



News Release – For Immediate Release – Tuesday, May 14, 2013

County of Grande Prairie Campgrounds and Parks Open Wednesday

Starting Wednesday, all County parks and campgrounds will be open for the public to use.

“The County is looking forward to opening up the spaces where residents and tourists can camp or spend the day relaxing and enjoying all of the recreational opportunities our region has to offer,” says Megan Schur, County Parks & Recreation Manager.

Over the camping season, a new playground will be installed at Hommy Park Campground; as well Bear Lake, and Kleskun Hill Park campgrounds will be getting upgrades to playground equipment. Pipestone Creek Park will be getting electrical and sewage upgrades in October so will close October 1st. Hommy Park, Bear Lake playground upgrades will be complete by summer 2013 and Kleskun Hill Park playground by fall 2013.

“A big thank you goes out to the Hommy family for their contribution to help build the new playground at Hommy Park,” says Schur. “We are truly grateful for their commitment to ensuring today’s youth has a safe and fun place to play.”

The playground renovations will not interrupt camping activity at any of the Parks; however the County asks that everyone stay off playgrounds while playgrounds are under construction and practice caution when near construction areas.

For more information on County parks and campgrounds, please visit www.countygp.ab.ca or contact Laurie Barry, County Parks Coordinator at 780-532-9727.

-30-

Media Contact:

Megan Schur
County Parks & Recreation Manager
780-532-9727

Additional information attached:

- **County parks and campgrounds fact sheet**





County parks and campgrounds fact sheet

Enjoy Your County Parks this Summer!

County campgrounds open from May 15th to October 15th

Pipestone Creek Park and Campground (closes October 1st for facility upgrades)

25 minutes west of Grande Prairie, south of Wembley on the Wapiti River is one of the richest areas for dinosaur fossils in western Canada, and the largest site of the Pacyrhinosaurus (the skull of one is on display at the campground). Visit the little native cemetery and also view the remnants of the historic Pipestone Ferry. Be sure to bring the kids to the new playground opening this summer featuring the coolest dinosaur and nature themed play structures!

- Museum on site
- Native Burial Ground
- 99 Unserviced Sites
- Washrooms with showers
- \$20 per unit/day
- 1 Group Area \$75 per day

Kleskun Hill Park

Discover a touch of the “Badlands” deposited on the “Grand Prairie” only 15 minutes east of Grande Prairie on Hwy 43. Enjoy a unique micro-climate combined with a protected natural area, where over 160 flowering plants, including cacti, grow. The imprints of the travels of early pioneer wagons can still be seen in the park. A native burial ground pays tribute to this area, which was a gathering place for native people.

- 9 Unserviced Sites
- Washrooms with Showers
- Playground
- \$15 per unit/day

Red Willow Park

On the picturesque Red Willow River (Secondary Hwy 722 south west of Beaverlodge.)

- Rustic Setting
- 5 Picnic Tables with Fire Pits
- Playground
- Camp Kitchen



Bear Lake Park

Just off Hwy 2, on Mercer Hill Rd. 20 minutes northeast of Grande Prairie

- Ideal Lake for Windsurfing or Canoeing
- Boat Launch
- Camp Kitchen
- Family Picnic Sites & Playground
- 4 Remote tenting with Vegetative Screen
- 16 Unserviced Sites
- \$15 per unit/day

Hommy Park

On Hwy 43, northeast of Beaverlodge

- Ideal Family Picnic spot
- Camp Kitchen & Playground
- 23 Sites
- \$20 for power sites /non-power sites \$15 unit/day
- Water supplied by a flowing well

Demmitt Park

Close to BC border, on Hwy 43

- Camp Kitchen
- 20 unserviced Sites
- \$10 per unit/day

Valhalla Park

Next to Melsness Mercantile Historic Site, now a restaurant offering homemade meals, and a museum, surrounded by a heritage garden park displaying flowers natural to our habitat.

- Restaurant
- Museum
- Garden Park
- 5 Picnic Tables with Firepits

Saskatoon Mountain Area (Day Use)

West on Highway 43 to Range Road 92, then 5 km north.

- 4 picnic tables and 4 fire pits
- This viewpoint offers spectacular views of the south and west portions of the County.
- Designated Natural Area