

Gregoire Lake Provincial Park Proposed Conceptual Design – Campground Expansion and Facility Upgrades

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is Gregoire Lake Provincial Park?

Gregoire Lake Provincial Park is located close to Highway 63, approximately 30 km southeast of Fort McMurray.

A map of Gregoire Lake Provincial Park is available at www.tpr.alberta.ca/parks/consult/gregoirelake.

2. Why does Gregoire Lake Provincial Park need a campground expansion?

The Parks Division is proposing a campground expansion to meet the increased demand for more camping and recreation opportunities in the Fort McMurray area.

3. Where will the new campsites be located and how many will be built?

Under the conceptual design, two proposed campground loops would be located east and west of the existing firewood storage area. Approximately 150 campsites would be developed if the current infrastructure supports it, as well as trail connections and amenity spaces.

4. Will all of the new campsites have modern amenities?

Most campsites would be built to accommodate large RV units and, where possible, would include hook-ups for power. Amenities such as water and sewer will be provided nearby.

5. Will increasing the number of campsites affect the 16 consecutive day stay limit at Gregoire Lake Provincial Park?

The 16 consecutive day stay limit at Gregoire Lake Provincial Park is a provincial regulation and will remain in effect.

6. Will campsites fees increase because of the proposed changes?

Campsite fees are market driven and based on the services provided. Fees for full hook-up sites (power, water, sewer) would be higher than basic service sites.

7. Will there be any changes to the existing facilities?

Upgrades are proposed for some of the existing facilities, such as the day-use parking lot, the boat launch parking lot, the trails and the park entrance.

The current campground loops and camp sites will not be changed.

8. Where can I view the campground conceptual design?

You can view the conceptual design for the campground at www.tpr.alberta.ca/parks/consult/gregoirelake/ or by contacting Cara Gill at (780) 623-5435.

9. What is a conceptual design?

A conceptual design is the first phase of the planning process of any development. It is made up of drawings which are composed of simple, single-line floor plans, building sections, elevations, landscape and site plans. It is like a bird's-eye view of what the campground would look like. The conceptual plan will help you to visualize the proposed changes to the park and identify issues. The concept plan allows for discussion and revision before the final plan is produced.

10. When will construction begin?

Some initial site preparation may begin in the fall of 2009. Final construction is dependent on the results of the public consultation, environmental review, historical resources review and funding allocations.

11. How do I comment on the conceptual design?

Public comment is encouraged and important. You can share your feedback either by e-mail to Parknews@gov.ab.ca or in writing to:

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Comments received by May 21, 2009 will be taken into consideration.

12. What happens after the public consultation period has ended?

The Parks Division will review all of the information gathered from public feedback to ensure the final design concept meets the needs of park visitors and also achieves the department's goals for site management efficiency, cost effectiveness and public safety.

Upon completion of public and Aboriginal consultations, environmental and historical resource assessments, and funding allocations, and after approving a conceptual plan, the Parks Division will proceed to the detailed design phase of the project. In this phase, the approved conceptual plan will be refined into technical working drawings and specification criteria necessary for obtaining regulatory approvals and implementing construction.

13. When will a decision be made on the conceptual design?

A decision on the conceptual design will be made once the 60 day consultation period is over and comments have been considered. This will likely happen in late spring 2009. The website will be updated when a decision has been made.

To receive updates on the progress of facility upgrades at Gregoire Lake Provincial Park, please provide your e-mail address to Parknews@gov.ab.ca or your mailing address to:

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Updates will also be posted on the Parks Division's website at www.tpr.alberta.ca/parks/consult/gregoirelake/