

APPENDIX A  
POTENTIAL REGIONAL PARKS

The expansion of the Regional Park system is necessary to meet the vision, goals and objects identified within this Master Plan. At any time in which a potential future Regional Park site is considered that process will involve public and stakeholder input along with First Nations consultation and will be presented to the Regional Board for consideration. Through the: Needs & Wants survey, the Open House events, input from various stakeholders and consultation with the Regional Parks and Trails Advisory Committee; a list of suggested Regional Park locations has been compiled for the Master Plan. The sites within the list are ideas only. They have not been located on a map, they have not been reviewed with the Acquisition Criteria listed above nor has there been a site inspection. They are simply a collection of the ideas of the residents of the PRRD. The sites demonstrate the variety and uniqueness found throughout the Regional District and are shown in alphabetical order. Below is a list of sites by name provided through the consultation process.

The majority of potential park sites occur on land that is not owned by the PRRD, for example, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) accesses to the rivers. Acquiring selected sites for development as regional parks requires a License of Occupation with MoTI permitting PRRD to construct facilities and operate them for park and recreation purposes. Other sites may be under the jurisdiction of other provincial agencies and long term licenses or lease will need to be negotiated with them in a similar fashion.

### **Location Details**

#### **1. Bear Mountain/Radar Lake**

- Close to Dawson Creek in **Electoral Area D**
- Already looked after by both a cross country ski club for the ski trails and a snowmobile club for the snowmobile trails
- Hiking trail along windmills
- Location of Bear Mountain Community Forest which is a designated BC Rec Site

#### **2. Beaton**

- The same place as the previous regional park that was returned to the crown in 2009 for safety and maintenance reasons.
- Located within Electoral Area B

#### **3. Bickford - Chetwynd**

- Mentioned in Advisory Committee meeting

#### **4. Bullmoose Marches**

- Located by Tumbler Ridge
- Trail networks in the area are currently developed
- Located within Electoral Area E

#### **5. Cameron Lake**

- Located between Chetwynd and Hudson's Hope west of Hwy 28.
  - Now maintained by Hudson's Hope.
  - The RD did carry out some improvements approximately 25-30 years ago
  - This area is heavily used by locals and tourists
- 6. Charlie Lake Caves**
- Located on private lands and visible from the highway
  - Cave property purchased by three local first nations
  - Site protected under the BC *Heritage Conservation Act*
  - Located within Electoral Area C
- 7. Cecil Lake;**
- Located within **Electoral Area B**
  - Considered as a potential regional park in the 1977 Parks Plan but the lake is considered environmentally as a highly sensitive lake
  - Could be developed as a park with low impact uses and minimal development
  - Advisory committee suggested bird watching stand
- 8. Copeland Beach**
- Comments from public: "this is the best beach on the Beaton River"
  - Removed from the PRRD parks list in 20\_\_ due to insufficient access and adjacent land owner concerns.
- 9. Dokie Road;**
- West of Chetwynd.
  - Site at the end of Dokie Road on the north side of the Pine River before the crossing (which was a bridge at one time)
  - Located within Electoral Area E
- 10. East Pine area**
- Located across the river from the East Pine Provincial park
  - Located within **Electoral Area E**
  - Could complement provincial park
  - A well-used informal area
  - Advisory committee suggested east pine boat launch as joint initiative
- 11. Flatbed Tracks area including the Flatbed Falls;**
- Located within the **District of Tumbler Ridge**
  - Already looked after by the local hiking group, Wolverine Nordic & Mountain Society who developed the trails with help from the District of TR
  - Site and trails are designated BC Rec Site & Trail
- 12. German Lake**
- Located in the right along the Alberta/BC border northeast of Cecil Lake
  - Located within Electoral Area B
- 13. Gundy (Brown's Pit) Trails**
- Identified in the new South Peace Fringe Area OCP as a supported park or recreation area
  - Already used by ATV group and local horse club
  - At caves put stairs and sign there

- Located within **Electoral Area D**
  - Tim looked into cave site. It lies within MoTI lands but Tim feels it is a good, interesting site to consider.
- 14. Half-way Graham;**
- A designated BC Rec Site
  - Located within **Electoral Area B**
- 15. Hart Lake & Chetwynd**
- Road side stops
  - Mentioned in Advisory Committee meeting
- 16. Heat Vents**
- Located within the **District of Hudson's Hope;**
  - Potential to be developed in partnership with Hudson's Hope
  - A designated BC Rec trail
- 17. Ivor Johnson**
- located in the community of Hasler (just west of Chetwynd) in Rural OCP
  - previously parkland within the Regional District parks inventory
- 18. Murray Lake**
- Suggestion to develop as a water access only park;
  - Located within Electoral Area D
- 19. 'Old Fort Site' at Fort St. John;**
- Below the FSJ lookout
  - Has significant historical value
  - Is already a well-known site
  - Located within Electoral Area C
- 20. Old Nelson Crossing**
- North side of triangle RD
  - Boat landing at Clayhurst bridge a short distance away
- 21. Parkland Road**
- End of road at swimming area
  - Mentioned in Advisory Committee meeting
- 22. Pinnacle Ridge/Quality Lake;**
- A designated BC Rec trail (*Quality Falls is a designated BC Rec Trails*)
  - An isolated area
- 23. Pine River**
- dinosaur tracks on ridge
  - downstream from the East Pine bridge on east shore (Barbara Reis knows the exact location)
  - there is some kind of reserve on the land that was put on in the 1960's
- 24. Sheardale area**
- riverboat landing
  - at the confluence of the Kiskatinaw & Peace rivers
  - access is limited and even restricted due to slide activity over access roads
- 25. Tepee Falls;**

- Located within **Electoral Area E**
- Already looked after by the local hiking group, Wolverine Nordic & Mountain Society
- A designated BC Rec trail

**26. Windfall Lake**

- Mentioned in Advisory Committee meeting