Fees for the 2024 Camping Season:

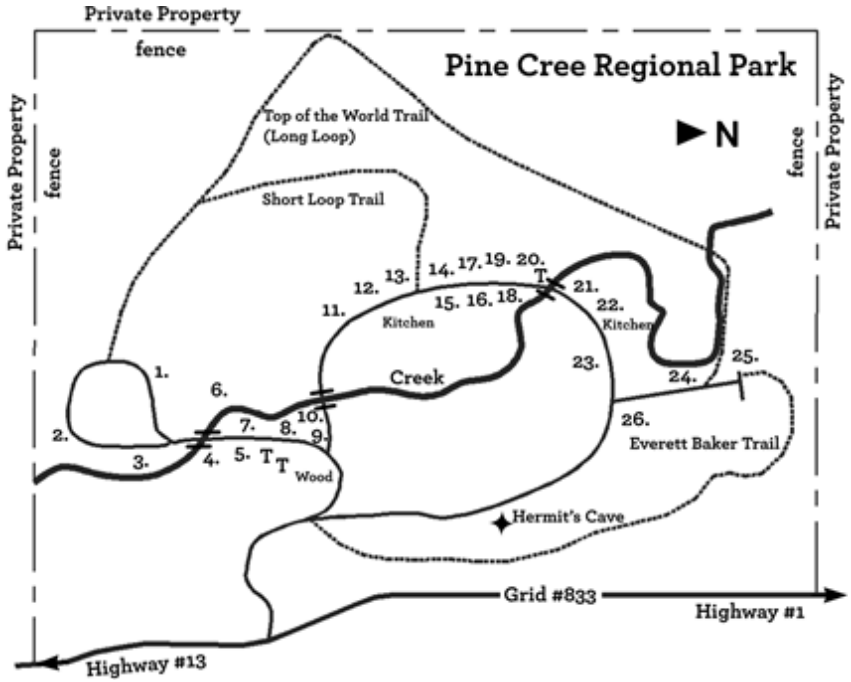
Season Pass - $60.00/Year = unlimited FREE day entry into **all** SK Regional Parks

Day Entry Pass - $10.00/Vehicle - FREE with Season's Pass!

Camping Fees – $25.00/night/site: $20.00 with Season Pass

CAMPING FEES APPLY PER TENT/CAMPING UNIT

Check out time - <u>12:00 noon</u>



Supported by:

RM of Arlington
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Pine Cree Regional Park

- Saskatchewan's Natural Environment Regional Park!

- 2014 & 2015 Recipient of Saskatchewan's "Best Award" for Best Regional Park!

Camping Season, 2024

Located in the southeast block of Saskatchewan's Cypress Hills, 13 km. NE of Eastend or 32 km. W of Shaunavon or 50 km. S of Tompkins, (off Highway #1) on Grid #633, *Pine Cree* is Saskatchewan's only true Natural Environment Regional Park and features a superb *back to nature* camping experience.

Dropping 100 metres (300 feet) from the surrounding prairie, *Pine Cree* is the perfect destination for anyone desiring a quiet, peaceful camping holiday, and offers a variety of campsites that range from secluded and private individual sites, to larger group campsites, many of which are situated along the headwaters of *Swift Current Creek*. It features two camp kitchens, a modern playground, a ball diamond, nature trails and porta-potties on site. There are 28 non-serviced campsites that are based on first come – first serve: no reservations.

The natural history at *Pine Cree* features rare orchid beds, natural prairie grasslands, dark starry nights, great birding opportunities, wildflowers, and cougar sightings. It is home to moose, white-tail deer, coyotes, bobcats, *Pink-Sided Juncos*, *Mountain Bluebirds*, *Great-horned Owls*, and *Common Poorwill*. *Swift Current Creek* continuously runs through *Pine Cree* and offers a variety of water-based creatures, including Brook trout.

Celebrating 70 Years of Camping

PARK RULES

NO dogs running loose: Must be leashed or crated
NO vehicles off roads
NO generators after 9:00pm / before 9:00am
NO loud music: must not trespass to neighbour campsites
NO fireworks in the park
NO vehicles over 3 tons across bridges – they will break
NO camping out of bounds: camping only in designated sites
NO cutting down / pulling out trees
NO firewood leaves the Park
NO open fires – fires allowed only in designated pits

* **Creek water is non-drinkable.** Drinking water is available from the 50 gallon water tank by the woodshed. It is tested regularly. Please bring your own drinking water if large amounts are needed.

* **Large Heavy Vehicles/Camping Units weighing more than 3 tons (6000 lbs) and/or longer than 28 feet are too big for this park. Bridges are narrow and restricted to 3 tons. Parking available by the ball diamond for large vehicles!**

* **Wood: $10.00/bundle**

* **All Sites Non-Serviced:** generators are required to be turned off from 9:00pm to 9:00am

* **All dogs must be leashed/crated to avoid people & wildlife harassment. Owners must clean up immediately after them. No pets are to be left in campers/vehicles unattended!**

* **You are in Cougar Country!** These elusive, reclusive animals pass through Pine Cree. Normally they avoid people, however, if you see a cougar and it doesn't run off, it may be sick, have a food kill nearby, or young, and could feel threatened by you.

What to do? Make yourself big and loud. If you have a stick, wave it. Maintain eye contact, and back away slowly. **Do not run**, they love to chase. Be prepared to fight, and be very loud and aggressive if it holds its ground. Cougars are big cats and lazy, so if you appear to be a lot of work, they will likely leave, or give you an opportunity to back away. Keep children and pets close by and feed pets inside: don't leave their food out. Inform the park officer/Conservation Officer of any sightings.

* **Cell Phone:** coverage is spotty in Pine Cree.

Pine Cree is a one of a kind natural environment Regional Park. The focus is to provide a place for people to enjoy and appreciate the beauty, tranquility and splendour of nature day and night. The smell of woodsmoke, eating off a stick, watching stars poke out at night, being serenaded by howling coyotes, reading a good book by the babbling brook and sleeping under the stars are rare opportunities that aren't part of the camping experience like it once was. People need to connect with nature and the outdoors every once in a while, it gives us basic insight, simple appreciation and reinforces our place in the natural world. One should never underestimate the restorative power of nature on the human being. It connects us, it heals us, it awakens our spirituality, and provides memories.

Many scientists, researchers and artists visit regularly to study and learn about the variety of ecosystems that exist and thrive in the constant and pristine natural conditions. Hence some rare plants, uncommon birds and irregular sightings are putting Pine Cree in the scientific spotlight. Not many places in southern Saskatchewan can produce the variety of flora and fauna that exists in our small park.

All things natural are protected by law in a Regional Park; please leave what you find for someone else to discover and experience. Picking flowers kills them and removes food sources for the wildlife. Please don't pick flowers. Litter kills plants and animals, just like loud music interferes with the courtship rituals of birds, frogs, animals and insects.

In order to live in harmony with nature visitors need to pick up their garbage, turn down their tunes, leash up their dogs, and not dump garbage into the creek. It's a small park and it doesn't take much to interfere or trespass from one campsite to another. ***Respect Your Park and Respect Nature!***

"Take nothing but memories – Leave nothing but tracks"

We value the naturalness of Pine Cree and its green infrastructure as worthy as just as much investment as built infrastructure – our natural splash park; Hermit's cave; fens; geology; and unlimited access to our dark pristine, prairie skies is priceless! We want to keep it this way and share it with you to enjoy.

Help Us Limit Your Footprint on the planet at Pine Cree!