

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

LAKELAND PROVINCIAL PARK

Trails, Staging, and Canoe Circuit Refurbishment

Where is the work occurring?

Work is occurring at various locations throughout Lakeland Provincial Park (Lakeland PP). Please refer to the enclosed map for where you may encounter closures.

What is the project?

As part of the project Alberta Forestry and Parks plans to:

- Refurbish trails, portages, and docks to improve designated canoe circuit network connectivity through Jackson, Kinnaird, Blackett, and McGuffin Lakes.
- Refurbish the Jackson Lake Trail from the Jackson Lake Trail Staging PRA to the Jackson-Kinnaird Isthmus.
- Refurbish the Mosquito Lake Trail from McGuffin Lake to the Jackson-Kinnaird Isthmus.
- Upgrade a construction/maintenance access trail from the Shaw Lake Staging Area to the Mosquito Lake Trail near McGuffin Lake.
- Reconstruct the Amisk Bridge.
- Reconstruct the Isthmus Bridge, boardwalk, and trail.
- Armor select sections of the Jackson Lake shoreline to mitigate erosion.
- Refurbish campsites and camping amenities at Jackson Lake East, Jackson Lake South, and Kinnaird Lake North.
- Upgrade site features including firepits, picnic tables, toilet facilities, etc. at Jackson Lake East, Jackson Lake South, and Kinnaird Lake North campsites.
- Upgrade wayfinding and information signage.
- Achieve operational and maintenance efficiencies.

Why is Alberta Forestry and Parks completing this refurbishment project?

The Alberta Government is committed to improving high-traffic recreational areas across the province. This project will ensure the infrastructure at Lakeland PP meets current standards and supports positive visitor experiences.

In an effort to mitigate on-going site challenges and address patterns of use, the scheduled work occurring at Lakeland PP will aim to improve the visitor experience, reduce ecological impacts, improve public and wildlife safety, and address maintenance and operational efficiencies.

What are the operation and maintenance efficiencies being created?

The refurbished trails, bridges, docks, and shoreline protection will provide the following operation and maintenance efficiencies:

- Improved level of service due to improved accessibility to campsites for management / regular servicing.
- The upgrade of campsites to Alberta Parks standards, including improving accessibility to some sites (ease of managing / maintaining campsites).
- Raised tread trail design to reduce the number of boardwalk trail sections, increasing the life of the trail and reducing the level of maintenance required.
- Shoreline protection to reduce erosion due to wave and ice action and fluctuating water levels. Increasing the level of safety and accessibility at the Jackson Lake East, Jackson Lake South, and Kinnaird Lake North campsites as well as the life of the trail along the Jackson-Kinnaird isthmus
- Efficiencies in accessing areas of the park over the two reconstructed bridges

What does the area closure include and how long will construction take?

Construction is expected to occur in various different locations within the Park between October 2024 through May 2026.

Refer to the attached area closure map for additional details on active advisories of construction closures.

Visitors looking for camping alternatives can call the Alberta Parks Information Line at 1-877-537-2757.

***DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

What measures are in place to minimize impacts to the environment?

An environmental assessment report was completed for the project and reviewed by a qualified Biologist . Actions such as Rare Plant Surveys and Wildlife/nest Sweeps were completed as part of the planning phase and will also occur again prior to work beginning to ensure wildlife and critical habitats are not adversely impacted. The work will also comply with the requirements of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada as well as regulations of the Water Act (Alberta).

What are alternative camping options in Lakeland Provincial Park?

There are a wide range of camping opportunities available at Lakeland Provincial Park and within the adjacent Lakeland Provincial Recreation Area that are not affected by this construction project.

How does this construction affect my trip to Lakeland Provincial Park?

Lakeland PP will be open during the duration of construction, alternate access may be required when planning your trip. Plan your trip ahead of time, review the Alberta Parks website for site specific advisories. Or call the Alberta Parks Information Line at 1-877-537-2757 for more information.