Municipal Reserves, you can call Mountain View County Patrol at 403-335-3311 to report the offence. Please make note of the date, time, description of persons involved, licence plate on a vehicle (if one is present), description of vehicle (if one is present), and description of the offence (i.e. using off highway vehicles, cutting tress, etc.).

Let's all do our part to keep Municipal Reserves a place for all to enjoy. If the rules are not obeyed, they will be destroyed and will slowly disappear. Let's ensure generations from now have areas such as Winchell Lake in which to enjoy our beautiful County. If you don't obey the rules, who will?

If you have any further questions regarding Municipal Reserves or any other County Patrol related topic, please contact Mountain View County Patrol at 403-335-3311 or 1-877-264-9754.

