Updated Q&As – April 28, 2020

Q: With the travel restrictions to northern Saskatchewan, will I be able to reserve a campsite?

- Currently, non-essential travel to northern Saskatchewan is prohibited. Please be aware, if you make a reservation and this travel restriction is still in effect, you may not be able to travel to the park. We recommend you hold off on making reservations to northern parks until these restrictions have been removed.
- Travel restrictions do not apply outside of the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District. Athabasca Sand Dunes, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Clearwater River, Cumberland House, Lac La Ronge and Narrow Hills provincial parks fall within the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District.

Q: Due to reduced services, will regular camping fees be adjusted?

• No, nightly camping fees will not be adjusted. We hope to make more services available as the summer goes on. Seasonal fees will be pro-rated starting June 1, 2020.

Q: Will all recreational facilities be closed?

• Yes, all recreational facilities will remain closed (swimming pools, beach access, picnic areas, playgrounds, water parks, riding stables, equipment rental operators, tennis courts and interpretative centres etc.) at this time. Park users will be asked to continue social distancing and use the parks responsibly.

Q: With beaches being closed, can I still launch my kayak from the beach?

• Yes. Beaches will be closed to gatherings and recreational use, however accessing the water to launch a watercraft will be allowed.

Q: If I practice social distancing, can I fish from the shore? Can I swim in the lake?

• Yes, but we ask that you do so with the appropriate physical distancing guidelines in mind.

Q: How much is seasonal camping?

Seasonal Camping Type	Prorated 2020 Seasonal Camping Fee
Electric	\$2,270
Non-electric	\$1,220
Economy	\$960

Note: Seasonal fees will be pro-rated starting June 1, 2020.

Q: How will you implement the 50 per cent capacity, meaning only every other campsite will be available to reserve?

• We will be manually closing sites before the reservation launch to ensure only 50 per cent of the sites will be available to reserve via the online registration system.

Q: Do the 50 per cent and adjacent site rules apply to long-term seasonal campsites that are leased through a private operator within a provincial park or offered in campgrounds outside of a provincial park?

• No, the 50 per cent and adjacent site rules apply only to overnight stay and limited-term campsites.

Q: Do the 50 per cent and adjacent site rules apply to the seasonal sites operated by the Government of Saskatchewan, reserved annually within Saskatchewan's provincial parks?

• Yes, when seasonal sites become available to reserve in Saskatchewan's provincial parks on May 4, 2020, the 50 per cent and adjacent sites rules will be applied. These sites are not fully serviced and are more similar to an overnight or limited-term campsite, rather than a multi-year leased long-term seasonal campsite.

Q: Do the 50 per cent and adjacent site rules apply to privately operated campgrounds, as well as provincial park campgrounds?

• Yes, the 50 per cent and adjacent site rules apply to overnight stay and limited-term campsites in all campgrounds.

Q: Will all campgrounds in Saskatchewan be open as of June 1, 2020?

• Camping is permitted at private and provincial campgrounds as of June 1, 2020. However, privately operated campgrounds maintain autonomy in determining when to open after June 1, 2020.

Q: What can't I book?

• Group camping, Camp-Easy, double sites and swimming lessons will not be available for reservation until further notice.

Q: What will happen to my group camping reservation for 2020?

- If you have a group reservation between now and June 30, 2020:
 - $\circ~$ We will contact you to cancel your reservation and refund all fees paid in full.
- If you have a group reservation between July 1 and September 30, 2020:
 - At this time, we are not cancelling your upcoming reservation. If you choose to cancel or change your reservation, you will incur the normal cancellation/change and transaction fees. We will continue to assess the COVID-19 situation and provide you an update as we draw closer to June 30, 2020.

Q: Will I have access to water to fill my trailer? How will you ensure taps are sanitized?

 Yes, water will be available. Enhanced cleaning practices will be undertaken at central dump stations and water fill stations. Specific information will be available via the 'enhanced cleaning protocols page' here – <u>https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administrationand-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-healthissues/2019-novel-coronavirus/public-health-measures/guidance-for-health-carefacilities/cleaning-and-disinfecting-public-facilities and/or via signage at the park you are visiting.
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Q: Will I have access to water taps in my campsite?

• We will ensure campers have access to safe water. More information will be communicated prior to June 1, 2020.

Q: Will washrooms available for camping be accessible day and night?

• Yes, but we are encouraging campers to use their own bathroom facilities in their trailers or recreational vehicles as much as possible, and avoid public bathrooms.

Q: Since firewood distribution centres are closed, can I bring my own firewood? Or, what options are available?

• We are still determining the best process for each park, and can assure campers, firewood will be available through a safe process. More information will be communicated prior to June 1, 2020.

Q: Will annual passes still be available at the entry gates? That was this information we were told back in January, but has it changed?

 Annual passes will not be available at entry gates during May. During this unprecedented time, we are still working through processes and policies. We will have a variety of options in place for June. As always, you can purchase your annual entry permit with your camping when you reserve online. Please continue to visit our website (<u>www.saskparks.com</u>) for updated information as it is available.

Q: Will tenting still be permitted?

• Tenting is still permitted but with limited access to washroom and no access to showers, campers should plan accordingly.