

## 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:

#### Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park – Saskatchewan

Fall Camping Opportunities (Note: Due to extreme fire hazard all hiking trails in the West Block and Centre Block (main camping area) are currently closed).

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:

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| Cypress Hills | Meadows     | Sept 25 | 1-12, 21-143 |
|               | Rainbow     | Sept 25 | 1-3, 5-70    |
|               | Deer Hollow | Sept 25 | 1-35         |

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

The chart below lists which campgrounds will be open for self-registration camping and the expected date that basic services will be available.

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](mailto: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](http://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

Observatory Programs:

Saturday, September 9 – 9:00pm

Saturday, September 16 – 8:30pm

Saturday, September 23 – 8:00pm

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### **Grasslands National Park/Visitors Centre – Val Marie, SK**

Don't miss the slower pace of this wonderful season! Take time to smell the sage brush and enjoy the array of prairie colors in the Fall. Escape with your family for self-guided fall fun and camping!

The Grasslands National Park Visitor Centre will be open 7 days per week - Thursday - Monday, from 9-4:30 until Thanksgiving. The park itself is always open. Call (306) 298-2257 for more information.

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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/Shower 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](mailto:jdchmilar@sasktel.net)

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### **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 31<sup>st</sup>.

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!

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## **Gull Lake Campground – Gull Lake, SK**

Open until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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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## **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

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### **Ghostown Blues Bed and Breakfast – Maple Creek, SK**

Accommodations closed for the season on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Head to their website: [www.ghostowblues.ca](http://www.ghostowblues.ca) for reservations and to view their availability calendar.

### **Upcoming Music Concerts:**

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Laura Hayes & Ed Brown – Western Roots Collaboration

Special Guest R. Harlan Smith

Doors Open at 7pm - show at 8 pm

\$20 at the door - all proceeds go to the artist.

<http://www.visitcypresshills.ca/events/ghostownblues1/>

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Chicken-Like Birds

Doors Open at 7pm - show at 8 pm

\$20 at the door - all proceeds go to the artist.

<http://www.visitcypresshills.ca/events/ghostownblues2/>

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### **Willowbend Motel – Maple Creek, SK**

The newest property in the Willowbend family, the Willowbend Motel is a newly-renovated four-season accommodation in the Town of Maple Creek, and is an affordable alternative for travellers.

Reservations:

Phone: 306-662-2555

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### **Cobble Creek Lodge Hotel – Maple Creek, SK**

Maple Creek's newest hotel accommodations, Cobble Creek Lodge offers year-round stylish and modern rooms with a daily complimentary continental breakfasts.

The Cobble Creek Lodge also boasts a number of Barrier Free rooms with lower bed heights, bathroom safety grab bars, and “roll-in” showers and shower seats to allow for easier accessibility. Accessibility is also made easier by the spacious elevator, luggage trolleys and the Lodge’s helpful staff who are ready to help with anything their guests may need.

In addition to a wide variety of room options available, the Cobble Creek Lodge also boasts a spacious multi-purpose room that can be used for banquets and/or meetings and conferences, with a banquet kitchen that can be used by out-of-house catering companies (please contact the front desk for a list of caterers). Seating a capacity of 60 guests each business booking comes complete with complimentary coffee and tea, a Smart TV for presentations, computer, and a conference-ready phone.

**Reservations:**

To reserve a room or book the meeting room please call: 306 662 5100

email: [cobblecreeklodge@yahoo.ca](mailto:cobblecreeklodge@yahoo.ca)

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### **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 Kim Zeman - [groups@resortatcypresshills.ca](mailto: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](mailto:kim@resortatcypresshills.ca)

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### **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](mailto:info@elkwaterlakelodge.com) Or by calling 403-893-3811.

#### **Buglers Restaurant (at Elkwater Lake Lodge):**

\*\*Now under new direction with:

Chef Frederick Zeiger: Originally from Germany and gained expertise in Western and European Cuisine for more than 15 years.

Chef Mike Razman - Most recently employed at the Delta Banff Mike is a locally raised in Medicine Hat, and a Red Sealed Chef with more than 20 years experience in western cuisine.

#### **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)

#### **Elkwater Lake Lodge con’t**

**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

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## **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.

Contact: RHONDA MCKENNA

403-527-4426 ext. 118

[rhonda@medicinehatymca.ca](mailto:rhonda@medicinehatymca.ca)

[medicinehatymca.ca](http://medicinehatymca.ca)

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

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## **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 available until September 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ranch Hall Grill available for special events and suppers.

Phone/Fax (306)662-3498 or email at: [reesorranch@hotmail.com](mailto:reesorranch@hotmail.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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 The Cypress Hills Alberta Wish Ride <http://www.visitcypresshills.ca/events/cypress-hills-wish-ride/>

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## **Cottage of Content – Maple Creek, SK**

The Cottage of Content is a pet-friendly vacation rental by owner, perfect for visiting family, longterm workers, or those looking for a base from which to make daytrips throughout the area. It is available for bookings as usual through the off-season at a discounted rate of \$80/night \$500/weekly

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

Four season Bed & Breakfast – discounts available for professional artists. [www.skystory.ca](http://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](mailto:skystory@sasktel.net)

## ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS:

### Treeosix Adventure Parks – Cypress Hills, SK

Now closed for the 2017 Season

Zip line canopy tours, wall climbing, treetop drop, disc golf

September zip line tours are available until September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Book your tour online here: <http://zipcypresshills.rezgo.com/>

Or by calling: 1.306.663.1221 e: [info@treeosix.com](mailto:info@treeosix.com)

### Fort Walsh National Historic Site – West Block, Cypress Hills, SK

Visitor Centre open Victoria Day weekend to September 30

Hours of Operation;

July 01 to September 01, open daily 9:30am – 5:00pm

September 02 to September 30, Tuesday to Saturday

Email us at [fort.walsh@pc.gc.ca](mailto:fort.walsh@pc.gc.ca) or visit the Fort Walsh official site at [www.parkscanada.ca/walsh](http://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.

