

Media Backgrounder

Provincial Park improvements 2008

New initiatives to meet visitor demand and enhance opportunities include:

- Adding 1,000 electrified campsites over the next four years starting with electrifying 274 campsites this year in a combination of three parks – Makwa Lake, Pike Lake and Emma Lake Recreation Site;
- Eliminated the campfire fee;
- Improving park programming, maintenance and infrastructure;
- Modernizing and expanding the campground reservation service, Reserve-A-Site;
- Increasing customer service, maintenance and security in provincial parks;
- Enhancing conservation and interpretation of natural and cultural resources in parks;
- Increasing provincial funding to regional parks from \$75,000 to \$600,000 per year;
- Providing over \$4 million to urban parks this year; and
- Will be consulting with First Nations and key stakeholders to formally preserve more Saskatchewan wilderness for nature conservation and wilderness recreational purposes.