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(BATUS)**

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# Presentation Content

- What is BATUS.
- What does BATUS do.
- Joint Service Adventurous Training (JSAT).
- JSAT DVD – “Transferable Skills”.
- Provide a current overview of AT provision.
- Current Manning.
- What & Who We (AT) Support.
- What We Currently Deliver (AT).
- Governance & Assurance of Training.
- Course Admin Procedures.
- Examples of Other Military AT Centers.

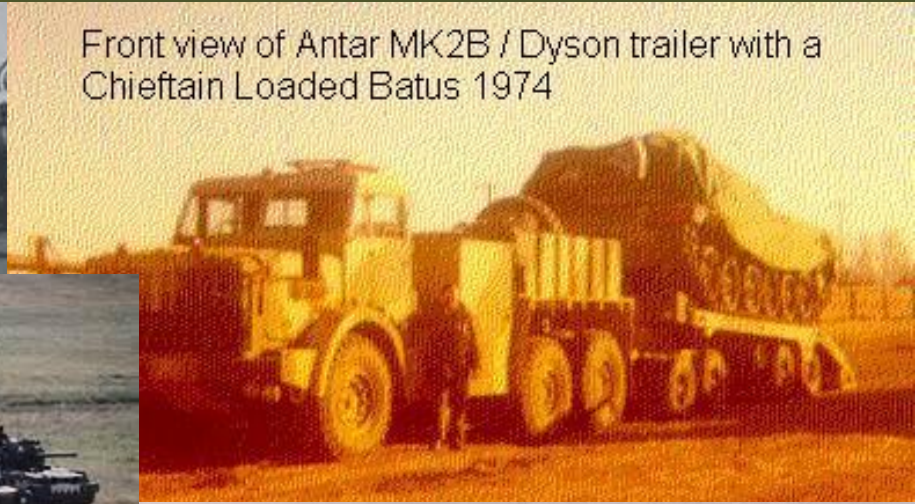




# 42 years of training at CFB Suffield



Front view of Antar MK2B / Dyson trailer with a Chieftain Loaded Batus 1974





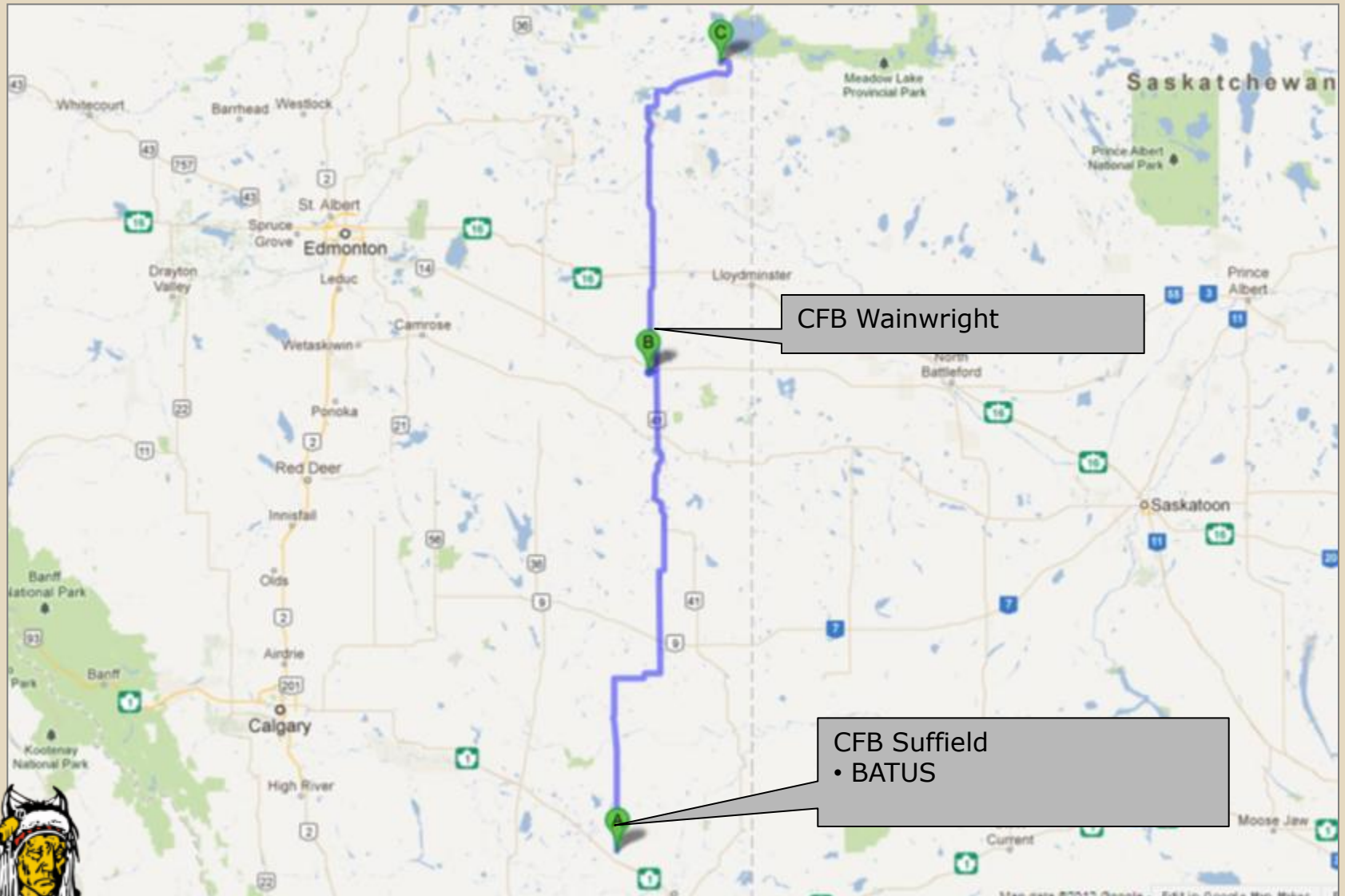


# BATUS – Base Infrastructure





# BATUS collocated with CFB Suffield





# Training for Operations

- The Cold War;
- First Gulf War (1991);
- The Balkans;
- Second Gulf War (2003);
- Afghanistan;
- ???



What BATUS offers



- A challenging physical environment;
- Space and flexibility to manoeuvre;
- World class Live Fire training.







# Complex Training Environment





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British Army Training Unit Suffield





# Political Stability – a 42-Year Heritage







# What do we do?

- BATUS trains around 5000 soldiers per year.
- They come here in Battlegroups – approx 1200 strong.
- They conduct live fire and simulated training in 4 force on force exercises of around 30 days per year.



So where does  
Adventurous Training “Fit In”



# What is Adventure Training?

*Adventurous Training (AT) provides the means to develop the necessary individual **courage and leadership skills within a controlled risk environment.***





