

FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

PARK NOTES

Spring Safety Tips

Fish Creek Provincial Park is an idyllic place to watch winter melt into spring. The change of seasons causes vast differences to temperature, landscape and wildlife, offering a dazzling display of biodiversity. Be sure to review these safety tips for a safe and enjoyable visit to the park.

Wildlife Safety

In the spring, many species of wildlife are migrating home, awakening from hibernation and having their offspring. In provincial parks, it is unlawful to feed, disturb or chase wild animals. Remember to watch wildlife from a safe and respectful distance.

The red sided and wandering garter snakes will emerge from their hibernaculum in the spring. Please do not attempt to pick up or harass the snakes as they are an important part of the ecosystem. Although harmless, a garter snake will defend itself if provoked by biting or emitting an offensive odour.



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If you find an “abandoned” hare or deer baby, refrain from moving it. The parents often will leave their young camouflaged and safe from danger as they forage for food. If you find an animal injured or in distress, please call our main office (403) 297-5293 and we will facilitate an appropriate response to the situation.

Spring Runoff and Melting Snow



During the spring, melting snow and precipitation contribute to high water levels and increase the velocity of creeks and rivers. For your own safety, please stay clear of the creek, river and wetland water bodies. Banks may be slippery or unstable due to erosion.

Always keep your dogs on-leash to prevent them from swimming and drinking the water. Wetland and creek water may carry parasites, such as giardia or other hidden hazards, that may be harmful to you and your pet.

Hazards in the Park

As temperatures fluctuate in the spring, snow may melt and refreeze on the pathways, creating potential slipping hazards. Be cautious in shaded areas where ice is likely to persist late into spring.

With the warming weather, potentially hazardous objects may be uncovered by the thaw. Please stay on the designated trails. If you encounter large discarded materials, hanging tree limbs or old fence posts please contact the park (403) 297-5293.



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