

## What is the Castle Wilderness?

To the north of Waterton Lakes National Park lies an equally magnificent wildland of mountains, lakes and waterfalls known as the Castle Wilderness. It is a place that demands protection for the unusual beauty of its landscape and the richness of its flora and fauna. The Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition is working to make legislated protection of the Castle Wilderness a reality.



## What is a volunteer steward?

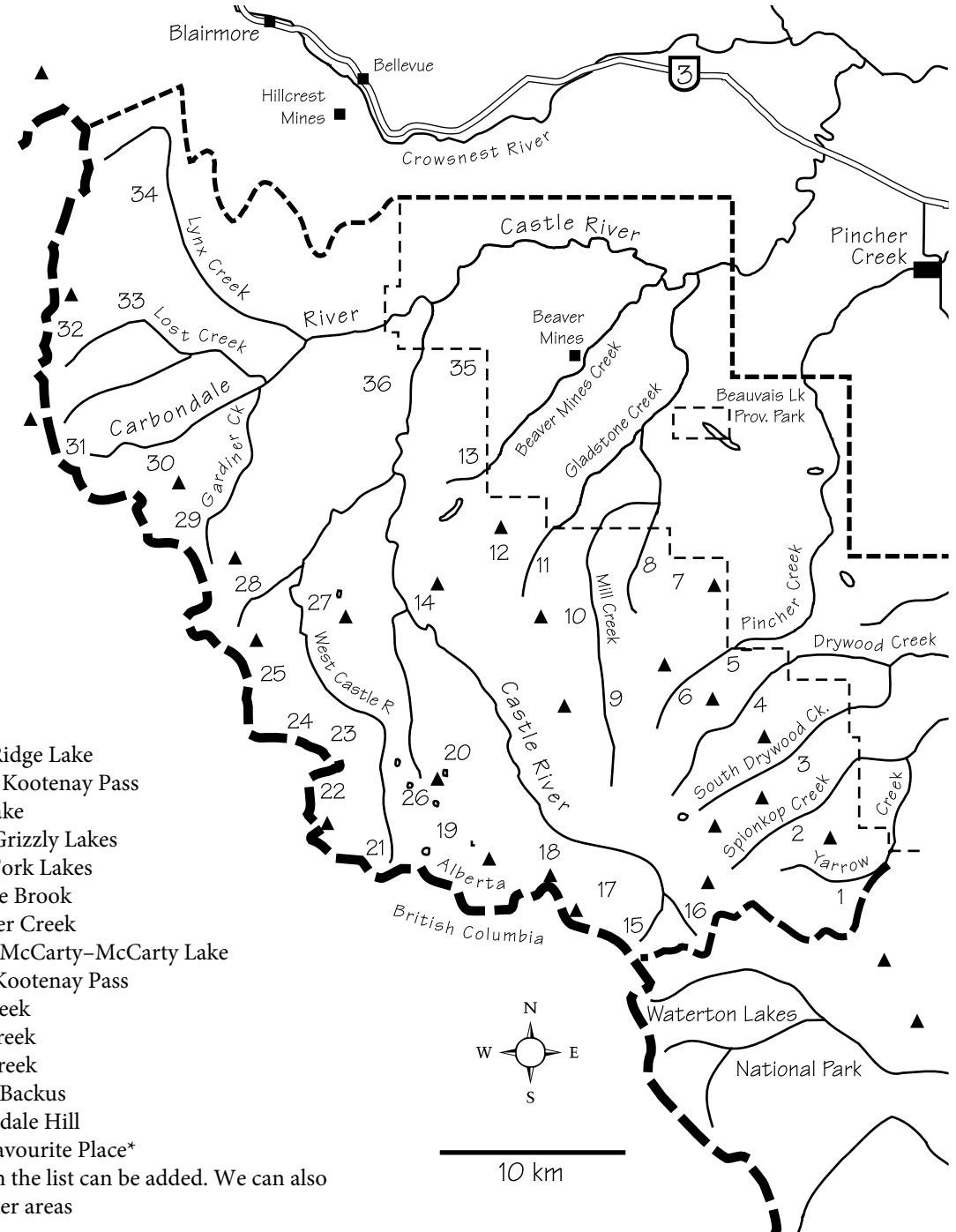
Anyone who spends time in a particular place and is active in taking care of it is considered a steward. Stewards in the Castle Wilderness make observations on the plants and animals in their area, especially when rare or endangered species are encountered. Stewardship also involves the collection of litter and observations on erosion, grazing, and industrial or recreational activities that occur.

## Areas of Stewardship

1. Yarrow Canyon
2. Spionkop Canyon
3. South Drywood-Blue Lake
4. Drywood Canyon
5. Little Pincher Canyon
6. Pincher Creek
7. Prairie Bluff (Corner Mountain)
8. Whitney Creek
9. Victoria Ridge
10. Mill Creek
11. Gladstone Creek
12. Table Mountain
13. Beaver Mines Creek
14. Whistler Mountain
15. Avion Ridge
16. Upper South Castle River
17. Font Creek
18. Jutland Brook
19. Scarpe Creek-Scarpe Lakes
20. Lys Ridge-Lys Lake
21. Upper Westcastle River-Sunkissed Ridge
22. Three Lakes Ridge

23. Rainy Ridge Lake
24. Middle Kootenay Pass
25. Haig Lake
26. Ruby-Grizzly Lakes
27. South Fork Lakes
28. Syncline Brook
29. Gardiner Creek
30. Mount McCarty-McCarty Lake
31. North Kootenay Pass
32. Lost Creek
33. Goat Creek
34. Lynx Creek
35. Mount Backus
36. Carbondale Hill
37. Your Favourite Place\*

\*Areas not on the list can be added. We can also suggest other areas



## Why does the Castle Wilderness need stewards?

Since the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the Castle Wilderness has been increasingly altered and damaged by human activities. The result has been a substantial loss of fish and wildlife habitat and a corresponding decline in numbers of many of the larger species, some of which are now rare and endangered.

The Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition decided that an important part of its campaign for public support should be the sponsorship of a Stewardship Program to care for the area.

The Stewardship Program gives people the opportunity to care for a particular trail, lake, stream or picnic site. The data stewards gather form the basis of the annual *State of the Castle Wilderness* report. This information is in turn shared with government agencies and can contribute to improved management.

The Stewardship Program gives those who love the wilderness an opportunity to contribute positively to its future.

## Why be a Steward?

Being the steward of a particular place gives an important feeling of accomplishment, of doing something to reverse the alarming loss of species and habitat now occurring worldwide. Stewardship also increases the general awareness of the need to care for the Earth's last wild places, now so quickly shrinking and vanishing. As a steward of the Castle Wilderness you will receive a copy of the annual *State of the Castle Wilderness* report.

## What are the responsibilities of stewardship?

No special skills or knowledge are necessary for you to become a steward.

Your commitment requires at least one visit to your area per year. A simple form is to be completed and sent in to the ccwc office before October 1.

Your job is only to clean up and report what you see. Under no circumstances should you interfere with other recreation users or attempt to correct their behaviour.

## Interested?

For more information or about the Castle Wilderness Stewardship Program, or to enroll as a Steward, contact:

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# Castle Wilderness Stewardship Program



## Help Protect The Castle Wilderness

*The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart away from nature becomes hard; he knew the lack of respect for growing, living things soon led to lack of respect for humans too. So he kept his youth close to its softening influence.*

— Luther Standing Bear  
(Oglala Sioux)