

The Cypress Hills Destination Area “Off Season” Hours and Availability

Please see below for a full listing of all Parks and Business Operations for the Fall/Winter season. If not listed, the business is closed for the season.

..... CAMPING in Cypress Hills Saskatchewan

Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park – Saskatchewan

Fall Camping Opportunities

Camping is one of the most popular activities in a provincial park, no matter the season. However, as summer turns to fall, the operation of our camping system changes slightly. This page details everything you need to know about camping in a provincial park past the Labour Day long weekend.

Some parks offer reservations into the fall. Just like the summer season, the following campsites at these parks can be booked online or through our call centre (1-855-737-7275) in advance of your expected visit:

Cypress Hills	Meadows	Sept 23	1-12, 21-143
	Rainbow	Sept 23	1-3, 5-70
	Deer Hollow	Sept 23	1-35

Most parks also offer fall camping on a first-come/first-served, self-registration basis.

When one or more of the basic services (power, water, service centre, firewood, outdoor toilet) are unavailable, the camping rates for full-service, electric and non-electric campsites will be reduced by \$4. Economy and equestrian campsite rates are not typically reduced.

Park Administration Office -year round - (306) 662-5411

Private bookings available by calling (306) 662-5411

Email us at cypresshills@gov.sk.ca

or visit the Government of Saskatchewan website.

Park Office (year round) (306) 662-5411;

fax (306) 662-5482

Campground Online Reservations - www.saskparks.net/Reserve-A-site Toll-free

Campground Reservations Line: 1-855-737-7275

Admin/Campground Office hours:

September 4-30: Monday – Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm, Friday 8:00am-7:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm

October 1-October 7: Monday – Friday 8:00am-5:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00am-5:00pm

ACTIVITIES Cypress Hills Area:

Observatory Programs:

Saturday, September 9 – 9:00pm
Saturday, September 16 – 8:30pm
Saturday, September 23 – 8:00pm

Cypress Hills Segway Tours is open via appointment in September and October.

Call or text - 306.661.9070 Email - reservations@cypresshillssegwaytours.com

Goat Yoga at Grotto Gardens:

Every Sunday at 11am
Gift Store and Bakery Open Thursday – Sundays: 10am to 5pm

Fort Walsh National Historic Site: September 4 to September 29, 2018

Tuesday to Saturday, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Email us at fort.walsh@pc.gc.ca or visit the Fort Walsh official site at www.parkscanada.ca/walsh

Administration Office: (306) 662-2645; From Oct 01 to May 01

fax: (306) 662-2711

Historic Site: (306) 662-3590; From May 01 to Sept 30

Service en français Pendant les heures d'ouverture, un préposé francophone à l'information est à votre disposition.

T.Rex Discovery Centre – Eastend, SK

The Centre officially closes for the season on September 3rd, but as there is staff still in the building, they are available to host guests by appointment from September 4-30th, by calling 306-295-4009 (leave a message), or by emailing: trex.centre@gov.sk.ca

Old Man on His Back Nature Conservancy

Old Man on His Back Prairie Heritage and Conservation Area is now a Nocturnal Preserve! The Visitor Centre is open weekends from mid-May to the end of September (Sept 26th). For information on hours of operation, local travel conditions or to arrange a visit during the week, please call interpreter Alan Dumontel at 306.662.7809.

Northern Lights Vintage Spa:

Monday to Friday: 10:00am - 5:00pm. Saturday & After Hours: Prearrangement only

For appointments call: 306-661-7373

Note: Open Saturday Sept 15th (Cowboy Poetry in Maple Creek) from 10am to 5pm. (Save \$5 on a ½ hr Massage).

Maple Creek Golf Club – Maple Creek, SK

Open Daily until September 30, 2018. To book a tee time call: 306-662-2886

8:00 AM – Sunset

Green Fees – 9-holes: \$28.89 all fees included

Club Rentals

Set of Clubs | \$10

Driving Range

Bag of Balls | \$5

Bucket of Ball | \$8

9 Holes: \$27 + taxes and fees

18 Holes: \$36 + taxes and fees

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Jasper Lounge & Event Centre – Maple Creek, SK

Providing evening entertainment in the Cypress Hills Destination Area

Every Friday Night: Artist's Jam & Open Mic Night (9pm-12pm)

Every Saturday Night: Big Sound Karaoke (9pm-12pm)

Facility includes: Licensed Bar & Lounge; Specialty Coffees & Juices; Live Performance Stage; Gaming Room (11 VLTs); Reservation Party Rooms; Saloon Lounge – Front Deck; Golf Simulator Room, Pool Table; and Off-Sales Liquor Store.

