

1. Can I cut trees in an Alberta Park?
 - a. Yes, trees may be cut in Cypress Hills Provincial Park, Castle Provincial Park, or Castle Wildland Provincial Park with an approved Tree Cutting Permit issued by Alberta Parks. Trees may not be cut in any other provincial park or protected area. Trees may not be cut for any commercial purpose and must only be cut for the harvester's personal use.
 - b. Christmas trees can be cut in Cypress Hills Provincial Park during between December 1 and December 24 each year in identified locations within the park (see permit for details). Designated cutting areas allowed are along the following Park roads. In all instances the trees must be cut on the plateau and not below.
 - i. Murray Hill Road between Highway 41 and Ferguson Hill Road junction
 - ii. Reesor Lake Road between Highway 41 and Reesor Lake Viewpoint
 - iii. Spruce Coulee Road between Reesor Lake Road and first cattle guard
 - iv. Bull Trail between Reesor Lake Road and the South Boundary of the Park
 - c. Trees can be cut for the purposes of fuel or as Christmas trees in Castle Provincial Park and Castle Wildland Provincial Park in identified locations within the parks (see permit for details).
 - d. Approved tree cutting permits include a map for your selected park, which identify the areas in the park that trees may be cut. Trees may not be cut outside of identified locations.
2. For what purposes can I cut trees?
 - a. In Cypress Hills Provincial Park, up to three Christmas Trees may be cut by a permit holder between December 1 and December 24 each year.
 - b. In Castle Provincial Park or Castle Wildland Provincial Park, up to 3 Christmas trees may be cut in the month of December per permit holder, or up to 5 cubic meters of wood may be cut for fuel per permit holder. Castle tree cutting permits are valid for 30 days.
3. Can I cut trees anywhere besides Cypress Hills Provincial Park, Castle Provincial Park or Castle Wildland Provincial Park?
 - a. If you wish to cut trees on Crown lands other than Cypress Hills Provincial Park, Castle Provincial Park or Castle Wildland Provincial Park, you may obtain a Tree Cutting Permit for Public Lands [here](#). No trees may be cut in any other provincial park or protected area.
4. When can I cut trees?
 - a. Tree cutting permits allow permit holders to cut 5 cubic meters of trees for fuel for 30 day periods within Castle Provincial Park and Castle Wildland Provincial Park. Cutting Christmas trees is allowed in Castle Provincial Park and Castle Wildland Provincial Park during the month of December. Cypress Hills Provincial Park tree cutting permits are only valid for Christmas tree cutting between December 1 and December 24 each year.
5. What does a tree cutting permit cost?
 - a. There is no fee for a tree cutting permit in Cypress Hills Provincial Park, Castle Provincial Park, or Castle Wildland Provincial Park.
6. How many trees can I cut with my permit?

- a. In Castle parks:
 - i. Up to 5 cubic metres of roundwood timber (usually used for firewood). The number of trees cut depends on tree species and size, but it is approximately:
 - 1. 5 to 7 large coniferous trees (generally trees with needles) OR
 - 2. 4 to 6 deciduous trees (generally trees with leaves)OR
 - ii. Up to 3 Christmas trees.
- b. In Cypress Hills:
 - i. Up to 3 Christmas trees.

7. What kinds of trees can I cut?

- a. Please avoid cutting trees that contain nests, cavity nests, or hollows that may act as habitat for wildlife. Please refer to the conditions on your permit for other specifications related to tree species and size. Please remember to cut stumps no further from the ground than 30 centimetres, and as close to the ground as possible.

8. Who is eligible for a tree cutting permit?

- a. In order to legally cut trees in Cypress Hills Provincial Park, Castle Provincial Park or Castle Wildland Provincial Park, the permit holder must:
 - i. Obtain a permit for tree cutting from Alberta Parks,
 - ii. Be a resident of Alberta with a valid Alberta address,
 - iii. Be at least 18 years of age, and
 - iv. Be in good standing with the Crown (e.g., no outstanding fines, etc.).

9. What do I need to do to get a tree cutting permit?

- a. Submit your application for a tree cutting permit [here](#).

10. What else do I need to know when I go out to cut a tree?

- a. Be prepared for cold weather and snow conditions
- b. Don't forget your saw or hatchet
- c. Have extra clothing and emergency supplies with you
- d. Respect the Park, respect other users and pack out all trash

11. Are there any other items I should be aware of when cutting Christmas Trees in Cypress Hills Provincial Park?

Always abide by the conditions on your permit. Please remember:

- 1. Only cut trees inside the designated area.
- 2. Vehicles must remain on roads or in parking areas at all times.
- 3. Cut trees with hand saw or axe; power equipment is not permitted.
- 4. Tree(s) must be cut flush with the ground and whole tree taken.
- 5. Tree cutting is not permitted in Elkwater townsite, near park facilities or along Highway 41.
- 6. Keep your permit with you at all times while cutting and transporting trees.
- 7. Display your permit to Park staff on request.
- 8. Up to three trees (if required) per permit.
- 9. Roads are subject to winter closures pending weather conditions; please call the Visitor Centre before driving to the Park.