# Values Based Leadership

- 'The ability to inspire, develop and reinforce in others the Core Values of the British Army, to empower them to do the right thing, whatever the situation'.
- Core Values:
  - Selfless Commitment;
  - Respect for Others;
  - Loyalty;
  - Integrity;
  - Discipline;
  - Courage.



# Adventurous Training in Canada

- AT is a core activity (Part of the Ex) for BATUS;
- It must be challenging and character building but with controlled risks subject to assurance inspections;
- It fits within a wider context of a soldier's career and personal experience.



# Joint Service Adventurous Training (JSAT) Scheme

***The Joint Service Adventurous Training (JSAT) Scheme was first introduced in 1973 after it was recognised that there was a need for an expansion of AT facilities and a more efficient coordination of AT activities.***





# Aim of Joint Service Adventurous Training (JSAT)

***“Develop individual courage and leadership skills through controlled exposure to risk in a challenging outdoor environment In order to enhance Operational Capability.”***



# BATC Mission Statement

***‘To develop, individual and team physical/mental robustness, through Adventurous Training, in a challenging environment, in order to enhance the Operational Effectiveness of the Battlegroups, supporting Elements and other authorised groups.’***



# JSAT DVD - Transferable Skills





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# Manning

**Officer Commanding  
Royal Army Physical Training Corps**




**Chief Instructor  
Royal Army Physical  
Training Corps**

**Camp Warrant  
Officer**

**Office Manager  
(DND)**

**Unit Catering Manager**

**Stores Corporal  
Army Air Corps**

-  - 2 yr Regular Tour
-  - 7 mth Temporary Staff
-  - Civil/Public Service positions