Group bookings for Stags/Stagettes, Team Building, etc. available. Call: 306 662 2212 for more information.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 8th – Trivia Games Night

Sept 14th – Cowboy Poetry Friday Night Jam Session

Sept 27th – Jasper Pool Tournament

Oct 27th – Halloween Party

ACCOMMODATIONS Cypress Hills Area

The Resort at Cypress Hills – Cypress Hills Saskatchewan

A year-round four-season resort, all cabins, townhouses, and hotel rooms are available. Groups & Conferences, team building experiences, weddings and Christmas Parties can be booked by contacting Annette Schweitzer - groups@resortatcypresshills.ca

Fitness and Yoga Classes - Are available upon request. For more information, please contact Kim Eng at 306-662-4477 or email kim@resortatcypresshills.ca

Johnson Cultural Centre Retreat – Cypress Hills Saskatchewan

The Johnson Cultural Centre – Artists' Retreat offers a place to unwind in an idyllic setting where artists can pursue their work, cultivate their creativity in direct contact with nature in a restful and beautiful setting. Email: johnsonretreat@yahoo.com

The Elkwater Lake Lodge – Cypress Hills Alberta

Four-season resort, all cabins, townhouses, and hotel rooms available. Groups & Conferences as well as Christmas Parties can be booked by contacting Neeraj Mishra - info@elkwaterlakelodge.com
Or by calling 403-893-3811.

Buglers Restaurant (at Elkwater Lake Lodge):

Hours:

High Season: (Until Sept 16th): 7-days a week from 8:00am to 2Pm (Breakfast/Lunch) and from 5:00pm to 9:00pm (Dinner Service)

Low Season: September 17th-December 15th / January 1st-April 30th

*5-days a week (closed Mondays and Tuesdays).

*Wed-Fri: 8:00am to 11:00am (Breakfast) and from 5:00pm to 9:00pm (Dinner Service).

*Saturdays/Sundays: 8:00am to 2:00pm (Breakfast/Lunch) and from 5:00pm to 9:00pm (Dinner Service)

Christmas - December 16th-Dec 31st: High Season Hours

YMCA Camp Elkwater – Cypress Hills, Alberta

A fully winterized four-season rental facility awaits at YMCA Camp Elkwater. Rent individual cabins or the entire facility. It's the perfect places for: families, weddings, corporate groups, youth groups, crafting and fitness retreats, and other organizations, with the added capacity to offer food services and a wide range of specialized programming to enhance your Elkwater experience.

Joshua Falk

General Manager Community

YMCA of Medicine Hat, YMCA Downtown Branch

T: 403-527-4426 ext 119 M:

E: joshua.falk@medicinehatymca.ca

Visit us at: medicinehatymca.ca

YMCA Camp Elkwater is owned & operated by the Family YMCA of Medicine Hat.

Guesthouse 71

Close to Medicine Hat - Experience the country at Guesthouse 71. Located just 6.5 miles off of Highway 3, you can experience the peacefulness of the country while being just a short drive to the city. Whether you are exploring the Canadian Badlands, in Medicine Hat for business, enjoying a romantic getaway, or looking for a unique staycation — Guesthouse 71 can be your home away from home. Call: 403 866 1833 or email: dawna@guesthouse71.com

The Historic Reesor Ranch – Cypress Hills Saskatchewan (West Block)

Four season Bed & Breakfast & Horse Related Activities. (Note: Ranchhouse will be closed Sept 31st, all other accommodations (3 cabins, and Old Log Barn) remain open year-round).

Horseback riding, ATV Guided Tours and Wine in the West Tours as well as the Ranch Hall Grill open and available until September 30th.

