



# RIVERBEND CAMPGROUND



## 2014 Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2014 camping season, we hope everyone had a great winter and we're all looking forward to a great camping season. 2013 turned out to be a challenging year with the recorded 100 year flood in June, although we can't apologize for the weather we truly appreciate the way most of the campers come together in this time of need. We have permits from Alberta Environment to do some work on the riverbank to help protect our campground from future high water. Saying that we are on a flood plain and we have to be prepared at all times.

We have made a few minor changes on the Rental Contract this year, so when you come in to pay for your lot rental by May 1, we ask you to read the contract carefully, ask questions if you do not understand certain sections. Keep your copy handy and refer to it when necessary.

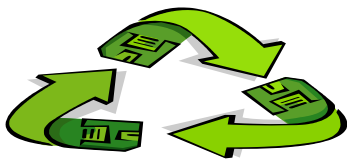
All info needs to be updated including e-mails, as we can pass on info as it comes up more readily. Prompt payment is rewarded with guest passes and Mini golf passes.

But the place which you have selected for your camp, though never so rough and grim, begins at once to have its attractions, and becomes a very centre of civilization to you: "Home is home, be it never so homely."  
~Henry David Thoreau

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*Sheep River*



## Reduce Reuse Recycle

We truly applaud the efforts of all the campers that have embraced our recycling program to reduce our Carbon Footprint. Through your efforts, you not only reduced the volume of garbage that must be taken to the landfill but have also made a difference by putting to good use everything that you have placed in the appropriate containers. Plastics, tin cans, newspaper and non-refundable glass containers are taken to the Okotoks Recycling Center.

These items and the proceeds are put to good use by contributing to local community endeavors. The pop cans, pop bottles and other refundables are taken to the local bottle depot. There all of these items are sorted and recycled. **ALL THE PROCEEDS** from this effort go to various charities listed in the Office. Just a reminder that all non-refundable containers must be rinsed and labels removed in order to be accepted at the depot.

### Seasonal

The flood of 2013 came upon us really fast with very little time to prepare, so we ask all seasonals to keep your site neat and simple and because we are on a flood plain we have to keep our trailers and campers accessible for easy removal on short notice. We will be going around and letting campers know what needs to be changed to abide by the bylaws of Riverbend Campground.

## Propane Sales

Our hours for refills are posted at the store and at the washrooms 11AM to 5 PM. If you want your propane bottle refilled, please pay at the store then drop-off your propane bottles at the refilling station. Make sure you have your bottle marked with your lot number or name, we will not refill unidentified bottles. If we have the available staff we can possibly do it when time permits. If not available you will have to take it into town for refilling at one of the several stations that fill up propane bottles.



Early Spring Robins looking for their next meal.

## Water Consumption

Your cooperation is once again requested to conserve water as our system will get overwhelmed if too many people are trying to water at the same time ie Friday evenings.

The municipality is enforcing Riverbend to put in a Chlorinated watering system. We had a system in the winter working and trying to maintain safe levels of chlorine. But come summer when water is used at a much larger volume, we will have to change the system with a large holding tank and a different dispersion system. So please use common sense when using our valuable water as they don't make it anymore. ;-)

- Keep a jug of water in the fridge at all times
- Your lawn only needs 1" per week.
- Ensure you have no leaks in hoses or taps.

## When the Well is dry we know the Wealth of Water Benjamin Franklin



## Dog Digest

**Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we ever learn from books.**  
**John Lubbock**

**All dogs are to be registered for the year \$20.00 per season.**

Dogs are to be leashed or "under control" at all times

Dog droppings are to be picked up by you.

Dogs are NOT to be left alone at any campsite at any time.

### Dog Statistics

- Dog bites cause an average of 18 deaths per year.
- Almost \$165 million is spent on dog bite related injuries requiring medical treatment a year
- Children comprise 60% of all dog bite victims. 73% were bitten on the face, neck and/or head.
- On average, 334,000 people/year visit hospital emergency rooms because of a dog related incident.

**Our Park is not a Bank, please don't let your dog leave a deposit.**

## Speeders

**WE WILL NOT TOLERATE SPEEDING**

Speeding is the campground starts at the gates, and anyone caught speeding will be evicted immediately and refused entry.

The speed is there for the safety of all patrons especially children. The speed limit through out the campground is **15km/hr** at all times with no excuses. We have a speed detector warning of excessive speeds.