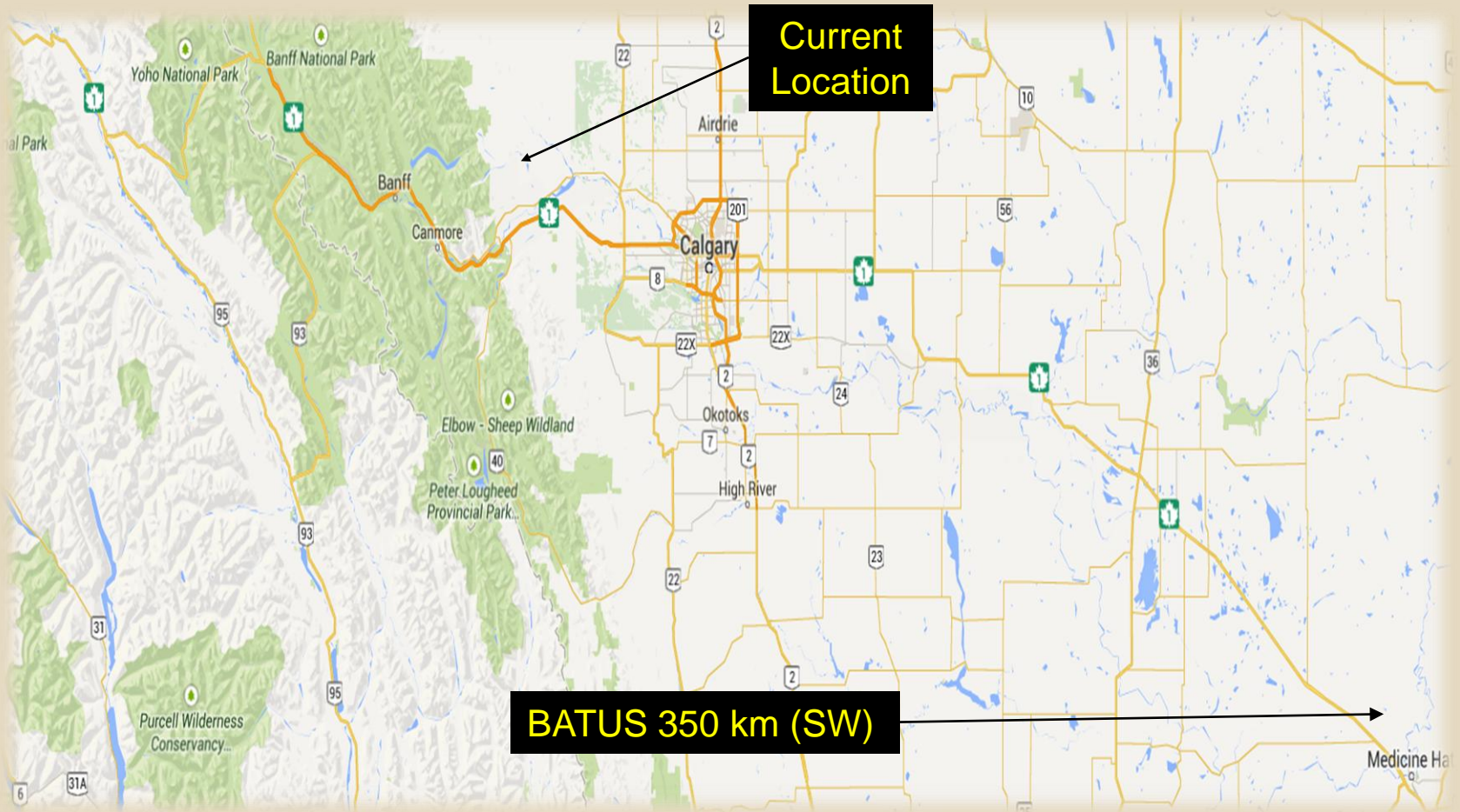


# Brigade Manning (15pax)

- 1 x Brigade Adventure Training Coordination Officer
- 1 x Brigade Motor Transport Sergeant
- 2 x Mountain Leader Training/Mountain Bike Leader
- 3 x Joint Service Rock Leader Training or Higher
- 5 x Drivers (D1+E)
- 2 x Chefs
- 1 x Brigade Officer at BATUS – Course Loading



# Ground in General – Current Location





# What & who we support

- Support Exercising troops from BATUS, both Temporary & Permanent Staff by providing Type 2 AT.
  - **Type 2 AT is:** Either single or multi activity AT, where JSAT foundation qualifications should be delivered as Distributed Training (DT).
- Support to Type 3 AT in Canada.
  - **Type 3 AT is:** Expeditions conducted away from unit.
- Distributed Training (DT) Accreditation – Joint Services AT Scheme (JSAT) with Type 4 AT Qualifications.
  - **Type 4 AT is:** JSAT foundation Leader or Instructor courses delivered by a formal AT center.



# Parachuting

- 5 day introduction to Basic Parachuting.
- Qualification: Nil.





# Alpine Mountaineering

- 5 day introduction to Alpine Mountaineering.
- Qualification: Nil.







