

2018
Jurisdictional Scan: Accessible Campsites

How does your jurisdiction approach campsite accessibility?

| JURISDICTION | REPLIED | YES/NO | CONTACT NAME |
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| B.C PARKS | X | | |
| ALBERTA PARKS | X | | |
| SASKATCHEWAN PARKS | Inquiring Jurisdiction | N/A | Aaron Gerein |

COMMENTS:

Hi Dawn,
Sask is researching campsite accessibility across multiple jurisdictions to view how other provinces tackle accessible campsites. Aaron in our Facilities branch is looking for some contacts in other jurisdictions to touch base with.

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| MANITOBA PARKS | ✓ | N/A | N/A |
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COMMENTS:

Resources attached below

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| ONTARIO PARKS | X | | |
| SEPAQ (QUEBEC) | X | | |
| NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR PARKS | ✓ | N/A | Geoff Bailey |

COMMENTS:

First off, we don't have a lot of accessibility requests in Newfoundland and Labrador. Secondly, we don't have any campsites specifically held aside for accessibility requests. Due to the extensive nature and extent of possible accessibility issues/concerns we felt it was better if we let the clients self- identify or reserve their own campsites that they felt best suited their needs.

Our campsite reservation service is campsites specific and allows 100% of the campsites to be reserved in advance of arrival. The client selects their own campsite based on their requirements and facilities within a park. Park staff will do everything we can to further accommodate the client (i.e. move picnic tables or swap out a regular picnic table for a wheelchair accessible one, we have run extension cords from park facilities to accommodate the need for power in unserviced parks, we have moved clients to overflow areas, changed campsites, etc...)

If the client approaches our Division with a specific accessibility request prior to the campsite reservation service launch in the spring of the year we will hold/close a campsite based on their requirements and dates requested. This guarantees them a stay with us based on their

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| individual requirements. | | | |
| NOVA SCOTIA PARKS | X | | |
| PARKS NEW BRUNSWICK | ✓ | N/A | Josh Tompkins |
| <p>COMMENTS:</p> <p>We don't have a lot for dedicated accessible campsites here in NB – just 2 specific sites (198 & 199) at Mactaquac Provincial Park, https://parcsnbparks.ca/Mactaquac%2fCampground1%3fMap (link no longer active). These two sites have paved parking areas, with roll-up picnic tables and adjacent to an accessible washroom.</p> <p>We have requested for accessible sites throughout the system and are working on our policies as well. In the meantime, we're endeavouring to follow the principles of Universal Accessibility throughout our campgrounds and built env. In parks.</p> <p>Where our infrastructure was largely built in the 50's and 60's this usually means removing raised thresholds, building ramps and widening shower and toilet stalls wherever possible. Recently with shower stalls, when we undertake major comfort station reno's, we've installed 1 to 3-piece roll-in stalls that have integrated seat and stabilizer rails.</p> <p>We're slowly working towards making accessible adventure equipment – beach wheelchairs, sit-skiis and sledges - available in our parks. This is somewhat on the premise that we don't really need to build a distinct env. for persons with mobility concerns, but would be better off providing them the tools to make their adventure!</p> <p>I'm sure you're aware of it, but I'd be remiss to not highlight Alberta's fantastic work through their "Push to Open Nature" initiative and "Everyone Belongs Outside". Wherever possible I try to borrow from their success and push to emulate it here in NB.</p> | | | |
| P.E.I PARKS | X | | |
| GOVERNMENT OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES PARKS | X | | |
| NUNAVUT PARKS | X | | |
| YUKON PARKS | X | | |
| PARKS CANADA | X | | |

Response Rate: 3/13 for **23%**

Key Findings:

- There is a shift towards providing tools for campers of different abilities to engage in more of the park experience rather than altering the park environment.
- That being said, there is still an increasing focus on Universal design and access to basic needs.

- “Accessible” campsites were rather few and far between for Newfoundland & Labrador and New Brunswick.
- Alberta is a leader in this area, their “Push to Open Nature” and “Everyone Belongs Outside” initiatives are being used as goal markers.

Future Questions to Ask:

- Revisit this question in the future to see updates from respondents and capture more responses

Links to Resources:

- [Alberta Push to Open Initiative](#)
- [Alberta Everyone Belongs Outside Initiative](#)
- [Manitoba Accessible Campsites Policy](#)
- [City of Winnipeg Accessibility Design Standard](#)
- [International Best Practices in Universal Design](#)
- [Parks Canada Design for Accessible Outdoor Recreation Facilities](#)