



Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society
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June 5, 2018 - World Environment Day Announcement

**Connect with Nature and Celebrate Alberta's Parks At
Parks Day & Creekfest!**

Saturday, July 21, 2018

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Bow Valley Ranch, Fish Creek Provincial Park (South end of Bow Bottom Tr. SE)

Celebrate World Environment Day today by marking down July 21 on your calendar for the 8th annual Parks Day & Creekfest! The theme of World Environment Day this year is the ongoing struggle against plastic pollution, one of the biggest issues facing our oceans and waterways. Parks Day & Creekfest is an important component of the Friends' Watershed Stewardship program, designed to raise awareness about protecting our local waterways. Join us for this amazing free summertime festival in Fish Creek Provincial Park to celebrate this province's breathtaking parks and protected areas, and learn about environmental conservation.

"As a peripatetic wanderer of the Bebo Grove and Shannon Terrace areas in the western end of this tremendous park, Parks Day & Creekfest provides satisfying opportunities to cherish all that Fish Creek Provincial Park has to offer," said Graeme Connell, local author and Friends member. "The easy availability for both passive and active interests serve to instill a love for the natural environment we so value!"

Juno-award winning Peter Puffin's Whale Tales will return for the 8th year in a row to host a dynamic and interactive concert performance and song-writing workshop. Kids and families will enjoy Alberta Parks' "Finding Fawn," the story of a young deer separated from his mother along a busy highway, and the music of local musician and historian, The History Wrangler. Visitors can learn to juggle with Michelle and Peter, The Juggling Clowns, and take part in guided walks to increase their knowledge about birds, our local waterways and the new ATCO native grassland.

Have fun while learning about environmental conservation through hands-on activities and educational experiences hosted by community organizations dedicated to protecting Fish Creek and other natural areas. Learn about our exciting programs, courses and events, and support Friends of Fish Creek environmental conservation efforts. At Parks Day & Creekfest you can even pick up your tickets for *A Taste of Autumn* and the *WestJet Gift of Flight Raffle*.

The Friends gratefully acknowledge the support of Cardel Homes Calgary for their substantial contribution in support of Parks Day & Creekfest. Special thanks to the Alberta Environment and Parks Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program, Alberta EcoTrust, Great Events Catering, and the Pumphouse Theatre for helping to make this event possible.

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