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County campgrounds open tomorrow

The County of Grande Prairie's campgrounds and parks are ready for 2019! Summer operations begin Wednesday, just in time for the May Long Weekend.

"Whether you enjoy setting up your trailer for a few days, pitching a tent, picnicking, canoeing, or hiking, you need to look no further than the County's eight parks and campground facilities," says Christine Rawlins, Parks and Recreation Manager. "Opportunities abound for outdoors enthusiasts and continue to grow every year."

Facility enhancements this season include more electrified sites at Pipestone Creek Park, the County's flagship campground, which features an online reservation system and firewood as part of registering. Other additions planned for Summer 2019 include a new day-use play structure, rentable day-use shelter and a decorative gazebo for special event bookings.

"We are at full occupancy at Pipestone Creek this weekend," says Rawlins. "There is still availability to book individual or group sites at our other campgrounds – Hommy, Bear Lake and Kleskun. Campers can simply call to reserve and pay by credit or debit card."

Visitors can look forward to new showers and improved washrooms at Bear Lake Campground this summer along with general upgrades at the Kleskun Hill, Hommy and Old Bezanson Townsite campgrounds.

Larry and Betty Douglas are new park hosts that will be greeting campers at Pipestone Creek and Wendy Smith is the new park host at Kleskun Hill.

Schools and large groups are asked to call ahead when using County day-use facilities and can even book exclusive access for full or half-days.

Visitors are encouraged to observe the campground and day use rules and enjoy their visit safely. County Regional Enforcement Services will be present at County campgrounds, parks and greenspaces, ensuring residents and visitors enjoy a safe and fun May Long Weekend.

For complete information on County campgrounds, including a full list of facilities and details 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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