FAQ’s – Sask Parks

Q: Will Sask Parks open the online reservation system as planned in April?

A: In response to COVID-19, Saskatchewan Provincial Parks will delay the campsite reservation launch until further notice. In the coming weeks, Sask Parks will assess the situation and will provide an update. Campers will be given sufficient notice regarding revised campsite reservation dates in order to ensure ample time for planning.

Q: Will the camping season start as planned on May long weekend as planned?

A: No. In response to COVID-19, Saskatchewan Provincial Parks will delay the start of the camping season until further notice. For the latest information, please visit www.saskparks.com.

Q: When the reservation launch takes place, will the reservation process be the same as last year, just with different dates?

A: Staggered launch dates and the queuing system will be implemented again to help manage the volume the site experiences.

Q: What happens if I already have a group reservation for this summer?

A: Group campers with a reservation in May will automatically have their sites cancelled and fees refunded.

Q: What if I want to book a group reservation in June, July or August?

A: All reservations, including group, are on hold at this time.

Q: What if I want to cancel my group reservation in June, July or August?

A: We’ll be assessing the situation and making decisions as we know more information. At this time, group reservation holders who cancel reservations past May 31, 2020 would have cancellation and transaction fees apply. This will be re-evaluated regularly and updated as we draw closer to May 31, 2020.

Q: If I am interested in a seasonal campsite, will I still have to pay the full amount?

A: Seasonal camping fees will be pro-rated once a camping opening date has been determined.
Q: If the camping season doesn’t begin as planned, will I be offered a discount on my annual park entry permit?

A: Annual entry permits for $75 provide access to an entire year of park access, events and activities. This year, Sask Parks hopes to extend a lot of the events and activities into fall, providing the same or more value for Saskatchewan families when they purchase an annual park entry permit.

Q: If there is a delay in opening, will the camping season be extended this year?

A: Camping will be offered in all Saskatchewan Provincial Parks until September 30, 2020 with most services available. Our parks are open year around for those who wish to camp in the spring, fall and some parks even offer winter camping. The online reservation system will provide a list of which campgrounds within each park will offer camping until the end of September.

Q: Why are you recommending people NOT visit Saskatchewan Provincial Parks during this time?

A: The health and safety of our Saskatchewan residents, park users and employees is the priority. We are following the advice of public health experts and implementing measures to support the Government of Canada’s efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Everyone is encouraged to follow the advice on the website and social distance to limit exposure.

At this time, Sask Parks does not have the facilities or staff capacity to assist you during your visit. All services are closed including park offices, washrooms, visitor centres, boat launches, trails, picnic areas, as well as campgrounds and campsites. While park offices are closed, staff are still available by phone or email to answer questions.

In order to best support social distancing, we do not want large groups of people gathering in our parks at this time. Some of our trails are very narrow and it would be difficult to maintain distance when passing people. We are supporting the federal and provincial governments request to encourage the public to stay home and self-isolate as much as possible.

Q: Are facilities closed in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks?

A: Yes, as of Monday, March 23, 2020, the following parks facilities are closed:

- Entry kiosks
- Visitor centres
- Historic buildings
- Campgrounds and campsites
- Washrooms and shower buildings
- Day-use areas
- Boat launches

Q: When will these facilities be open to the public?

A: Sask Parks will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely and will follow the advice of health officials to adjust our business practices as needed.

Q: Will Sask Parks be cancelling any events in the parks in the next coming months?

A: Following a successful winter season of events/programs, Sask Parks does not have any further events/programs planned until the summer season. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely and will provide updates as information becomes available.

Q: Are businesses still open in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks?

A: There are a number of tourism businesses and operations within our provincial parks. These operators are valued partners and provide important services to visitors. Visitors should check directly with businesses to see if they are open, or providing alternative hours. For a list of essential and non-essential services according to the Government of Saskatchewan, click here (https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-information-for-businesses-and-workers)

Q: What can people do to stay connected to parks and educational offerings during this time?

A: Currently, Sask Parks is pleased to offer educational park programming and activities via our Facebook page. Followers can expect daily programming at 10:00 a.m. from Monday to Friday. We encourage everyone to stay connected and have fun (from home) with various park-type activities.