

PEACE RIVER AREA PARKS CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

WHAT WE HEARD

The conceptual design for the Peace River area parks focuses on the following:

- 12 Foot Davis gravesite and viewpoint
- Peace River Provincial Recreation Area
- Dr. Greene cairn and surrounding crown land
- Trails
- Highway pull-off signage
- Connecting 12 Foot Davis to Riverside Park in Town of Peace River

For more information, please see the [final conceptual design report](#).

The following is a summary of proposals in the draft concept design and what we heard back from the public.

12 Foot Davis

What we said	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain natural prairie feeling of the site by keeping features low, minimizing mowing and using native planting. • Restore or replace monument and add a white picket fence visible from Riverside Park. • Show respect for gravesite by separating it from formal gathering and viewing areas. • Interpret the Davis era as it pertains to river use, the fur trade, etc. • Incorporate a stylized lobster sign that indicates the “way home” for Davis and current Peace River population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for replacing the grave monument. Use the original grave marker currently at the Peace River Museum; or use a replica of statue at Riverfront Park. • Keep the current monument. People sit on it and have their pictures taken. • Verify the actual location of gravesite, and document the design and construction of current monument before it is removed. • Identify resources for maintenance of site. • Put picnic tables and a washroom at the site. • Ensure the design of the lobster fits into the Davis era. • Support for interpretation panels of the views and of the history of site and area. • Support for the maintenance and interpretation of the native vegetation. • Suggest that in order to deter vandalism you need more visitors; one way to do this is to use volunteers to tell the stories of the area onsite.

Peace River Provincial Recreation Area

What we said	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade facilities in same style as 12 Foot Davis. • Formalize parking, picnic areas and trailheads. 	No comments specifically about this area.

Dr. Greene cairn and surrounding crown land

What we said	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve site entrance by defining the parking and trailhead. • Repair cairn and add a bench. • Interpret De. Green's life, Greene Valley Provincial Park and local flora and fauna. • Proposed sites for interpretation include at the cairn, at the base of the stairs and along pathway. 	Add the crown land around the cairn to the protected areas.

Trails

What we said	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalize gravel trail connections between 12 Foot Davis, PRA and Dr. Greene cairn. • Connect trails to Town of Peace River trails. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect each site and the town by trails. • Could the trail connecting to the town include the Anglican cemetery? This would be another attraction. • Could a trail connect directly from Dr. Greene cairn to 12 Foot to create a circle trail? • Any chance the trails could be groomed for cross-country skiing? • Pave the trails.

Highway Connections

What we said	What we heard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Highway #2 pull-offs, install information kiosks with maps and information. Include information about area attractions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create highway pull-offs that view Greene Valley Provincial Park.

Connection with Riverfront Park in the Town of Peace River

What we said	What we heard
<p>Connect 12 Foot Davis site to Riverfront Park in Peace River town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add interpretation and map. Add arrow pointing to hilltop site. Add directional signage from park to the site. Create a visual linkage within the town by coordinating signage with other town signage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All major tourist locations in downtown Peace River could have information and directional signage to 12 foot Davis. Suggest shelters at trailheads and other points along a long trail.

Other Comments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current access road is deteriorating. Need deterrents and signage to stop use of dirt bikes and ATVs on the hill. Add information about Greene Valley Provincial Park at highway pull-offs, and build a footbridge across the Heart River to access the park.

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