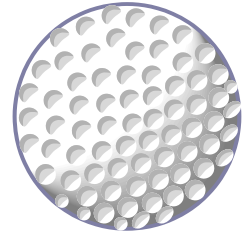




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## ***A History***

The planning for Jubilee Regional Park, as we know it today, began in 1982 when the Marwayne Legion received approval for a \$100,000 capital construction grant under the Municipal Recreation and Tourism Areas program. Construction began in the spring of 1983 with installation of power, a water well, some earthwork and landscaping, and construction of two camp kitchens, several toilets and a start on the playground. About one half of the capital grant was expended in the first year of construction. An official opening was held at the park on August 14.

In 1984 the above projects were completed along with the golf course bridge, wading pool, additional power outlets and further landscaping to the golf course. In 1985 the remaining projects; a maintenance building and further brushing and fencing on the golf course were completed.

Once the capital grant was expended, the park was eligible for an annual operating grant to help offset expenses such a caretaker, tractor lease, utilities, firewood, fuel, insurance and maintenance supplies. As interest in the golf course increased, the Lea Park Golf Club was formed to further develop the course. In September of 1989 the Club entered into a lease agreement with the Park so that they could apply for their own funding through the MRTA program. They applied for and received approval for \$50,000 capital construction grant for the irrigation system and artificial greens and once completed began receiving annual operating funds.

In September of 1990 the provincial government transferred title of the government campsite north of the park, to the Legion, to be maintained as part of Jubilee Park.

In the summer of 1992 approval was received through the Community Tourism Action Program to begin construction of the shower building and it's associated water treatment equipment, septic and disposal field systems. This very welcomed facility was completed the following spring at a cost of over \$40,000, funded 75% Alberta CTAP program and 25% Legion Branch funds.

In 1993 the committee received notice that annual operating funding would be reduced by 50% over two years. This forced a small camping fee increase and the decision to put up a rental building to attract more family reunions, anniversaries and other activities to the park. This 32 X 60 foot structure on a cement pad was completed in June of 1994 at a cost of \$17,000. The following year a 14 X 60 covered veranda was added, at a cost of about \$4000 for additional seating. It was felt that although this expenditure would deplete much of the park's reserve fund it would generate operating income for years to come to help offset reduced government funding without having to depend on camping fees alone.

In 1997 a permanent office with caretakers living quarters was constructed to replace the holiday trailer that the caretaker had been using up till this time. It was thought that this way we would attract a husband and wife team to handle the caretaking duties of the park as it became busier. It was completed in the spring of 1998 at a cost of about \$18,000. Government assistance

for the project was refused because it contained living quarters so again the park's reserve fund was depleted.

In the fall of 2000 two 12 X 20 "camping cabins" were constructed in the area of the reunion building. Fifty percent of the cost of construction was funded through the local Community Lottery Board. Each building contains one double bed and twin bunks. If the demand for rental of these cabins is great enough the committee would like to add more in the future. To date the rentals of the cabins have not justified building more at this time.

Today the park has just over 100 designated sites most with tables, stoves or fireplaces, and most with power. With the space available the park can handle several times this number of camping units.

Some facilities not mentioned in the above history are a Ball diamond, trappers cabin museum, antique machinery display, hiking trails, view point of the park and golf course, as well as fishing in the Vermilion and North Saskatchewan River. Also available on a rental basis, besides the reunion building, is the Legion concession booth with stove, deep freeze, fridges and running water as well as a large propane BBQ and grills.

Due to the substantial increase in the cost of power, the 2001 overnight camping fees had to be increased to \$12.00 per unit with no charge for day-use, showers or firewood. A discount is available for groups over ten units and a monthly rate is available to people working in the area. Reservations are being made earlier every year, sometimes 3 years in advance, for specific areas and facilities, so don't be disappointed for your reunion – make your reservation early.

On July 28<sup>th</sup> 2002, a celebration was held to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park. It began with a parade and greetings from past and present MLA's, the Mayor of Marwayne, County of Vermilion River representative as well as Legion Zone and District Commanders. A complimentary lunch was served for the public in attendance. After an afternoon of entertainment including a gymkana for the kids, a roast beef supper was served.

In 2005 a major power upgrade was completed, installing 27 30amp services in the campground. This was a very costly endeavor of \$9800.00. Due to the fact that campers will now have use of air conditioners, increasing utility costs, as well as the capital construction expense, it was decided that camping rates for 2006 will have to increase to \$15 per night for 15amp sites and \$20 per night for 30amp sites. Rates for other park facilities will not change. In 2006 several more 30 amp sites were added around the reunion building.

Due to numerous requests, kitchen facilities were added to the reunion building in 2007. Counters, cabinets, fridge, stove and running water along with a considerable power upgrade made a huge improvement to the facility. The interior walls were lined and painted as well. Also in 2007 an eight by thirty two foot deck and privacy fence were added to the existing office building.

The playground equipment originally installed in 1983 would not likely be up to today's standards. It was felt that an upgrade was well overdue. With some financial assistance from individuals, the Marwayne Royal Purple, Rodeo, Golf Club and Legion Branch, equipment in the \$22,000 range was installed in the fall of 2008.

The latest improvement to the Reunion Building was the addition of washrooms and a storage room for tables and chairs. Approval for a CFIP grant, to help with this, was received late in 2008. We completed this project in the fall of the 2009 season at a cost of \$24,000

Due to problems with the power service, especially during Rodeo weekend, it was decided to add a second transformer for the campground. This was completed the spring of 2010.

The above expenditures and increased cost of the power service, due to double demand and distribution charges necessitated a camping fee increase in 2011.

In an attempt to attract some weekly or monthly oilfield workers, a number of sites were upgraded to water and sewer hookups in 2011.

Over the years, the committee has tried to keep user fees as reasonable as possible and well below the provincial average even with the ever increasing utility costs. Any excess funds have been put towards improvements to the facility.

The natural beauty of the area, first rate facilities, the ever improving golf course, along with events such as the Lea Park Rodeo in June, have made Jubilee Park something that the community and the Branch can be very proud of. This would not have been possible without countless volunteer hours on the part of the Legion, the Golf Club and many other community groups.

For further information, rates or reservations contact Ron at 847-3784 or the Park Office at 847-2273. For Golf Club information please contact the clubhouse at 847-2651. Rates and photos of the park and the golf club are available through the Village of Marwayne website at [marwayne.ca](http://marwayne.ca).