



PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BACK-COUNTRY CABINS IN LAKELAND PROVINCIAL PARK (LPP)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Alberta Parks asking for public input on?

Alberta Parks is asking for the public's input on a proposal to build five rustic back-country cabins within Lakeland Provincial Park (LPP).

2. Where is LPP?

Lakeland Provincial Park is located approximately 30 km east of the Town of Lac La Biche and about 250 km northeast of Edmonton.

3. Where in LPP will the proposed cabins be located?

The proposed cabins will be located on Jackson Lake Isthmus, which is a narrow strip of land between Jackson and Kinnaird Lakes in Lakeland Provincial Park. This location is in the same area as the current back-country camping sites (see map).

By placing the proposed cabins among existing back-country campsites, Alberta Parks will be able to limit the environmental impact and focus overnight use to one area. Since the proposed site for the cabins is an active back-country campsite, it already includes fire pits, bear-proof containers and throne toilets. The proposed cabins will therefore be built on pre-existing footprint reducing environmental impacts.

4. Why does Alberta Parks want to build backcountry cabins in LLP?

Alberta Parks' made a commitment in the *Plan for Parks* to create additional recreational opportunities for Albertans and to generate opportunities to upgrade and develop additional campgrounds and facilities. Currently, there are no backcountry cabins offered by Alberta Parks in the northeast region of Alberta. The back-country offers visitors the opportunity of a genuine wilderness experiences. At the same time, Alberta Parks understands that not all visitors prefer to or are able to have a tenting experience. To help address this gap, it was determined that LPP would be a good location for the development of back-country cabins.

5. What will the proposed cabins look like?

The cabins are designed to be rustic with some modern amenities. They will be simple one-room cabins 16 ft. X 24 ft. in size, with solid walls and an attached covered deck. The total size of the cabins, including the attached covered deck, is approximately 16 ft. x 32 ft. in size. The cabins will be able to accommodate up to six people per cabin. Each cabin will be furnished with two bunk beds, a table,

chairs and a wood stove (see photo). The existing back-country campsite includes fire pits, outhouses, bear-proof containers and throne toilets.

6. What are the impacts of the proposed cabins to historical resources and the environment?

The proposed location of the cabins was assessed at Jackson Lake Isthmus during September 2013. A historical resources impact assessment, a rare plant study and an environmental assessment were conducted. No artifacts were found in shovel testing at the proposed locations. No rare plants were identified, and the environmental assessment judged that there would be low impact to the environment, as the cabins will be located away from the shoreline on a pre-existing (already developed) footprint. The construction will cause minimal disturbance since it is a pre-existing footprint.

7. How and what seasons can the proposed cabins be accessed?

The proposed cabins will be accessible during the spring, summer and fall by canoe, boat or by hiking the trail into the isthmus. Use of All-Terrain Vehicles on the trail is not permitted. Wintertime access by snowmobile or snow-shoeing the trail into the isthmus may be permitted depending on staff availability during the winter season as well as appropriate trail conditions.

8. If the proposed cabins are built, how will someone be able to book one?

Eventually the cabins will be booked online through Reserve Alberta Parks, however, until that time visitors will be able to make bookings over the phone by calling the Lakeland District Office in Lac La Biche at 780-623-5235.

9. What happens after the consultation period ends?

A decision regarding the proposal will be made after the 60-day public consultation period is over and all comments have been considered. Public feedback gathered during this consultation will be considered along with site management, historical and environmental reviews before making a final decision on this proposal.

A summary of public comments and the resulting proposed action(s) will be posted on our website <http://www.albertaparks.ca/consult> after July 7th, 2014.

10. If the decision is made to proceed with the back-country cabins, when will construction begin?

Cabin construction will most likely start in the summer of 2014.

11. How can I comment on this proposal?

Alberta Parks wants to hear from you. Send in your comments, suggestions, and concerns by clicking on the online comment link below, or by sending an email or by mailing in your feedback to the appropriate address outlined below. Comments will be collected until July 7th, 2014.

Online: [Online Form](#)

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12. Who can I contact for further information on the proposed cabins?

If you would like further information about the proposed back-country cabins at LLP, please call Kelly Kennedy, Community Relations Planner at 780-623-5477 or by email at Kelly.L.Kennedy@gov.ab.ca