

Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park Conceptual Design

What We Heard and What We Have Done

The conceptual design for Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park focuses on nine aspects of the park:

- Park Identity
- Devonshire Beach
- North Shore Area
- Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation
- Lily Creek Group Campground
- Marten River Campground and Group Campground
- Marten Mountain/Lily Lake

For more information, please see the draft conceptual design report.

The following is a summary of proposals in the draft concept design, what we heard back from the public during the public consultation and what we have done in response.

Park Identity

What We Said	What We Heard	What We Have Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct Park Centre, preferably near south end of park. • Develop pull-off along Highway 88 close to park boundary at south end, and smaller one at north end. • Upgrade signage in the park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install signage along Highway 88 for each attraction. • Install standard signage throughout the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park identity is a priority. • A Park Centre is a good idea. • The park could partner with the town and MD to work on park identity and promotion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage is being worked on this winter for Marten River campground and new campground at Devonshire Beach parking lot. • Signage has been installed on the lakeshore trail through the park. • Ongoing dialogue with Town and MD regarding the park and issues of concern or interest. • Local Alberta Parks' staff involved with Tri-Council tourism related planning activities.

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Devonshire Beach

What We Said	What We Heard	What We Have Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main beach area moved to viewing platform area. • Parking areas for beach day use formalized near this area. • Create campground with pull-through sites on part of paved parking lot at south end. • Three options for management of beach road: remains open, close part of the road, close all of the road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed support for moving groomed beach area to viewing platform area. • Support for parking improvements along Devonshire Beach. • Mixed support for campground at paved parking lot. • No support for closing the Beach Road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viewing platform and handicap access to the beach have been improved. • Parking areas along the beach road have been improved and in many locations rustic guard rails have been built along the beach road. • An additional 400 metres of Devonshire Beach is now being groomed under Water Act Permit adjacent to the south side of the viewing platform. • Portions of Devonshire Beach Parking lot have been converted to short term stay large RV camp stalls. • An enclosed picnic shelter and winter warm up shelter will be added to the Devonshire Beach parking lot in the winter of 2015. • Beach road has remained open for use. • Dog on leash on beach area created at south end of Devonshire Beach.
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North Shore Area

What We Said	What We Heard	What We Have Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new campground in race track area just south of Gilwood Golf Course. • Do small improvements to North Shore day use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full support for new campground. • Would like some fixed-roof accommodation in the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial Historic Resources Assessment was conducted at the race track. Further archeological work will be required for proposed developments. • The large campground proposed for the old race track and rodeo grounds area are being positioned as a major project for the park should funds become available to develop new campgrounds. Fixed-roof accommodation for the park would be part of this project. • The existing group use area south of the golf course has been cleaned up and made available for group use camping. • The North Shore day use shelter will be removed in the winter of 2015 as it is no longer safe for public use. North Shore day use area will be renovated in 2016.

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Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation (BCBC)

What We Said	What We Heard	What We Have Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep nature as focus of this area. • Provide facilities for researchers and other groups using BCBC programs, such as research workshop, group campground, classroom, more fixed-roof accommodation. • Provide more trail options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop/lab/classroom is higher priority than more fixed-roof accommodation. • Support for proposed trails. • Support for group campground for BCBC users. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing fixed roof accommodation has been renovated to allow public comfort camping and is available on the Alberta Parks' reservation system. • An old group use area has been re-habilitated to provide a rustic group use camping area. • A solar power demonstration site has been built at the Nest comfort camping facility. • Existing Songbird Trail has been improved.

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Lily Creek Group Campground

What We Said	What We Heard	What We Have Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain rustic nature of campground. • No changes for now. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road into Lily Creek Group Campground needs upgrading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ditch and brush clearing have been completed on the road to facilitate better drainage. • Ongoing dialogue with industrial road disposition holders to ensure road is passable during the camping season. • Minor upgrades to group campground such as repairs to beach stairs, fish cleaning stand, widening of some sites and hazardous tree removal.
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Marten Mountain/Lily Lake

What We Said	What We Heard	What We Have Done
Marten Mountain Trail and Lookout		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer more attractions for visitors to this facility node, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve trail and signage link to Lily Lake trail and current interpretation trail. • Utilize recent burn near Lily Lake trail head for interpretation. • Better define the parking area. • Develop multi-use trail linking Marten Mountain to other park trails. • Create day use/staging area at pull-off site at Highway 88/ Marten Mt. Road junction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed support for trail to Marten Mountain. Biking trail suggested. • Suggestion for shelters at trailheads and other points along a long trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet completed.
Lily Lake Trail and Lily Lake Day Use		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain this area as a day use fishing and hiking destination. • Improve facilities around lake to protect shoreline. • Re-route sections of Lily Lake trail to avoid steep areas. • Construct boardwalk in wet areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Lily Lake undeveloped. • Do modifications to Lily Lake trail to make it more accessible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet completed.
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Marten River Campground and Group Campground

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Marten River Campground		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add additional camping loops. • Add a day use area with picnic facilities, parking and hand boat launch. • Improve Amphitheatre. • Improve campground trail system. • Create trail links from Marten River to other facility areas in the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for increase in campsites at Marten River and increased recreational opportunities. • Support for more trails in general. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The campground was evaluated for adding of additional camping loops, however, the presence of historical resources makes expansion very problematic and may not be feasible. • At the Amphitheatre location modest picnic facilities, a hand-boat launch and expanded parking lot have been provided. • Amphitheatre has had its roof repaired and additional secure storage facilities provided. • Upgrades to existing campground water and electrical systems to deal with aging infrastructure. • Some campsites widened and re-gravelled.
Marten River Group Use Area		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop two small group campgrounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for more group campgrounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New roofs on shelters and outhouses and repairs to playground area.
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