

Blackfoot Regional Park Development Plan 2020-2024



Blackfoot Regional Park Vision:

Blackfoot Regional Park invites people to explore the natural splendor of the Peace River in a rustic, quiet and family-friendly forest campground with trails and river access. The park will be a place for many great adventures and memories. Visitors will have the opportunity to get away into nature, while still enjoying basic comforts in their home away from home.

Goals:

Increase Park Amenities:

- Enhance park attraction by providing a greater variety of amenities that appeal to a wide range of campers.
- Expand and service campsites in a phased manner.
- Focus development on key park areas to maintain surrounding natural landscapes that are valued by visitors.

Maintain Park Character:

- Ensure future park improvements align with the rural and rustic feeling that is valued by park users.
- Retain and enhance trees and natural vegetation over the long-term.
- Develop amenities that appear timeless and robust, allowing them to feel in character with the park for years to come.

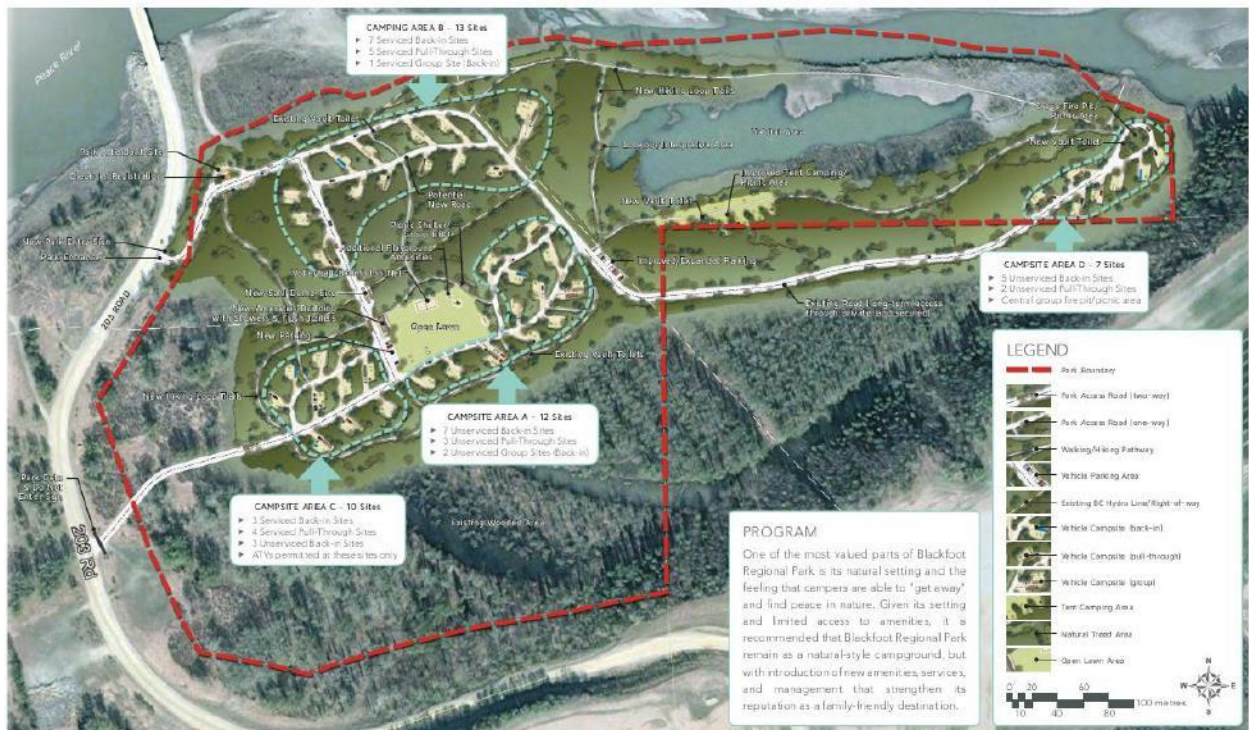
Address Safety & User Conflicts:

- Make physical and operational park improvements to encourage a family-friendly atmosphere and discourage disruptive activities.
- Consider addition of a seasonal park attendant to provide a higher standard of experience.

Plan for Economic Sustainability:

- Ensure increased operational costs can be balanced with revenue generation.
- Increase information available to encourage more users to visit and enjoy the park.
- Encourage use of the park by groups or for events.

Park Map with Proposed Upgrades



Capital Projects

Note: The following estimated costs have been based on costs provided in the Blackfoot Regional Park Plan (2018) and include a 30% contingency and 15%-30% to account for design, engineering, and administration fees. Upon annual review, costs will be adjusted based on actual costs of working at the Park.

