

Putting the “Play” in Playgrounds

With June being *Recreation & Parks Month*, it’s time to celebrate and enjoy all that our parks and playgrounds have to offer. The Town has a proud tradition of playgrounds for all ages, vibrant parks, and the most scenic recreation grounds in Canada.

Our parks and playgrounds are available seasonally to all residents and visitors. The playgrounds are uniquely designed to provide an exciting playspace for a range of ages. Check out the Parks & Playgrounds map at www.banff.ca for all locations.

The Banff Recreation Grounds has 3 ball diamonds, a rugby soccer pitch, 3 shelters, 2 tennis courts, 2 playgrounds, an outdoor basketball court, skate park, bike park, and picnic tables. These facilities are available for all to use unless they have been booked for a private function. To be sensitive to the nearby residences, bookings cannot go later than 10:00pm at the Recreation Grounds.

The Town does have a few safety regulations for all its parks and open spaces. Did you know that you can’t hit golf balls, practice archery, or use a sling shot in any of our parks? Shooting any projectile, including fireworks, and starting fires (except in the supplied barbecues and picnic shelter stoves) is not permitted. But there are so many things you CAN do in our parks: grab friends or family for a picnic, throw a frisbee, fly a kite, paint a picture, read a book, or just relax and enjoy the natural environment. Our parks welcome you.

“We are very proud of our parks and playgrounds” says Mary Brewster, Community Services Manager at the Town of Banff. “Open space is an important health and leisure asset in any community and we have been glad to add to our playground inventory as new housing developments arise and through renovations.”

So, as you enjoy June as *Recreation & Parks Month*, take advantage of Banff’s parks and playgrounds and all the benefits they provide.

Week 2 Word Scramble: letmeh