

Frequently Asked Questions



Bridge Replacement Impacts on Smoky River South Provincial Recreation Area Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is Smoky River South Provincial Recreation Area?

Smoky River South Provincial Recreation Area (PRA) is located on Highway 40 near the Town of Grande Cache along the shore of the Smoky River.

2. What is the project?

Alberta Transportation is undertaking bridge replacement on Highway 40 North at the Smoky River crossing beginning in 2017.

3. What are the project details?

As part of the bridge replacement three hectares (0.03 square kilometres) of previously disturbed land within Smoky River South PRA will be transferred to Alberta Transportation to accommodate bridge realignment. Bridge construction will require the new bridge to shift 20-metres east of the existing bridge, which requires additional construction of 750 metres of roadway. The land transfer and bridge construction will require public access to the PRA to be reconfigured to ensure access routes to the day use area, campground, and staff accommodation are maintained. The total area of the PRA will be reduced by approximately three hectares from its current 79.55 hectares land base.

4. How will construction impact visitors to the PRA?

Temporary access restrictions will be experienced while access routes into the PRA are re-established. Timing of access restrictions has not been determined. Noise from construction may also impact the visitor experience.

Additional details will be posted as new information becomes available at:

<http://www.albertaparks.ca/smoky-river-south/>

5. When is construction completed?

Depending on weather conditions, construction is expected to be complete in late fall 2018.

6. Will the PRA be open for camping and day use activities?

With the exception of temporary access restrictions that might arise during construction, Alberta Parks does not anticipate changes to current operations at the PRA, including group camping and day use activities.

7. Who should I contact for more information?

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