The oil sands are located in three major areas in northern Alberta underlying 142,200 km²

Alberta’s boreal forest (381,000 km²)
Oil sands surface mineable area (4,800 km²)
Oil sands mineable area cleared or disturbed as of 31 Dec 2012 (767 km²)

OIL SANDS LAND USE
3% of the oil sands area can be mined

97% of the oil sands area covers reserves that are too deep to be mined