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### Newly Stocked Fishing Pond at County Sportsplex Now Open

The County of Grande Prairie, in collaboration with the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA), is proud to launch the County Sportsplex Fishing Pond.

This new angling venue has been stocked by ACA with 2,200 rainbow trout, which will provide local anglers with an opportunity to catch rainbow trout.

“The addition of the fishing pond provides a new dimension to recreational opportunities at the Crosslink County Sportsplex for area residents,” said Christine Rawlins, Parks and Recreation Manager. “With the installation of a new dock and signage, we expect that angling and fishing hobbyists of all ages and skill levels will come and test out the waters.”

The County invested \$15,000 to develop the storm water management pond into a fishing pond. The County will also be offering future programming opportunities, including a free “Kids Can Catch” family fishing event on August 16, 2018.

Earlier this spring, the ACA completed water testing and determined that the County Sportsplex pond would be an ideal location for their Enhanced Fish Stocking project, which promotes urban fishing.

The County’s Parks and Recreation department will oversee the pond operations. The ACA will be responsible for annually stocking a “put and take” fishery and monitoring dissolved oxygen levels. Angling methods and fish harvest limits are governed by Alberta Sportsfishing Regulations.

The fishing pond is located behind the playground on the east side of the Crosslink County Sportsplex parking lot. Fishing and non-motorized boating are permitted during dawn to dusk hours. For more details about the angling venue and fishing regulations visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/sportsplexpond](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/sportsplexpond). Signage is also in place at the pond indicating appropriate usages and rules.

For more details about the Kids Can Catch Event and to register visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/recreationprograms](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/recreationprograms) or contact the Recreation Coordinator at 780-532-9727.

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