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Lake Athabasca and the Peace-Athabasca Delta are perhaps the most ecologically rich areas of the Athabasca River basin. The unique geographical features and ecological importance of this area are internationally recognized, and portions of the delta and lake basin now lie within national and provincial protected areas. This section describes the geographical characteristics of [Lake Athabasca](#) and the [Peace-Athabasca Delta](#), and provides an overview of the [flooding](#) that is essential for maintaining the ecological character of the Delta.

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A satellite image of the Peace-Athabasca Delta and Lake Athabasca from 2007. The Athabasca River is visible at the bottom of the image, while the Peace and Slave rivers are visible at the top of the image.

Source: Landsat-5 TM image from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

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Athabasca Delta

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