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## Wapasu Park Regulations "Park Notice"

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### POLICY STATEMENT

The County of Minburn No. 27 has adopted the Wapasu Recreation and Conservancy Park Policy to ensure the Park and its many amenities are continuously used and enjoyed in harmony by Park visitors and private lot owners alike.

### PURPOSE

To help preserve what has been a special resource for decades and what the County residents want to ensure remains as a special resource for generations to come.

### DEFINITIONS

1. **Council** means the Reeve and Councillors, as a whole, duly elected in the County that hold office at that time.
2. **County** means the County of Minburn No. 27.
3. **Day Use Site** means an area designated for picnic and leisure use only during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
4. **CAO** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Minburn No. 27.
5. **Off-Highway Vehicle** means any motorized mode of transportation built for and capable of travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh, swamp, or on other natural terrain including, as examples, trikes, quads, dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, snow vehicles, and any other off-highway vehicle encompassed by the Off-Highway Vehicle Regulation.
6. **Park** means the Wapasu Recreation Conservancy Park, the boundaries of which are shown on the attached map.
7. **Peace Officer** means:
  - i. a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police,

- ii. a member of a municipal police service,
  - iii. a Special Constable, or
  - iv. a Bylaw Enforcement Officer.
8. **Privately Owned Lots** means the limited-services recreational lots created under Registered Plans 5091 KS, 5092 KS, 012 0847, 172 0910, as well as the two lots under Plan 022 3192.
9. **Public Area** means any land in the Park not privately owned as shown on the attached map, and includes land owned by the County of Minburn No. 27, the Province of Alberta, and all non-profit organizations.
10. **Public Beach** means the portion of land owned by the County as identified on the attached map, which is to be used by the public as a means to enjoy Wapasu Lake.
11. **Recreational Vehicle** means a holiday trailer, fifth wheel, motorhome, tent trailer, camping accommodation unit, etc.

## **PARK BOUNDARIES**

1. For the purposes of this Policy, the boundaries of the Park are as indicated in the attached map.

## **APPLICATION OF PARK POLICY**

2. This policy applies to all lands shown on the attached map, excluding all privately owned lots. This Policy has no effect on the bed and shore or the water comprising Wapasu Lake or any other water body within the Park, as the jurisdiction for those areas rests with senior government. Regulations for privately owned lots within the Park are found in the County of Minburn Land Use Bylaw #1254-16 and the Wapasu Conservancy Park Area Structure Plan (ASP).

## **CONDUCT**

3. No person shall interfere with the rights of others, including the owners of the privately owned lots, to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of the Park.
4. Any person inside the Park shall comply with the instructions, prohibitions and directions prescribed by all lawfully designated and erected signs, notices, policies, regulations, bylaws, and laws.
5. Any person inside the Park shall keep the improvements upon them in a clean and tidy condition.
6. No unauthorized person shall enter a portion of the Park where travel or access restrictions have been imposed.
7. Any person in violation of any municipal, provincial or federal law, including but not limited to littering, vandalism, trespassing, excessive noise, destruction of habitat, animal cruelty, consumption of alcohol or drugs, operation of a vehicle or off-highway vehicle in an unauthorized location or

manner, and/or in possession of firearms within the Park is subject to enforcement of the law by a Peace Officer.

## **FEES**

8. There is no fee charged for use of the Park.

## **ANIMALS**

9. Any person who has custody and control of a pet in the Park shall be responsible for controlling the pet in a manner that does not interfere with the rights of others to the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of the Park.
10. Any pet on the public beach must be restrained by a leash, chain or other device.
11. Any person who has custody or control of a pet shall immediately remove any feces deposited in the Park by that pet.
12. No person is allowed to bring to or keep horses within the Park without the written consent of the County of Minburn No. 27.
13. A Peace Officer may capture any stray pet running at large or not under the care and control of the person responsible for that pet.

## **VEHICLES**

14. Motor vehicles are to keep to public roads and areas designed for motor vehicle use (ie. Designated parking areas as indicated on the attached map), with the exception of motor vehicles operated or authorized by the County to carry out Park related or similar functions. Overnight parking within the public areas of the Park is prohibited.
15. No person shall operate or permit the operation of an off-highway vehicle anywhere within the Park, with the exception of off-highway vehicles operated or authorized by the County to carry out Park related or similar functions.
16. No person shall store a motor vehicle, off-highway vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat, utility trailer, or any other object or chattel, or permit any of these to be stored on any public area within the Park.
17. Notwithstanding Section 14, if no space is available on the privately owned lot, guests of the owners of the privately owned lot may use the public area immediately adjacent to the owner's privately owned lot(s) to temporarily park their motor vehicle(s), provided this does not create a traffic hazard. The foregoing does not permit guests with recreational vehicle(s) to park or locate their recreational vehicle(s) on any portion of the public area within the Park.