**We will be hosting our Annual Stampede Breakfast on July 13**

# Good News

The 2014 Rates have unfortunately been increased this year. Prices include GST

Tenting	\$25
Power and Water	\$35
30 Amp Service	\$40
50 Amp Service	\$45
Pets	\$2
Day Pass Vehicle & Driver	\$2
Passengers (each)	\$1
Pets	\$1
Coin Showers (5min)	\$1

## Seasonals (Due May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Power, Water, Sewer	\$2000
Pet permit (Each)	\$20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vehicle Permit	\$20
Winter Storage (Due Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$250

All other rates please check in to the Office

## Store-Office Hours

May, June, September October	Mon-Thur	9-11 and 3-8
	Fri- Sun	9AM til Dark
July-August	All week	9AM til Dark



# M.D. Foothills

**Riverbend Campground continues to be one of the best campgrounds in Southern Alberta, it has many amenities other campgrounds cannot provide. So we strive to continue to make camping the most pleasant outdoor experience possible. So if you have any ideas to make it better please email Riverbend and you will get a reply. And please Like us on Facebook. Thanks**

## Golf Carts

**Riverbend Campground** has several people with Golf Carts, old, new, electric, gas, pimped, clunkers, we are asking people to be more aware that the unnecessary driving of these carts add to noise and air pollutions for people who are looking for a quiet place to camp. If you MUST drive the carts, go from point a to b and not just out for a leisure drive, walking is a more healthy, quiet relaxing way to get around. The driver must be a licensed operator and you must have insurance for liability as you are responsible for any damage or injury. The campground has a speed limit that must be adhered to for vehicles and Golf carts to keep the dust down and impaired driving is also in effect in any motorized vehicle. This info is on your Contract and license for the Golf Cart.



*Fly Fishing the Sheep river for Trout or White Fish but be sure to have your Alberta Fishing License*

The M.D of Foothills specifies that the only structures allowed on lots are storage shed (max. 80 sq ft) and or decks (max 144 sq ft) Any decks or shed that are to be built must have prior consent from campground management. They are not to be attached to your unit and your unit may be placed in such a manner on your lots that allows for quick access or “getaways”.

We prefer units to be lengthwise on the lot rather than across the lot or on an angle (of course there are some exceptions)

Make sure you leave enough room next to your electrical post/server line so that we can read the meter every month.

In some sections, we still have to empty your sewer into the “honeywagon”.

Leave enough room for the truck to get close.

Keep your lot tidy! We do not want to see piles of “stuff” stacked up. Fridges, stoves, furniture, old vehicles, etc. Are not allowed to be stored on your lot. If you have wood to store, keep it tidy.



## Riverbend Campground



Phone: 403 938 2017

**Be Sure to  
check out  
our new  
WEBSITE**

**QUADS AND OFF ROAD  
MOTORCYCLES NOT  
ALLOWED IN THE  
CAMPGROUND OR RIVER**



### **FIRES MUST BE OUT BY 1am**

The Municipality of Foothills for the safety of everyone puts on fire bans. We have no control or say in the length of restrictions Please Abide by any ban in Place.

Cold Ashes can be put into the grey barrels at the recycling areas, and ensure that there are no nails or screws for the safety of staff removing them.

## Curfew

**ITS DARK, DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?**

Many problems occur after dark with unsupervised children. Adult campers are held responsible for their children and the children of their guests. After dark ALL children must be at their own campsite!

**No Exceptions**

## SEWER EMPTING

Please note that the sewers are emptied twice a week. Sewer days are Monday and Friday. There will be an additional charge for any sewer that needs to be emptied more than twice a week.

## Guest Passes

Day Guest Passes are just that DAY GUESTS They are not to stay overnight without informing the Front Office. If guests stay without permission the onus falls on the Contract holder and may suffer consequences up to EVICTION.

## Staff Privacy

When our staff members are off Duty please respect their privacy  
And do not disturb them unless Its an emergency. Please call the office at 403 938 2017

Volleyball and Tether Ball poles to be added this summer.

## Exciting changes and Improvements

We are very excited this year for changes and improvements to **Riverbend Campground**. Staffing should stay pretty well intact this year, with the exception of Mike and Falco which joined our campground family this year.

We now have Wi-Fi up and running in parts of the campground with more to come.

Our maintenance shop is pretty well complete with a better work shop for staff.

We will continue in Spring to be bring down trees from the tree farm and placing them through out the Campground.

The nature path that runs along the hill, creek and bird sanctuary will be extended and maintained to the Lake on the West end of the Campground. This will make for a nice quiet relaxing walk or ride and several spots to pick berries, and watch wildlife.

The Lake in the last few years are being taken over from weeds as its not getting enough oxygen after the 2005 flood, filling it with silt.

We are going to install an Aeration system, with underwater aerators and fountains. We hope to one day to drain and dredge the lake to return it to its natural beauty.

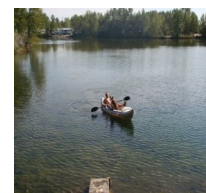
Joe Bines has volunteered to work with us as the Entertainment Director to plan fun events for kids and adult. We will keep you posted.

**The owners of any dog is liable for any damages suffered by any person who is bitten by the dog while anywhere in the campground.**



## COMPOST AREA

The campground has 2 compost piles, one at the North side of parking lot by entrance and the other at the East End near the entrance to the Nature Path. Please only leaves and grass clipping as branches and other material won't compost yearly.



*Kayaking on the Lake*