



# Parks & Trails Report

# 2025

## Rosebud Lake Regional Park Expansion

In January 2025, the RDCK expanded Rosebud Lake Regional Park from 16 hectares to more than 80 hectares with support from the BC Parks Foundation. This milestone advances a long-standing goal identified in The Rosebud Lake Park Plan (2002) to protect the lake’s unique ecosystem and manage critical water levels.

Fed by underground springs, Rosebud Lake is a rare and sensitive environment. The expansion brings much of the lake’s shoreline and adjacent uplands into the regional park, strengthening long-term conservation and stewardship.

These lands are vital for Western Painted Turtles, the only native freshwater turtle species in British Columbia. By protecting shoreline and upland habitat, the RDCK and BC Parks foundation are helping ensure Rosebud Lake remains a refuge for wildlife and a valued natural space for the community.



## Future Regional Park in the Creston Valley

The RDCK secured land in the Creston Valley to create a future community regional park and restore public access to the Goat River. This important acquisition advances shared park priorities identified in the RDCK and Town of Creston Parks and Recreation Master Plan and sets the stage for a new regional park designed for people, nature, and connection.

This riverfront property holds strong potential as a gathering place where residents and visitors can enjoy the natural beauty of the Goat River. As planning moves forward, the RDCK will focus on environmental stewardship, safe public access, and thoughtful park design, with opportunities for community input along the way.

The purchase was made possible through funding partnerships with Columbia Basin Trust and the BC Parks Foundation, demonstrating a shared commitment to expanding and protecting parkland in the Creston Valley.



## Rosebery–Three Forks (Galena) Trail Bridge Replacement

The RDCK completed the installation of a new 85-foot aluminum bridge on the Rosebery to Three Forks Regional Trail, restoring the connection between the cable car crossing and the Three Forks trailhead. The work was needed after a slough affected the original bridge, which led to a temporary trail closure while safety measures and replacement work were completed. The project also included wooden ramp approaches and earthworks necessary to stabilize the trail.

 New Denver, Silverton & Area H



## Crawford Creek Trail Rehabilitation and Upgrades

A trail rehabilitation project was completed, improving trail surfacing and drainage to enhance safety and accessibility across all corridors.

The project also included replacing the old, failing footbridge with a new 65-foot aluminum footbridge that was installed over a pond outflow to improve safety for trail users. Ongoing maintenance continues throughout the parks trail network to keep it in top condition for users.

 Area A



***Celebrating the Trail:*** In May, the community came together for a reopening celebration, connecting with Parks staff, East Shore Trails and Bike Association, and the RDCK Regional Director while enjoying the newly upgraded trail.

## Bathroom Upgrades at Cottonwood Lake and Glacier Creek

This summer, the existing toilets from Cottonwood Lake Regional Park were relocated to Glacier Creek Regional Park, which needed updated bathrooms. The swap allows Cottonwood Lake to receive upgraded toilets and a repaired concrete slab, better suited to its high visitor traffic, while the relocated toilets are now helping Glacier Creek visitors enjoy the park more comfortably.

 Area E & Area D



***Better Bathrooms for All:*** Upgrades at Cottonwood Lake and Glacier Creek ensure both parks stay welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.