## **SIGNS**

18. County Council may:
  - a. Subject to the *Highway Traffic Act*, control and prohibit the movement of vehicular, pedestrian and other traffic by means of signs and notices designated and erected by it, and

- b. Designate and erect other signs and notices related to the provisions of this policy.
- 19. The existence of a sign or notice referred to in Section 18 is proof that it was properly designated and erected under this policy.
- 20. No person shall display or post any signs or advertisements in the Park other than signs and advertisements approved by the County.

## **WASTE**

- 21. In areas of the Park where waste disposal receptacles or areas are not provided, waste materials shall be brought to where receptacles or disposal areas are located or shall be carried out of the Park for disposal at a designated disposal area (ie. landfill, waste transfer site).

## **BATHING AND CLEANING**

- 22. No person shall bathe or clean clothing, cooking or eating utensils, vehicles, off-highway vehicles, or other equipment and objects at or near a drinking fountain, standpipe, well, or pump in the Park or in Wapasu Lake itself.
- 23. Notwithstanding Section 22, bathing shall be done at the outdoor shower provided for public use.

## **FIRES**

- 24. No person shall set, light or maintain a fire in the Park except in a fireplace, pit or other facilities provided for that purpose.
- 25. No person shall leave a fire unattended or allow it to spread.
- 26. No person shall deposit or dispose of hot coals, ashes, embers or any other burning or smouldering material in a place other than a stove, fireplace, pit or other place or facility provided for that purpose.
- 27. All persons shall extinguish all fires, hot coals or smouldering materials before leaving them.
- 28. No person shall remove the firewood from the Park.

## **PARK OR RECREATION AREA USE**

- 29. Council, designated County employees, or a Peace Officer may temporarily close to public use any or all of the public areas within the Park.
- 30. Park hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- 31. No person except a Peace Officer, designated County employee or agent thereof acting in the course of their duties shall enter or remain in the Park after the designated hours of operation.



## **WATER ACTIVITIES**

32. Access to Wapasu Lake within the Park for the purpose of launching motorized boats and/or personal watercraft is limited to any authorized official of senior government or the County as well as the registered owners of the privately owned lots. The registered owners of the privately owned lots may access Wapasu Lake either at the controlled boat launch located on the southeast shore of the Lake or via their privately owned lot. Those permitted by this Policy to access Wapasu Lake shall use motorboats and/or personal watercraft at their own risk and in a manner that does not violate Section 3.
33. Access to Wapasu Lake for the purpose of launching any form or type of non-motorized watercraft is permitted anywhere within the Park. Note that the controlled boat launch located on the southeast shore of the Lake for the purposes of Section 32 is also for the use of the registered owners of the privately owned lots to launch non-motorized boats requiring or facilitated by its use. Those using Wapasu Lake for these purposes shall do so at their own risk and in a manner that does not violate Section 3.
34. Access to Wapasu Lake for the purpose of swimming is permitted anywhere within the Park. Those using Wapasu Lake for swimming shall do so at their own risk and in a manner that does not violate Section 3.

## **DAY USE**

35. The County may provide for and designate areas within the Park for day use purposes.
36. Overnight camping in the public area of the Park is strictly prohibited.

## **EVENT BOOKINGS**

37. The County may allow for private bookings (ie. family reunions, weddings) within the Park for day use events by submitting the attached 'Wapasu Booking Form' to the County prior to the date of the event. Those attending the event shall do so at their own risk and in a manner that does not violate Section 3.

