



2017 Alberta Soils Tour

May 29-31, 2017

Athabasca Oil Sands Region

Edmonton – Athabasca - Ft. McMurray - Ft. Mackay

The Alberta Soils Tour is an excellent training opportunity for those working with soils, whether the focus is soil conservation, land reclamation, or agronomy. Experts will provide background on soil formation and the various soil profiles for each of the landscapes encountered during the tour. Various soil conservation, land reclamation, and agronomy challenges will be addressed, along with **special emphasis on forest fire history in the area.**



Day 1

Departing from InnoTech (250 Karl Clark Rd, Edmonton)

- Boreal soil catena on till and House River Fire (2002) recovery at Crow Lake Provincial Park
- Stops at Mariana L. and Ft. McMurray Fire sites
- Oil Sands Discovery Center tour, Ft. McMurray

Catering dinner at the hotel in Ft. McMurray.

Day 2

Departing from Ft. McMurray, AB

- Tour to a reclaimed overburden pile at Syncrude (Gateway Hill)
- Soils on soft rock (bituminous sands)
- Boreal soil catena on sandy deposits and Bitumount Fire (2011) recovery at Fort Hills
- Tour to the Dunvegan Gardens with focus on agricultural practices and properties of soils on fluvial sediments

Catering dinner at Dunvegan Gardens, Ft. McMurray

Day 3

Departing from Ft. McMurray, AB

- Tour to a reclaimed tailing pond at Suncor (Wapisiw Lookout)
- Tour to a farm and a pipeline reclamation site near Wandering River, AB
- Tour to a farm near Athabasca, AB

Bus arrives to InnoTech (250 Karl Clark Rd, Edmonton)

KEY SPEAKERS

Len Leskiw – Paragon Soil and Environmental Consulting
Larry Turchenek – retired from AMEC

TOUR COST

\$300.00 (includes transportation from/to Edmonton, meals and refreshments)

Discount rates for students are available

ACCOMMODATIONS

Merit Hotel & Suites, Fort McMurray (2 nights)

8200 Franklin Ave, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2H9

\$115.00 + taxes, room/night

Phone: **1 866 650-FORT (3678) or (780) 714-9444**

Book before April 29, 2017

Mention the Alberta Soils Tour to receive the discounted room rate

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 29, 2017

Register online at <https://2017absoilstour.eventbrite.ca>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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