2020

Major Capital Projects:

- Create serviced campsite Area 'C' includes 10 new serviced sites, road running parallel to current access road, accessible vault toilets **\$90,000**
 - o Road creation (tree removal, mulching, excavation, laying cloth, putting in fill)
 - o Campsite creation (tree removal, mulching, excavation, laying cloth, putting in fill)
 - o Accessible Vault Toilets (build, install tank, install toilet on tank)
 - o New bear proof garbage receptacles
- Complete caretaker shack with furniture and finishes **\$16,500**
 - **Total Cost for Major Capital Projects 2020 - \$106,500**

Minor Capital Projects:

- Install updated signage (stop signs, speed limit signs, park map, trail markers, new park welcome sign) **\$12,000**
- Replace fire rings - **\$1,000**
- Replace picnic tables - **\$6,000**
- Install fencing around campsite attendant compound - **\$4,000**
- Replace Bear Proof Garbage Bins - **\$10,000**
- Update Cement Outhouses - **\$6,000**
- Develop trail network further including revegetation for three trail alignments - **\$24,000**
- Install gates at entrances - **\$5,000**
 - **Total Cost for Minor Capital Projects 2020 - \$68,000**

2021

Major Capital Projects:

- At activity area, add in picnic shelter and BBQ area - **\$101,000**
 - **Total Cost for Major Capital Projects 2021 - \$101,000**

Minor Capital Projects:

- At activity area, add in sand court area for volleyball or badminton. - \$8,000
- Develop signage to improve traffic flow making some roads one way only - \$2,000
- Purchase and plant 20 mature evergreen trees to revegetate newly developed areas and in places where poplars have been removed due to safety concerns \$4,000
- Develop trail around Campsite Area 'C' - \$8,000
- Continue to make improvements to the trail system (Lookout Trail, Lookout to Tenting Area, Area 'B' to Playground) - \$8,000
- Rework road within campsite area 'A' to remove spur road and improve traffic flow - \$16,000
- Add day-use parking at or around activity area - \$9,000
- Add parking for access to tenting area - \$16,000
 - Total Cost for Minor Capital Projects 2021 - \$71,000

2022

Major Capital Projects:

- Playground – Standalone Equipment – \$40,000
- Improve Campsite Area 'A' near to the activities area - \$99,000
 - Total Cost for Major Capital Projects 2022 - \$139,000

Minor Capital Projects

- Develop tenting area sites - \$32,000
- Install Outhouse at Tenting Area - \$15,000
- Develop trail from tenting area sites to campsite area 'D' - \$16,000
- Purchase and plant 20 mature evergreen trees to revegetate newly developed areas and in places where poplars have been removed due to safety concerns \$4,000
 - Total Cost for Minor Capital Projects 2022 - \$67,000

2023

Major Capital Projects:

- Add interpretive and educational features where available throughout the park to relay information about the flora, fauna, history and heritage of the area, and details about the Peace River. - \$34,000

- Develop Campsite Area 'D' - \$95,000
 - Total Cost for Major Capital Projects 2023 - \$129,000

Minor Capital Projects:

- Purchase and plant 20 mature evergreen trees to revegetate newly developed areas and in places where poplars have been removed due to safety concerns \$4,000
- Install outhouse at Campsite Area 'D' – \$15,000
 - Total Cost for Minor Capital Projects 2023 - \$19,000

2024

Minor Capital Projects:

- Purchase and plant 20 mature evergreen trees to revegetate newly developed areas and in places where poplars have been removed due to safety concerns \$4,000
 - Total Cost for Minor Capital Projects 2024 - \$4,000

Operational Projects

2020

- Continue to identify and work towards the installation of a boat launch in or around Blackfoot Regional Park.
- Hire park attendant, who will assist with park maintenance, provide guest services, enforce park rules, provide marketing support and keep record of;
 - o Who is camping where
 - o Length of stay
 - o Whether power is being used
- Camping should be free for 2020, but will publicize that beginning in 2021 there will be a fee for camping.
- Investigate internet and online booking system for 2021 camping season.

2021

- Continue to identify and work towards the installation of a boat launch in or around Blackfoot Regional Park.
- Work with adjacent land owner to formalize agreement to use the park access road to campsite area 'D'
- Park Attendant will continue to assist with park maintenance, provide guest services, enforce park rules, provide marketing support, keep record of campers, and collect fees.

2022

- Continue to identify and work towards the installation of a boat launch in or around Blackfoot Regional Park.
- Park Attendant will continue to assist with park maintenance, provide guest services, enforce park rules, provide marketing support, keep record of campers, and collect fees.

2023

- Continue to identify and work towards the installation of a boat launch in or around Blackfoot Regional Park.
- Develop amenity building with flush toilets and showers.
- Park Attendant will continue to assist with park maintenance, provide guest services, enforce park rules, provide marketing support, keep record of campers, and collect fees.

2024

- Continue to identify and work towards the installation of a boat launch in or around Blackfoot Regional Park.
- Evaluate whether there is a need for sani-dump service.
- Park Attendant will continue to assist with park maintenance, provide guest services, enforce park rules, provide marketing support, keep record of campers, and collect fees.