Ranch Hall Grill available for special events and suppers.

Phone/Fax (306)662-3498 or email at: reesorranch@hotmail.com

<https://www.reesorranch.com/>

Can be booked for special occasions including Christmas parties, weddings, family reunions, groups and conferences as well as team building experiences.

Special Event: September 8th, 2018 [The Cypress Hills Alberta Wish Ride](http://www.visitcypresshills.ca/events/cypress-hills-wish-ride/)

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Horseshoe Haven – Consul, SK

This bright and fully contained 4 bedroom guesthouse is the perfect stay if you are traveling with horses or small pets! With corrals, a barn and a pasture it is the ideal spot to stay with your four-legged companions be it a day, a week or longer.

Call: 306 295 7876, or email: dreesor@luckyhorseshoe.ca

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ALTERNATIVE CAMPGROUNDS
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Willowbend Campground & Cabins – Maple Creek, SK

Power and Sewer available year-round. Site water dependent on weather, as temperatures fall, sections will be closed until such time as temperatures are consistently below freezing, at which time all water at individual sites will be shut down. There is still access to water to fill tanks year round.

Washrooms>Showers are both heated and remain open year-round if in use.

Cabins are four-season cabins open year round.

Call for reservations or more information: (306) 662-3006 e: jdchmilar@sasktel.net

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Gull Lake Campground – Gull Lake, SK

Open until September 30th.

Campsites:

- 26 Electric (30 amp & 15 amp)
- 26 Non-electric and Tenting sites

- \$25 – 30 amp Electric
- \$20 – 15 amp Electric
- \$10 Tenting

Well treed setting. Modern washroom and shower facilities. Close to downtown services. Picnic tables and firewood available.

Telephone access. Reservations accepted. Call 306.672.4099.

Interac and cash accepted.

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Grasslands National Park/Visitors Centre – Val Marie, SK

Let our friendly and knowledgeable staff, at both Visitor Centres, help you plan your Grasslands experience.

Visitor Centre Hours of Operation

Sept 4 to October 8, 2018: Daily
West and East Blocks: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Frenchman Valley Campground Kiosk

May 18 to September 3, 2018: Daily
West Block: 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

306-476-2018 (East Block McGowan's Visitor Centre at Rock Creek Campground)

grasslands.info@pc.gc.ca

Village of Val Marie Campground – Val Marie, SK

The Village of Val Marie offers a fully serviced campground with lots of clean washrooms, showers and plenty of shade! Open until October 31st.

Rates:

\$15 (unserviced)

\$20 (15 amp, sites 1-6)

\$22 (15 & 50 amp, sites 7-13)

Monthly rates available.

For unregistered guests:

\$5 Shower

\$10 RV/Trailer Dump

Self-registration.

Open from May to October!

For more information please visit their website [here](#) or call 306-298-2022!

Sky Story Bed & Breakfast – Val Marie, SK (bordering Grasslands National Park)

Four season Bed & Breakfast – discounts available for professional artists. www.skystory.ca art - yoga - classes - retreats - workshops - guided First Nation cultural tours/hikes - guided night sky tours

Call: 306 550 5377 e: skystory@sasktel.net

Village of Val Marie

Events:

Val Marie 53rd Annual Indoor Bob Larson Memorial Rodeo: Sept 15-16th – 7pm

Admission: Adults \$10, 12 & Under \$7, Preschool Free Val Marie Little Britches Rodeo: Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$5, 12 & Under \$3, Preschool Free

Dance Saturday Night Music by Electric Mayhem Admission \$10 Rodeo Queen Competition

Saturday night during rodeo intermission

Municipal Campground Open until October 31st.

Town of Gull Lake

Events:

Gull Lake Winterfest: February 16, 2019

Municipal Campground Open until September 30th.

MUSEUMS:

Eastend Historical Museum (Eastend) - - the Historical Museum will close Thanksgiving weekend - Oct.8, Starting on Thursday, Sept.4 our hours will be 11am - 4pm. (Open Thursdays - Mondays)
Tours will be available after these hours by calling 306 295-3670; 306 295-7553, or 306 295-3564

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trex.centre@gov.sk.ca

Fall/Winter Events at the T.Rex Discovery Centre

Sept 28th – Southfork Flip: 2pm-4:30pm - Join our palaeontologists at their local brontothereexcavation, and watch them flip a giant field jacket! Contact Dr. Emily Bamforth at 306-295-4703 for more information. (Meet at the T.rex Discovery Centre. Participants must have their own transportation. The site is about a 20-minute drive on paved roads.