### Maple Creek Golf Club – Maple Creek, SK

Open Daily until September 30, 2016. 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

9 Holes: \$27 + taxes and fees

18 Holes: \$36 + taxes and fees

Driving Range

Bag of Balls | \$5

Bucket of Ball | \$8

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**Corn Ways Adventures – between Gull Lake and Tompkins off Hwy 1 on the Carmichael Grid**

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Hours of Operation:

Wed-Sunday: 1:30pm-6pm

Events:

Harvest Moon Festival – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Supper, Beer Gardens, DJ + Bus Service

Flashlight Corn Maze Tours (dates to be announced)

Halloween events in 2017 will be the weekends of Oct 20-21, and Oct 27-28.

t. 306 297 9130 – e: cornways33@gmail.com

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**Jasper Lounge & Event Centre – Maple Creek, SK**

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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.

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**Old Man on His Back Nature Conservancy**

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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 26<sup>th</sup>). 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.

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**Town of Maple Creek**

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Events:

Cowboy Poetry: Sept 15-17<sup>th</sup>.

Cowtown Christmas: December 7, 2017

Night of Lights: December 14, 2017

Battle of Little Big Puck: February 17, 2018

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## Village of Val Marie

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### Events:

Val Marie 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indoor Bob Larson Memorial Rodeo: Sept 15-16<sup>th</sup> – 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

Live Auction Fundraiser Saturday night during rodeo intermission

Municipal Campground Open until October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## Town of Gull Lake

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### Events:

Gull Lake Winterfest: February 17, 2018

Municipal Campground Open until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## MUSEUMS:

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**Eastend Historical Museum (Eastend)** - - the Historical Museum will close Thanksgiving weekend - Oct.9, Starting on Tuesday, Sept.5 our hours will be 11am - 3pm. Tours will be available after these hours by calling 306 295-3670; 306 295-7553, or 306 295-3564

**T.Rex Discovery Centre (Eastend)** – closes Sept 4<sup>th</sup> for the Season. Look for events such as Tea and Fossils throughout the winter season. Private tours may be possible by connecting with Paleontologist Emily Bamforth: [emily.bamforth@gov.sk.ca](mailto:emily.bamforth@gov.sk.ca)

**SW Oldtimers Museum (Maple Creek)** – closes Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:royce@maplecreek.ca)

**Gull Lake Museum (Gull Lake)** – Closes August 31<sup>st</sup> for the season.

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## **SHOPPING:**

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### **Ranch House 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!

Open Monday to Friday

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Watch for our “Autumn Blessings” event happening in September

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

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Events:

Matthew Hornell & Andrew Sneddon Live in Concert: Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Gallery open at 7pm and show starts at 7:30pm. Attendance by donation.

Cowtown Christmas: Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Gallery opening featuring select artists including the works of Richard Freely, Metal Sculpture.

Night of Lights: Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

Last Minute Shopping: December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Gift store hours September to December will be:

10:00am - 5:00pm Tuesday to Saturday

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### **Over the Hill Antiques – Maple Creek, SK**

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

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### **Grotto Gardens – Maple Creek, SK**

Grotto Gardens will be closed for the Season August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Watch for December Christmas Market dates/times to be announced.

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## **DINING:**

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### **The Star Café and Grill – Maple Creek, SK**

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Four Season Restaurant and Catering service - Open regular hours:

**Lunch:** Tuesday to Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Dinner:**

Tuesday to Saturday 5:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 5:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays

Can be booked for catering or special occasions including Christmas parties

Call: 306 662 2202 for reservations or requests.

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### **The Daily Grind**

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Espresso, cappuccino, fresh baking, in-house gelato, fine foods, and gifts.

Open:

Mon-Fri: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 4:00pm

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### **The Rockin' Horse Cookhouse & Bar – Maple Creek, SK**

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The Rockin' Horse, the menu choices are familiar, the portions generous and the taste is outstanding.

Where you are a local, a family, a tourist or traveling on your own, The Rockin' Horse is a comfortable place to be.

Come on in and enjoy a heapin' helping of our Hospitality.

Open All Year Round:

Tue - Thu: 11:00 am - 12:00 am

Fri: 11:00 am - 1:00 am

Sat: 4:00 pm - 1:00 am

Cookhouse closes for food service:

Tues – Wed: 9:00 pm

Thurs – Sat: 10:00 pm

Closed Sundays, Mondays & Holidays

Daily Features, Take Out (pick up only), Private Parties/Meetings, Catering, Community Events, Fundraisers

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### **The Shop Bakery & Deli – Maple Creek, SK**

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Open:

Till Mid September: 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.

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**The Harvest Eatery & Fresh Market – Shaunavon, SK**

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**Harvest Eatery:**

Four season dining room - open regular hours

Tuesday: 2-9pm

Wednesday: 2-9pm

Thursday: 2-10pm

Friday: 2-10pm

Saturday: 4-10pm

Reservations recommended: 306-297-3315

Can be booked for catering or special occasions including Christmas parties.

**Fresh Market:**

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Saturday: 10am-4pm

Breakfasts and Light Lunches as well as freshly baked treats, breads, and other in-house made staple ingredients for cooking at home.

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**Café Terra – Eastend, SK**

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Closed after Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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