

Park Use by Groups

For activities other than those booked into Park programs and facilities.

Date of Trip: _____ Time: Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

Name of Group: _____

Name of Group Leader(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Group Contact Phone # _____ Group Fax #: _____

Total Children/Youth: _____ Total Adults: _____

Location within Park: _____

Purpose of Visit: _____

Intended Activities / Activity Location(s) / Route: _____

Please indicate with your signature below that you have read the attached “**Key Messages for Groups**” and communicated the information to other group members and volunteers visiting Fish Creek Provincial Park. **Signature** _____

Send the completed form by fax to: 403-297-7849

PLEASE ENSURE ANY LEADERS IN CHARGE OF A FISH CREEK PARK VISIT ARE LISTED ON THIS FORM AND HAVE REVIEWED THE ATTACHED KEY MESSAGES.

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Key Messages for Groups

These must be communicated to groups visiting Fish Creek Provincial Park.

1. Alberta's Parks and Protected Areas belong to all Albertans and contain many different natural landscapes that are home to numerous plant and animal species. The province's network of parks and protected areas covers roughly 27,500 square kilometres and includes more than 500 sites. This network helps to ensure that Alberta's biodiversity is preserved for future generations.
2. Our vision: *Alberta's parks inspire people to discover, value, protect, and enjoy the natural world and the benefits it provides for current and future generations.*
3. Provincial parks exist to protect provincially significant natural, historical and cultural features. They contain a range of outdoor recreation, interpretive, and environmental education opportunities, facilities and services so that visitors can explore, learn, understand, and appreciate the natural world.
4. The Provincial Parks Act protects Alberta's parks. It is through this legislation that these landscapes have specific and important guidelines to help keep them healthy and vibrant.
5. **Feeding of wildlife is not necessary, is potentially dangerous and is against Park rules.** The Park's ecosystem provides all the food and habitat wildlife requires for their basic needs. Human food does not meet their nutritional requirements and can cause some species to associate humans with food. Quietly observe all wildlife from a comfortable distance.
6. Take only pictures. Everything in the Park – living and non-living is protected to help preserve the complex living system that thrives in our provincial parks. Students are welcome to share their discoveries, but must remember to **leave everything as they found it**. Treat plants, insects, and trees gently to avoid unnecessary injury or damage. Please do not pick plants.
7. There are **no off-leash areas** in Alberta's Parks and Protected Areas. This protects the parks wildlife as well as domestic pets. Please do not bring pets on a field study. They can be distractions for students and pose a health risk for those allergic to pets. Guide Dogs and Assisted –Living Dogs are the only animals permitted in Park buildings.
8. **Litter** should be placed in the rubbish bins provided or in a pocket. Human litter is hazardous to Park plants and wildlife.
9. **Use only designated fire pits.** Open fires are a threat to public safety and Park habitats. The burning of Park vegetation is not permitted. You must bring your own firewood and water to extinguish the fire.