Sept 28th – Scotch on the Rocks: 6pm-9:30pm - Visit the T.rex Discovery Centre for an evening of palaeontology and Eastend trivia with prizes! Beef on a bun, munchies and a Scotch tasting bar.
Get a peek of the summer discoveries made by the RSM's palaeontologists, while enjoying musical entertainment and more, including a silent auction and 50/50 draw. Dress casual or in your Celtic flare! *Admission by donation. Proceeds to the Eastend Historical Museum.*

Sept 29th – Tea and Fossils: 2pm-4:30pm - Enjoy afternoon tea with a serving of fossils at the T.rex Discovery Centre. The event will include an hour of hands-on work with real Saskatchewan fossils (no experience necessary), followed by tea, coffee and conversation. We'll show you how to prepare fossils like the pros — all you need to bring is your favourite teacup! Everyone is welcome. *Admission by donation.*

Additional Tea and Fossil Dates: October 27, November 24, December 15th
For more information on Tea and Fossils contact: Paleontologist Dr. Emily Bamforth:
emily.bamforth@gov.sk.ca

SW Oldtimers Museum (Maple Creek) – closes Sept 2nd for the Season. Look for events and guest speakers throughout the winter season. Private tours may be possible by connecting with Royce Pettyjohn: royce@maplecreek.ca

Gull Lake Museum (Gull Lake) – Closes August 31st for the season.

SHOPPING:

Ranchhouse Meat Company – Shaunavon, SK

Ranch House Meat Company in Shaunavon invites you to come browse through our products and our store. Our hope is that you feel “at home” as we strive to provide you with products that taste like home. Not only do we offer Top Quality Cuts of Meats, we also make our own Bacons, Hams, Sausage, Deli Meats, Jams, Pickles, Preserves, Pies & more! We source the finest locally grown meats and poultry that can be found. Whether you’re a local resident or visitor, Ranch House Meat Company’s staff is the “Best In The West” and will assist you with any of your cooking questions and purchases!

Mon-fri 8am-6, Saturday 10-5, open late Wednesday

Broken Spoke Art Gallery & Gift Shop – Maple Creek, SK

September Hours for the Spoke will be 10:00 - 5:00 Monday to Saturday

October - December Hours for the Spoke will be noon - 5:00 Monday to Saturday

Closed October 21st to November 4th

Closed January 1st to March 15th

Exhibits and Concerts:

Susan Woolgar Art Opening: Sept 7th-8th 3pm – 12pm

R Harlan Smith in Concert: Sept 14th 6pm

Jeffrey Straker in Concert: Nov 20th 7:30pm

Over the Hill Antiques – Maple Creek, SK

Open 10am-7pm – 7 Days a week until Thanksgiving

Nixavl Pottery – Eastend, SK

Open everyday noon-6pm until Sept 30th.

Open by appointment throughout the Winter

Contact: Nick Saville (owner/potter)

t. 306 295 7432 (call or text)

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/nicksavillepottery/>

w. <http://www.nixavl.ca/>

Grotto Gardens – Maple Creek, SK

Sept hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 10am to 5pm.

October – watch for their “Haunted Barn” leading up to Halloween

December – 1st-20th Christmas shopping hours TBA + Hosting Christmas Parties.

The Shop Bakery & Deli – Maple Creek, SK

Open:

Till September 8th: Monday-Saturday: 6am to 6pm. Closed Sundays

Mid-September to Spring: Monday-Friday 6am to 6pm

Available for take-out (pick up only) and Private Catering. Book your Christmas Party early to avoid disappointment.

For questions on these and other operations and events within the Cypress Hills Destination Area – please visit our website at www.visitcypresshills.ca or contact Gail Kessler at: 306-774-6451, or by email at: marketing@visitcypresshills.ca