



RIVERBEND CAMPGROUND



2015 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2015 newsletter, we hope everyone had a great winter and we're all looking forward to a great camping season. June 2014 turned out to be another wet June in which we had to enforce the bank at the east end, but prevented the water from spilling over. We armored the west end of the campground, as we had permits from Alberta Environment but would not let us do the East end of the Campground but will continue to apply. We had to put in a new Culvert at the entrance as high run-off of the fields washed our road out, but Thank-you for your patience as the road was closed for a day and a half.



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. The rates have not gone up for seasonal, but **if payment is not made by June 1 GST will be charged and 2% if Visa or Mastercard used.**



Sheep River

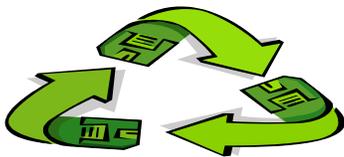
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Seasonal

There will be our normal camper site moves, with seasonals changing or moving and with that we have a list of new seasonal campers coming in to make **Riverbend Campground** their summer home. New seasonal campers will be paying a \$200 deposit for clean-up if anything is left. So if you are moving out please leave your site the same way as you got it as it is your responsibility to leave your site clean.

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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. Last year we donated to Alberta Childrens Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and Animal Rescue AARCS

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.

Looking for a Stone Mason or Brick Layer for some work.



Dog Digest

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.



Several species of wildlife make Riverbend Campground home

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.

We have put in a **Alberta Health Service approved potable water system, so we no longer have a boiled water advisory.**

. 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.



Canada Day Celebration

Speeders

WE WILL NOT TOLERATE SPEEDING

Speeding in 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 in July

Rate Increase

Some 2014 Rates have remained the same as last year. Prices include GST on Nightly Stays

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

Seasonals (Due May 1st)

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

GST included if Paid before June 1,2015 2% for Visa or Mastercard

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 and most affordable 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 Management

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.

In Memory
Dale Hinves was a long time Employee of Riverbend for Nearly 25 years. Dale passed away this year after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was a man of many talents and a dry sense of humor and will be truly missed by family friends and co-workers. RIP Dale

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.

We will be going around in May and giving warning of infraction, fines will be given if rules not followed.

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

We will be selling Rv Parts in the store, so if you need parts please check with us first ie. Hoses, filters, chemicals paper etc. Competitive prices



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

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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 Marilyn and Kim operating the store and Dwayne and staff keeping the campground beautiful for your enjoyment.

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

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.

We are looking forward to Stampede breakfast and to get together for celebrations in the Gazebo.

Thanks to Joe Binns and other volunteers for bringing some great events together, Canada Day was enjoyed by all, kids and parents alike.

We hope to expand on long weekend events, so if anyone has any ideas, please let the store staff know and we'll try to improve and implement some of these ideas.

Saying Good-Bye to a long time employee Yvonne



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.



Osprey nesting in nearby trees