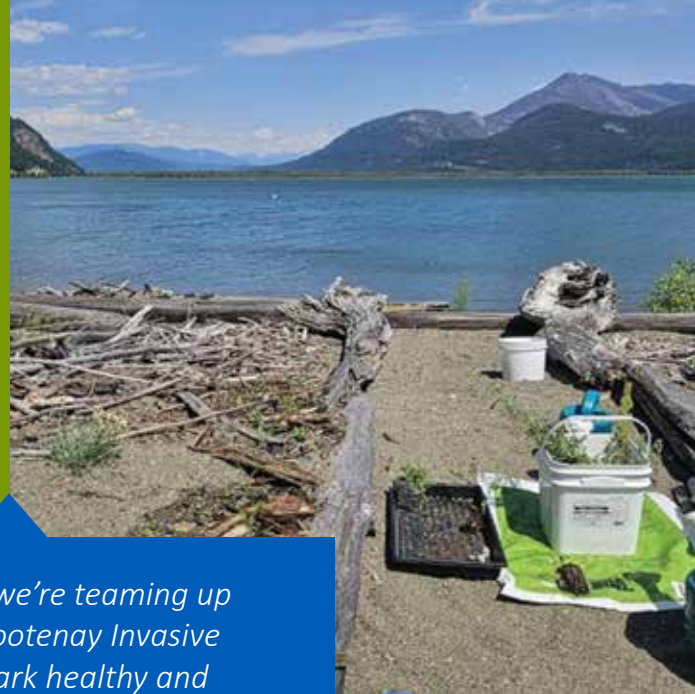


## Invasive Plant Management

Lardeau Regional Park saw successful community-led efforts to manage invasive plants, including multiple weed-pull events that brought residents together to protect the park's natural spaces.

A solarization trial also produced excellent results with minimal labour, and targeted knapweed removal efforts were largely successful, helping to restore and preserve native ecosystems.

 Area D & Area J



**Community Impact:** *Alongside work at Lardeau, we're teaming up with the Okanagan Nation Alliance and Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society to keep Waterloo Eddy Regional Park healthy and free of invasive species.*



## Trail and Habitat Improvements


Morning Mountain Regional Park continues to improve for all visitors. Native plantings, including shade trees, are establishing well with compost integration, while slope stabilization protects sensitive areas.

Trail inspections, brushing, and drainage work were carried out in coordination with user groups, including the Nelson Cycling Club, to keep trails safe and enjoyable. Added risk signage and ongoing invasive plant management help maintain the park's natural beauty, ensuring it remains welcoming for everyone.

 Area E

## Old South Slocan Schoolhouse

Following the removal of the original schoolhouse, work is underway to re-establish this historic site as a welcoming community gathering place. The next major phase, planned for 2026, will focus on foundation improvements and new concrete surfaces, setting the stage for a future pavilion and park space that honours the site's history while supporting community connection for generations to come.

 Area H



*Local volunteers have been playing a hands-on role in preparing the site, contributing skilled labour and countless hours to help move the project forward.*



# Regional Parks Overview



0 15 km 30 km

Over **580** hectares  
(1,435 acres)

**3**  
Trails

**27**  
Regional Parks

## Yours to Explore & Enjoy!

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|--|--|---|
| <b>1</b> Balfour Beach Regional Park             | <b>13</b> Lardeau Regional Park                  | <b>25</b> Taghum Beach Regional Park      |
| <b>2</b> Bigelow Bay Regional Park               | <b>14</b> McDonalds Landing Regional Park        | <b>26</b> Waterloo Eddy Regional Park     |
| <b>3</b> Bonnington Regional Park                | <b>15</b> Morning Mountain Regional Park         | <b>27</b> Winlaw Regional and Nature Park |
| <b>4</b> Brilliant Bridge Regional Park          | <b>16</b> Nelson Salmo Great Northern Trail      | <b>P1</b> 3823 Goat Canyon Road           |
| <b>5</b> Cottonwood Lake Regional Park           | <b>17</b> Pass Creek Regional Park               | <b>P2</b> Campbell Field                  |
| <b>6</b> Crawford Creek Regional Park            | <b>18</b> Pulpit Rock Access Regional Park       | <b>P3</b> Robson Community Park           |
| <b>7</b> Crescent Valley Beach Regional Park     | <b>19</b> Riondel Regional Park                  | <b>P4</b> Former Old School House Site    |
| <b>8</b> Glacier Creek Regional Park             | <b>20</b> Robson Boat Ramp Regional Park         |   |
| <b>9</b> Glade Regional Park                     | <b>21</b> Rosebery Parklands Regional Park       |   |
| <b>10</b> Historic Ainsworth Wharf Regional Park | <b>22</b> Rosebery to Three Forks Regional Trail |   |
| <b>11</b> James Johnstone Regional Park          | <b>23</b> Rosebud Lake Regional Park             |   |
| <b>12</b> Krestova Regional Park                 | <b>24</b> Sunshine Bay Regional Park             |   |

### Primary Park Type

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Open Parks                                    | Future Parks |
| Multiple Purpose Park (6)                     |              |
| Waterfront Access Park (16)                   |              |
| Regional Trails (3)                           |              |
| Waterfront Access & Multiple Purpose Park (2) |              |