

County of Barrhead – Campground & Outdoor Amenities Closed in Response to COVID-19

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Barrhead, April 22, 2020 – With the safety and health of the County of Barrhead residents and our community in mind, all County of Barrhead campgrounds and outdoor amenities are temporarily **CLOSED** until May 19, 2020. These restrictions are in alignment with those imposed by Alberta Parks. The County will continue to monitor the situation and follow protocols laid out by Alberta Health Services (AHS).

Facility closures include municipal campgrounds and associated amenities including but not limited to parking lots, washroom facilities, boat launches, picnic shelters, cooking shelters, picnic sites and fish cleaning stations. Citizens are asked to refrain from utilizing these amenities immediately as the County works to close access.

The following municipal outdoor recreational facilities affected by the closure:

- Peanut Lake and all amenities
- Holmes Crossing Recreation Area and all amenities
- Dolberg Lake Campground and all amenities
- Klondike Ferry Park and all amenities
- Klondike Park washroom facilities, education center and boat launch
- Mission Park Boat Launch at South end of Lac La Nonne (includes washroom facilities)

"We appreciate that the news of these closures is disappointing," said County Manager and Director of Emergency Management, Debbie Oyarzun. "The safety of our residents and County staff is a priority. Please help the County of Barrhead make these public safety measures be as effective as possible by respecting signage and not entering these spaces."

As provincial campgrounds are also closed, Bylaw Enforcement Officers will be patrolling public spaces to ensure compliance with Provincial and municipal directives. Fines may be issued.

Provincial message is to stay close to home to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

County of Barrhead thanks you for your continued understanding and cooperation during these unprecedented times. If we all continue to do our part, we can get out of this sooner and start enjoying our beautiful, outdoor natural resources.

Visit County of Barrhead's COVID-19 page often for updates.

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