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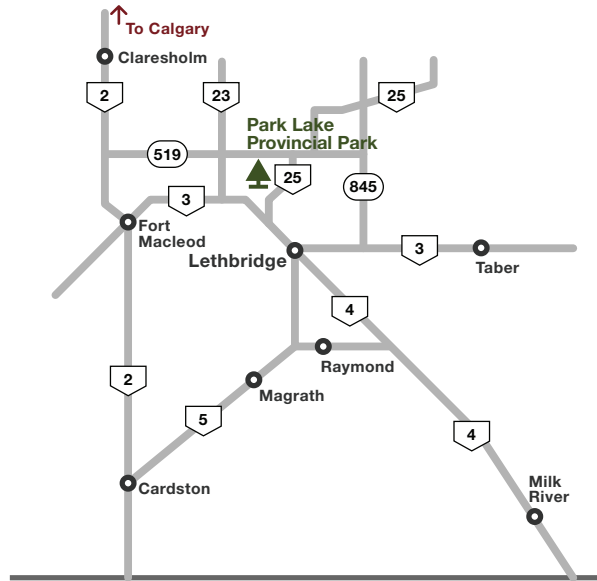
Education Programs
Email: swparks@gov.ab.ca

Campsite Reservations
Web: reserve.albertaparks.ca
Phone: 1-877-537-2757

Provincial Parks Visitor Information
Web: albertaparks.ca
Phone: 1-877-537-2757

Illegal Activity/Public Safety (24/7)
Phone: 310-LAND (5263)

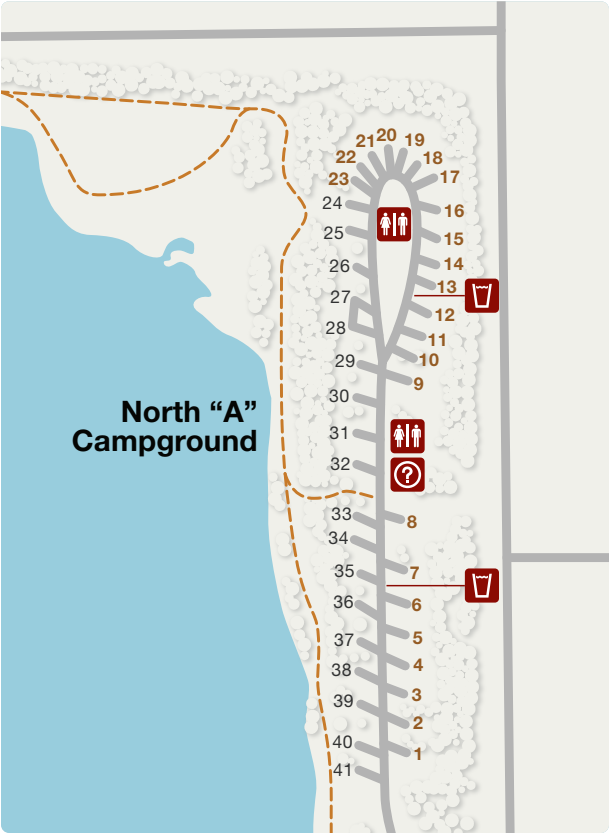
Emergency (RCMP, Fire, Ambulance)
Phone: 911



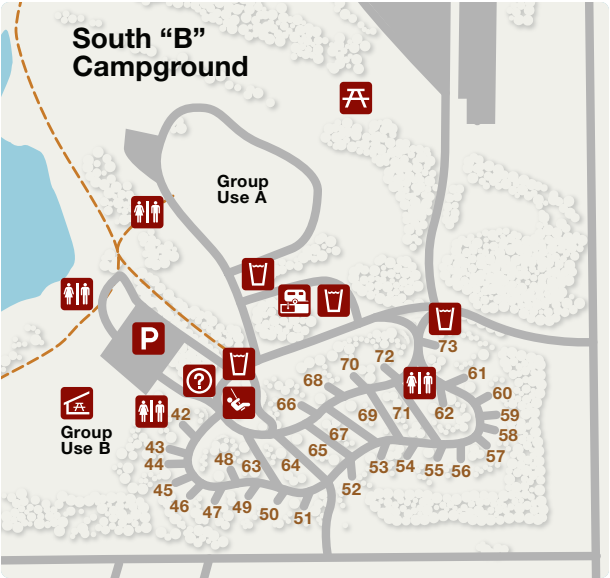
Park Lake park map



Park Lake was one of Alberta's first provincial parks formed in 1932



North "A" campground map



South "B" campground map

To enjoy Park Lake and share it with others, please remember to:

- Watch your children at all times.
- Obey the speed limit on all park roads (30 km/hour) and on the lake (12 km/hour).
- If you have a dog, please read the Dogs at Park Lake section of this guide.
- Separate your waste and use the appropriate garbage and recycling bins.
- Water is a precious resource at Park Lake. Please conserve water during your stay.
- Before putting your boat into the water, check it for aquatic invasive species such as quagga and zebra mussels or Eurasian watermilfoil. Clean, Drain and Dry your boat before you depart.
- Reserve your campsite ahead of time on reserve.albertaparks.ca or by calling 1-877-537-2757.
- Visit our campground hosts if you have any questions or check albertaparks.ca.