## **INQUIRIES AND/OR VIOLATIONS**

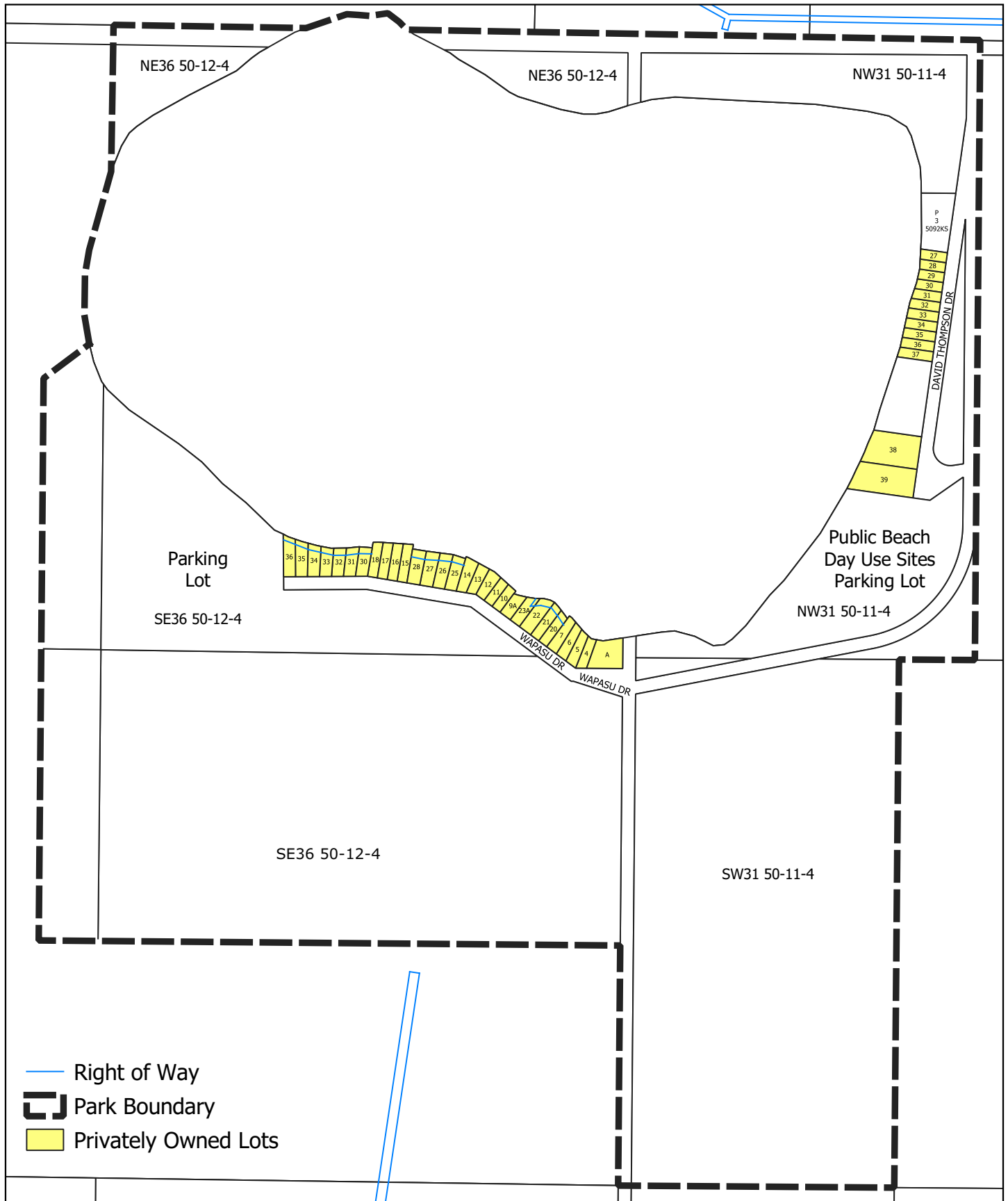
Contact the County Office at (780) 632-2082 (Vegreville, Alberta) for any inquiries regarding the use of the Park.

If you witness or notice any vandalism/littering/public misconduct, please contact the Vermilion RCMP at (780) 853-5781 or 911 immediately.

We appreciate your cooperation. Please enjoy.

**VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED  
AND PROHIBITED FROM USING THIS PARK**

# PARK BOUNDARY



PARK BOUNDARY INDICATED WITH DASHED LINE

May 25, 2021



## COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P.O. Box 550  
4909 - 50th Street  
Vegreville, Alberta  
Canada T9C 1R6

Phone: (780) 632-2082  
Fax: (780) 632-6296

www.MinburnCounty.ab.ca  
E-Mail: info@minburncounty.ab.ca

# WAPASU BOOKING FORM

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Wedding, reunion, etc.)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### EVENT INFORMATION

Booking Area: \_\_\_\_\_

(Ball Diamond, Parking Lot, Cook Shack, Lakefront area, etc.)

Times of Booking: \_\_\_\_\_

(Including setup and clean up)

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Approximate Number of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that site clean up after the event will be my responsibility. I understand that I am responsible for the safety and well-being of the event attendees. I understand that the park is a public area and that there may be people utilizing the beach and picnic areas while the event is taking place. I understand that there is no security provided on site and that The County will not be held liable for loss or damages as a result of the event. Please contact Park Attendant Ron Cependa at 780-592-3840 to help co-ordinate your plans for your event date.

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Applicant's Full Name (print)

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Witness' Full Name (print)

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Applicant's Signature

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Witness' Signature