

Join us at the Ranch

Only a few minutes west of Brooks, Alberta

northern pintail



Visitors are always welcome at the Antelope Creek Ranch, where wildlife viewing and photographic opportunities abound. For information on workshops, scheduled events and tour opportunities, give the ranch managers a call at the number provided on the back of this brochure.

The best time to visit the ranch is from late April to early October. Waterfowl and shorebird staging and migration occur in April and May, as well as August through October. The nesting and singing season for most birds is from May to early July. Deer, antelope and other wildlife can be spotted year-round.

When visiting, please help us keep the ranch clean and productive for wildlife and agriculture by following these guidelines:

- Pack out all garbage
- Close gates behind you
- Keep your vehicle on the designated routes
- Park in designated areas only
- Camping and fires are prohibited

Hunting is permitted in season. Please note access routes and regulations, and use the area with respect.

Foot access is encouraged, although graveled travel routes are generally passable for most vehicles except in snowy or wet weather.

Camping facilities and accommodations are located nearby at Lake Newell and Brooks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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For more information, these agencies may also be contacted:

Natural Resource Service
YPM Place, 530-8 Street South,
Lethbridge, AB T1J 2J8

Ducks Unlimited Canada
Box 818
Brooks, AB T1R 1B7

COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP

Antelope Creek Ranch is pleased to have the following support and cooperation of its partners:

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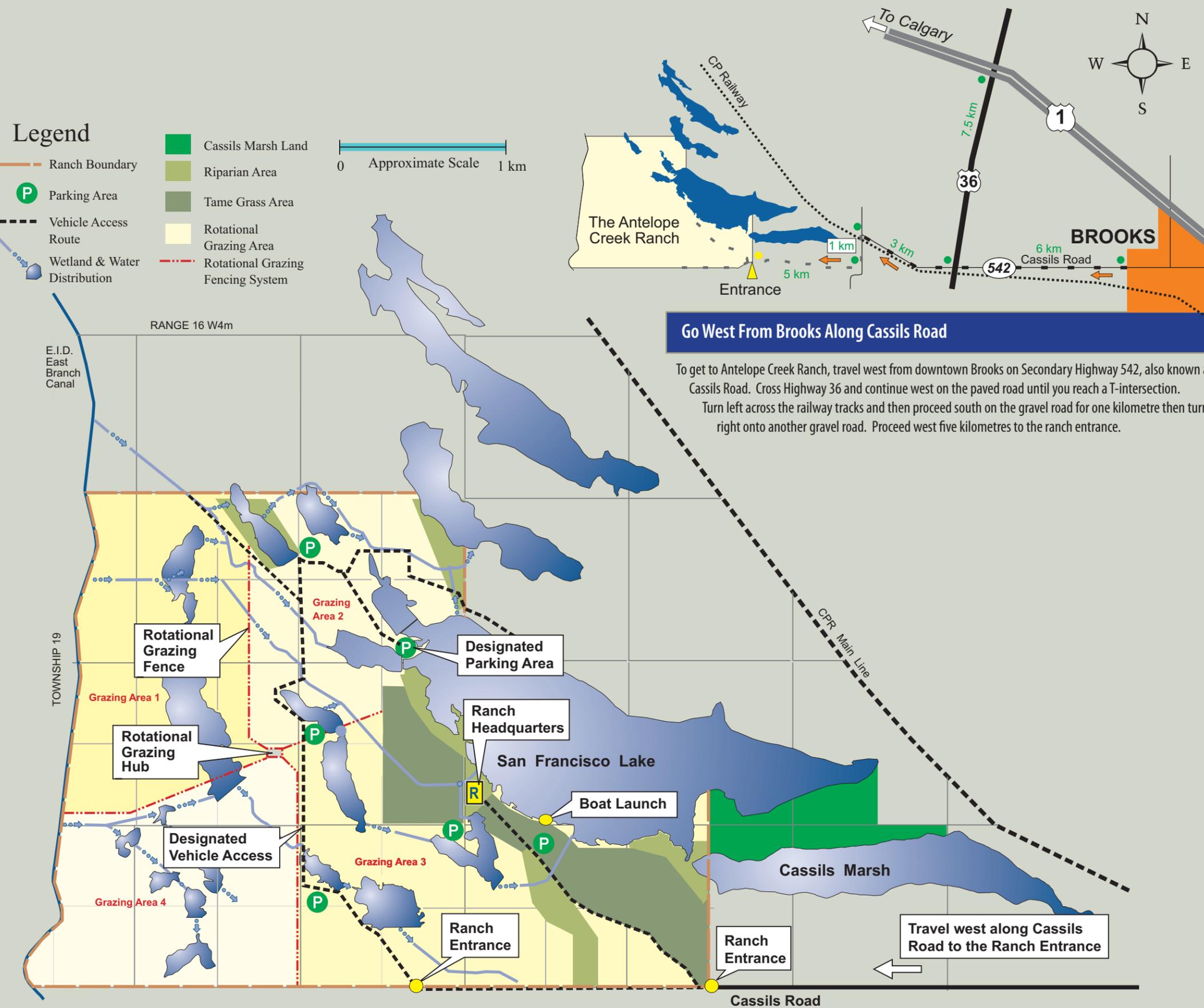


Promoting Wise
Use of the Native
Mixed Grass Prairie

Visit Us Today

There's a lot to see at the Antelope Creek Ranch

Come out and see us.



Come spend the day or arrange to take a tour. Either way, the ranch is a great place to view wildlife and learn about the native mixed grass prairie. Tours may be arranged by contacting the ranch managers, Neal Wilson or Shannon Burnard who oversee the daily operation of the ranch. Please give them a call and find out what's happening at the ranch.



Managing Native Mixed Grass Prairie

for the benefit of livestock and wildlife

"Look after the grass and it will look after you."

- A.E. Cross



black-crowned night-heron



burrowing owl



mule deer

The ranch is home to antelope, deer, and a variety of prairie wildlife. The native prairie and wetlands provide excellent habitat for a diversity of wildlife including the endangered burrowing owl.

An Albertan from a previous generation said it best, "Look after the grass and it will look after you". Perhaps what he was trying to say is that if we care for our grasslands, the sensitive balance of sustainable use, wildlife habitat and ecological integrity of the land can be maintained.

The mixed grass prairie was a vast natural region that stretched 2,400 km from the plains of Canada south into Texas. Today, there is very little native prairie left. The natural grasslands on the ranch have survived, but there are few places left in the World like the ranch. The ranch supports a diversity of native plants and wildlife including many rare and threatened species while providing valuable grazing land for cattle.

A Model Ranch

The Antelope Creek Ranch was established as a model for actively managing native mixed grass prairie to enhance livestock and wildlife productivity. During your visit you will see how careful, thoughtful management has been implemented on the ranch. The principles of landscape care tested on the Antelope Creek Ranch are useful tools for application beyond the ranch's boundaries.

Traveling around the ranch you will see how livestock grazing is managed with rotational pastures. The use of early season tame grass and irrigated pasture allows the ranch to manage native range better. Wetlands and riparian areas add diversity and benefit both livestock and wildlife. These management practices ensures the ranch maintains a healthy and productive prairie range.