American white pelican

Park Lake Provincial Park





White admiral butterfly

Welcome to Park Lake Provincial Park

An irrigation reservoir built in 1929 provides the setting for Alberta’s first Provincial Park! Established in 1932 due to popular demand for the local beach and water sport opportunities, Park Lake is still a well-known gathering place for locals who are seeking a nearby getaway and pleasant oasis for visitors traveling through. The lake provides water for thousands of acres of farmland in southern Alberta, and along with surrounding wetlands and prairie, provide a refuge for many migrating birds, habitat for breeding birds and other wildlife. Significant plant species, such as the western blue flag and other prairie plants are also found in the park.

Driving Directions

From Lethbridge (paved) NW 17 km
16 minutes

Travel west on Hwy 3; take ramp right, north onto Hwy 25 toward Picture Butte. Travel on Hwy 25 until it veers northeast, then turn left to continue north on Range Road 222. Follow the signs to Park lake Provincial Park: turn left (west) onto Township Road 100; travel on Township Road 100 which curves north and becomes Range Road 223; turn left (west) into Park Lake Provincial Park.

From Fort McLeod (paved) NE 43 km
30 minutes

Travel east on Hwy 3 and follow signs; exit left (north) at sign onto Kipp Rd (Township Road 94); turn left (north) onto Hwy 25 until it veers northeast; turn left (north) onto Range Road 222 and follow signs to Park Lake Provincial Park.



American goldfinch

Camping

Park Lake Provincial Park has two well-developed campgrounds and two group use areas with power and basic sites designed for the larger recreational vehicle. Campsites and group use areas are available by reservation. Firewood and food is available from the concession during the summer months. Sewage disposal is available.

North Campground
By Reservation Only

Campsites are primarily under the shade of a mature cottonwood grove, near the lake. Sites A1–23 are power sites and A24–41 are basic sites. Fire pits are in each campsite; potable water and pit toilets are available for use nearby.

South Campground
By Reservation Only

This camping loop has larger powered sites, several pull through sites, lots of planted trees, a playground and is only a short walk to the lake. All sites B42–73 are powered sites. Fire pits are in each campsite; potable water and pit toilets are available for use nearby.

Group Camp
By Reservation Only

Group Use A and Group Use B are located along the lake, south of the entrance. Each can accommodate up to 25 units no longer than 40 feet in length. Each group use area is equipped with fire pits, potable water, pit toilets and a group shelter that has electricity, barbeque pit or woodstove. Group Use A has 6 powered sites and power in the shelter; Groups Use B has no powered sites; but power in the shelter.

Bird Watching

Myriads of birds are seen year after year at the park. Be on the lookout for the snow-white guardian of Park Lake’s reservoir, the pelican. Listen for the familiar wetland sound of the cackling red-winged blackbird; watch for the sun coloured American goldfinch, the curious looking sora and the dumpling-sized house wren.

Picnics, Water Sports and Fun

Enjoy a picnic under the cottonwoods, a walk around the lake or get out onto the water to enjoy swimming and boating at our unsupervised beach. Or find a quiet spot and watch birds or fish for perch, walleye, sauger, whitefish, burbot, trout, and northern pike.

A boat launch, ramp and pier, sewage disposal station, fish cleaning stands, pit toilets, fire pits, picnic shelters and tables, change rooms and a concession are available in the park for your convenience.

Dogs at Park Lake

Keep your dog happy, healthy and respectful of other visitors and wildlife.

- Whether your dog is friendly or shy, please be aware of and support other peoples’ comfort zone with respect to dogs.
- When they poop, you scoop!
- Dogs must be on leash no more than 2 m long, supervised and under control at all times.
- For public health reasons, dogs are not permitted in public buildings, on beaches or in designated swimming areas, with the exception for certified service dogs.
- Never leave your dog unattended in your campsite or in a vehicle on warm or hot days. Keep dogs inside your tent or camper at night, wildlife moves at night.

- Always feed your dog while you are there, and put dish away immediately. Food left out attracts wildlife.
- Please help protect wildlife and their habitat by keeping your dog under control at all times.
- Give your dog plenty of shade and drinking water and encourage them to wag more and bark less. Quiet hours are 11 pm–7 am.
- Remember, while you are in a public place, you are an ambassador for all dog owners! Please role model park rules.

Education Programs

Park Lake Provincial Park is an excellent location to hold wetlands ecosystem education. Only minutes from Lethbridge, the lakeshore has several locations suitable for outdoor learning activities. With parking and nearby kitchen shelters, washrooms and campfire opportunities under a shady grove of cottonwoods, our day use areas are great mid-week staging area for your outdoor classroom. For more information, assistance with planning your own activities, or visit the permit portal on albertaparks.ca, or email swparks@gov.ab.ca.