# Open Boat (2 Star) Foundation (O2F)

- 5 day introduction to Open Boating.
- Qualification: O2F.





# Rock Climbing Single Pitch Foundation (RSF)

- 5 day Intro to Single Pitch Rock Climbing.
- Qualification: RSF.







# Mountain Biking Foundation (MBF)

- 5 day introduction to Mountain Biking.
- Qualification: MBF.





# Winter Climbing Foundation (WCF)

- 5 day Intro to Winter Climbing (single/multi pitch).
- Qualification: WCF.







# Ski Foundation 1 & 2 (SF1 & SF2)

- 5 day Intro to Downhill Skiing (Back Country Tech)
- Qualification: SF1 & SF2.



1 x 10 day Ski Instructor Cse is also delivered.



# Ski Foundation 3 (SF3)

- 5 day Intro to Back Country Skiing.
- Qualification: SF3.





# Nordic Ski Foundation (NF1)

- 5 day Intro to Nordic Skiing (Back Country Tech).
- Qualification: NF1.





# Horse Back Packing

Canadian Experience/Challenging Pursuit Activity







# Activity Venues – Summer

The map displays several activity venues in Alberta, Canada, with arrows pointing to corresponding photographs:

- Glacier:** A photograph of a glacier with people standing on its edge, pointing to the Columbia Icefield area on the map.
- Skydiving:** A photograph of a person skydiving, pointing to the area near Red Deer.
- Sunset:** A photograph of a sunset over a snowy mountain range, pointing to the Jasper National Park area.
- Horseback Riding:** A photograph of people on horseback, pointing to the Banff National Park area.
- Rock Climbing:** A photograph of a person climbing a rock face, pointing to the Banff National Park area.
- Canoeing:** A photograph of people in a canoe on a river, pointing to the Kootenai River area.
- Mountain Biking:** A photograph of people on bicycles on a trail, pointing to the Peter Lougheed Provincial Park area.

The map includes a scale bar (MILES 0-50, KM 0-50) and a north arrow. A red line indicates a route from Red Deer to Calgary.





# Activity Venues - Winter



**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

MILES 10  
KM 10 20



# JSAT Qualifications

- **Foundation:** Skills to become a competent team member of led group.
- **Leader:** Lead groups, risk manage and operate as equals in authorised JSAT activities.
- **Instructor:** Lead, instruct and risk manage groups in authorised JSAT activities.



# Governance (JSAT)

## ● Assurance:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Party: Conducted by Chief Instructor and forms the basis of self declaration and conformity to JSAT policy.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Party: Conducted by the External Training Authority (Adventurous Training Group (Army) owners of JSAT).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party: Assurance conducted by External Organizations (National Governing Bodies).





# Course Administration Procedures

## Summer:

- 3-4 months prior to the summer (Bde Recce) the brigade coordinator and Chief Instructor discuss course loading.
- Feb the Bde coordinator sends the draft program to Chief Instructor based around the Bde Ex.
- Chief Instructor brings it together with all other training elements and external agencies.
- Feb/Mar the program is emailed to contractors. Courses are officially requested Via CFB Suffield.

## Winter:

- All Winter programming is carried out by Chief Instructor in conjunction with the BATUS AT Officer.





# Winter Program 2014/15

Month: November      A - Arrival Day    D - Departure Day

Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Month: December

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Month: January

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Month: February

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WG																															
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Month: March

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SF3	D																A	SF3 6 Pax				D	A	SF3 6 Pax				D	A				
WG																														A			
IC	D	A	Ice climbing 4 pax				D	A	Ice climbing 4 pax				D																				
STC				A	Ski Tour Concentration 2015											D																	

Month: April

Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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- SF1** Introduction to Downhill Skiing (Inc Off Piste Terrain)
- SF2** Intermediate Skiing (Incl 1 day back country)
- SF3** Introduction to Back Country Skiing (1 day on piste)
- WG** Introduction to Ski Mountaineering (Glacial)
- IC** Introduction to Ice Climbing (Single/Multi Pitch)
- STC** 10 day Back Country Ski Concentration (from remote ski lodge)



# Slide Show - Example of Other UK Military AT Centres





# HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS







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# DINING AREAS







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# STORES







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# ACCOMMODATION





A scenic landscape featuring a turquoise lake in the foreground, surrounded by mountains and a cloudy sky. The word "Questions" is overlaid in large yellow text across the center of the image. The background shows a range of mountains, some with snow, under a blue sky with white and grey clouds. The water in the lake is calm, reflecting the sky and the surrounding landscape.

# Questions