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County campgrounds open tomorrow

County parks and campgrounds will be open for camping season starting Tuesday, May 15.

The Bear Lake, Demmitt, Hommy, Kleskun Hill and Pipestone Creek Campgrounds and the Old Bezanson Townsite offer great amenities such as complimentary firewood and interactive playgrounds as well as a wide range of recreational activities for campers. There are individual and group campsites available at all locations, with the exception of the Old Bezanson Townsite, which is for groups only. Group campsites are a great option for family reunions or teambuilding events. New for 2018, guests can call to reserve five or more individual campsites at the Bear Lake, Demmitt, Hommy and Kleskun Hill Campgrounds and receive a discount ranging from five to 20 per cent.

Two new park hosts have joined the County – Cherie-Ann Milroy at Bear Lake Campground and Wendy Smith at Pipestone Creek Campground. Each campground has a park host on site that manages the facilities and works with guests to ensure everyone has a great experience.

“This summer we will be focusing on making Bear Lake Campground even more of a family-friendly ‘stay-cation’ destination through beautification and providing the facility with a bit of a refresh. The campground and day-use area are perfect for day trip picnics or a short overnight stay,” says Christine Rawlins, Parks and Recreation Manager. “We are also encouraging non-motorized watersport enthusiasts to take advantage of the lake access.”

For the second year, Pipestone Creek Campground will be using an online reservation system that allows campers to book a site ahead of time. The overwhelming success of the online reservation system during the 2017 season has allowed the County to reinvest in the campground with the installation of additional power sites, taking place at the end of this season.

Advance telephone reservations can also be made for the Bear Lake and Kleskun Hill campgrounds for the weekend of Bear Creek Folk Festival, August 17 – 19. As a County sponsored event, there will be complimentary shuttle bus service for people staying at the Bear Lake Campground and attending the festival.

For information on County campgrounds, including a full list of facilities and information about upcoming summer programming, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/campgrounds or call the Parks and Recreation department at 780-532-9727.



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