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## Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Urges Caution with Campfires

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is urging residents to exercise extreme caution with campfires in Regional Parks, and would like to pass along the following campfire safety tips:

- Consider the wind conditions. If the wind is strong enough to carry sparks toward combustible materials, don't burn.
- Use only a safe, existing designated fire pit and keep the fire small.
- Avoid building campfires near flammable materials such as trees, brush or wooden structures.
- Keep adequate tools and water nearby in case the fire escapes.
- Do not leave a campfire unattended.
- When extinguishing the fire, stir water into the ashes until they are cold to the touch

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George operates the following day use parks:

- **Berman Lake** - 45km west of Prince George
- **Cedarside** - 3 km south of Valemount on Little Cranberry Lake
- **George Hicks** - located at Valemount, BC along Swift Creek
- **Giscome Portage (Huble Homestead Historic Site)** - 40 km north of Prince George
- **Harold Mann** - located 50 km northeast of Prince George via Highway 16 East and Upper Fraser Road
- **John Dahl** – located in the District of Mackenzie
- **Koeneman** – located in McBride
- **Kristian Winther** - on the south shore of the Salmon River, 30 km north of Prince George, via the Hart Highway 97
- **McMillan Creek** - accessed via the Hart Highway 97 North off Hoferkamp Road
- **Ness Lake** - 35 km northwest of Prince George via Highway 97 and Chief Lake Road
- **Wilkins** - 15 km west of Prince George via Otway Road.

The Regional Parks provide recreational, educational, heritage and conservation opportunities for all to enjoy. Parks are designed for day use only and offer a variety of amenities which can include picnic areas, fire pits, beaches, restroom facilities, interpretive services, heritage buildings, trail systems and boat launches. Parks may be booked for special events such as weddings, family reunions and company picnic gatherings.

The Regional District reminds you that an open fire ban is in effect for the Prince George Fire Centre area. This means all medium- and large-sized open fires are prohibited across the Prince George Fire Centre's jurisdiction to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. Specifically this prohibits:

- Burning waste, slash or other material, whether piled or unplied, that is larger than 0.5 metres in height or 0.5 metres in width.
- More than two piles of waste, slash or other burning, whether piled or unplied, that are of any size.
- Stubble or grass burning over any area.
- Fireworks of any size or description.

The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to open fires, including campfires, that are a half-metre by a half-metre or smaller. Campers must also create a one-metre area around their campfire that is free of combustible material, and have at least eight litres of water or a shovel nearby.

The Regional District of Fraser Fort George wishes you a happy and safe summer season. For more information, visit our website at [www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca)

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