



Cottage Newsletter 2005

Greetings from Superintendent Rod Blair

As Field Unit Superintendent for Prince Albert and Elk Island National Parks, I would like to welcome you back to Prince Albert National Park for another great summer season. After a long winter, I'm sure you are anxious to get back to the cottage and enjoy all that the park has to offer.

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Administration Office Hours

The administration office is open Monday - Friday:

- ! 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- ! 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact Coralee Vaillancourt for:

- ! information regarding the cottage area
- ! building permits for construction/renovation work for cottages, decks and sheds
- ! tree permits for the removal of dead, diseased or dangerous trees.

Please obtain the proper permits/approval before carrying out any work on your lot.

Cottage Season

The 2005 cottage season runs from April 1 through October 31. **Weather will dictate when water lines will be opened. Our utilities crew will work hard to ensure lines are open as soon as possible.**

New Procedures for Building Inspections

There have been some changes to the inspection process for developments for cottages. Parks Canada will no longer be providing building inspection services. Cottage owners will be required to use certified building inspectors or engineers/architects for Framing and Final Inspections. More information as well as standardized inspection report forms are available from the townsite office.

Leaves/brush disposal

Cottage owners whose lots adjoin Highway 263 on Prospect Point should be aware that leaves/brush should no longer be piled along Highway 263 for pick-up by Parks Canada staff. Leaves and brush should be piled along Prospect Road instead to increase safety of those picking up the leaves/brush as well as those driving on Highway 263.

Construction Waste Disposal

Cottage owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to dispose of construction waste at an approved landfill. Large piles of construction waste or other material placed in front of dumpsters is unsightly and dangerous.

Recycling Depot

The Recycling Depot is located in the parking lot adjacent to the post office. The depot handles recyclable beverage containers, household paper, household metal, recyclable plastics, household cardboard and compost. Please note that animal parts, by-products and dairy products **should not** be placed in the compost bin. Compost is available for your use, please contact 663-4549 for more information.

Park User Fees

Some Parks Canada Agency fees are currently under review and may be revised during the 2005 season. Entry, Camping and Fishing permits are required year-round. During the winter season, all permits may be purchased at the Information desk in the Administration building.

Fire Pits

As enjoyable as it is to sit around a campfire, the close proximity of cottages and other buildings contribute to the risk of a major structural fire occurring in the Waskesiu Townsite. As per the Superintendent's directive regarding fire receptacles/open fires in the Waskesiu Townsite, all fire pits within Waskesiu require a valid **Fire Permit**. Any person or persons attempting to kindle, renew or maintain any fire to burn in the open without a Fire Permit will be charged under the National Parks Act. **Fire Permit applications are available at the townsite office.**

Dogs/Pets

If you reside in the park for longer than 30 days per year, you must purchase a permit from the administration office for your pet. For the comfort and safety of the general public and protection of wildlife, your pet must be under physical control at all times and on a leash less than 3 metres in length. We invite you to enjoy the park's dog friendly beaches:

- ! west of the breakwater and south to Murphy's Bay (Kingfisher Trail)
- ! between Orchid Street (in front of subdivision 3) and Beaver Glen Beach



Hazardous Materials

There will be a hazardous material drop off at the park compound on May 22 & 23rd and September 4 & 5th. Hazardous materials may also be taken to approved hazardous waste disposal sites. The landfill on Highway #2 is not approved for hazardous materials.

Managing Wildlife in Waskesiu

Bears are drawn to food and garbage. Bears that become habituated to humans and their garbage are more often than not destroyed through no fault of their own. Please:

- ! pick up garbage and dispose of it properly
- ! do not leave food unattended outside.

Proper food and garbage storage greatly reduces human/bear conflicts. Contact the Resource Conservation Section at 663-4532 to report any bear conflicts.

Elk have become habituated in Waskesiu. To increase public safety and reduce the probability of human/elk conflict, the park is conducting a public awareness program and aversive conditioning of elk. You will receive more information about this program in the spring. Remember that all wildlife can be dangerous and should be respected. Give elk the space they need by staying at least 30 metres away. Females are most aggressive during May/June calving season and males are especially dangerous during the September/October rut. Please be careful in areas frequented by elk and keep an eye out for specific areas posted with caution signs.

Law Enforcement

The RCMP and Prince Albert National Park share the responsibility for law enforcement within the park.

Contact the RCMP at 663-4400 for all law enforcement matters involving public peace: alcohol-related offences, highway traffic offences, theft and vandalism.

Contact Park Wardens at 663-4532 for all matters involving protection of the park's natural resources (wildlife, fisheries, vegetation, wildfire, food/ garbage left unattended). Park Wardens are also the first contact for missing or overdue persons.

Call 911 in an emergency.

Boat/Trailer Parking

Due to numerous calls from concerned cottage owners that the townsite office receives every summer, we would like to remind owners that boats and trailers are to be stored in an approved location (your cottage lot or at storage facilities provided by the marina) and not on public streets or public easements. Boats and trailers stored on public streets and easements impede sight lines and cause congestion; they are a public safety hazard.

New Boat Launches

Did you know that new boat launch lanes at the main marina on Waskesiu Lake were completed in autumn 2004? The new boat launches are located closer to the breakwater where the water is deeper and where there is better protection from wind and waves. A new dock at the Narrows marina boat launch has been constructed as well.

The marina also boasts improved secure storage areas for boats and trailers. Contact the Waskesiu Marina for more information.

Overnight Moorage

Overnight mooring of watercraft is prohibited everywhere in PANP except at marinas and backcountry campgrounds (when camping). Several issues are associated with unauthorized mooring including increased soil compaction and vegetation damage leading to shoreline erosion; navigational hazards and increased damage to lake bottom features and adverse shoreline and lake view aesthetics.

www.waskesiu.org

The Waskesiu Community Council reminds you to check out their website for up-to-date information about Waskesiu including news, events, shopping...as well as useful links to other Waskesiu-related websites. Links to your company website, web hosting and web-page development services are also available. Visit www.waskesiu.org for information and to subscribe to the email list.

Management Planning Update

As a strategic and long-term guide, a management plan establishes a vision looking 15 or more years into the future. Its primary goal is to ensure there is a clearly defined direction for the maintenance or restoration of ecological integrity and, in the light of this primary goal, for guiding appropriate use. Management planning is under way in Prince Albert National Park in 2005. To learn more about the management planning process in 2005 and ways you can participate:

- Email: PANP.Plan@pc.gc.ca
 - Phone: 1-306-663-4500 - Option #7
 - Planning website: <http://www.geocities.com/wlhtp/panp-page1g-e.html>
- • Drop by the Information Centre

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