

FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

Sikome Aquatic Facility

Operating Season and Facility Hours

The fenced Sikome Aquatic Facility is open seasonally from late June to the September long weekend. Opening date varies each year.
Open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. seven days a week during operating season.

Regulations

- Parents must be within arm's reach of children aged 7 and under.
- It is recommended that all children and individuals unable to swim utilize an approved FDA personal flotation device.
- All children 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (18 years of age or older) at all times while in the facility
- Alcohol is prohibited in all areas of Fish Creek Provincial Park, including the Sikome Aquatic Facility.
- Glass containers are prohibited in the Sikome Aquatic Facility.
- No pets are permitted in the Sikome Aquatic Facility with the exception of Guide and Assisted Living Dogs.
- Propane gas barbeques are permitted on the grassed area within the Sikome Aquatic Facility. Charcoal/briquette barbeques may only be used in designated picnic areas where there is a fire pit for disposal of ashes.
- No bike-riding, rollerblading, skateboarding or scooters within the fenced area of the facility.
- Water masks, snorkels, paddle boards and hard bottomed boats (e.g. kayaks, canoes, etc.) are prohibited in the lake.
- No smoking within the Sikome Aquatic Facility. Smoking areas are designated outside the facility.

Safety

In the event of an emergency please stay clear of the accident area.

First-aid services are available from Aquatic Safety Staff on-site.

Aquatic Safety Staff are NOT traditional lifeguards.

SIKOME IS NOT A LIFEGUARDED FACILITY -

YOU USE THIS FACILITY AT YOUR OWN RISK

Role of Aquatic Safety Staff

- Provide public education and patrol the beach.
- Search for missing persons, provide first aid and water rescues.



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PARK NOTES

The Sikome Aquatic Facility is very populated during the summer months. To ensure the safety and protection of all visitors, procedures and rules must be followed. We appreciate your cooperation.



Concession Hours

Open daily according to posted hours depending on the weather and use levels of the aquatic facility during operating season.

Road Access and Parking

The Sikome Aquatic Facility can be accessed by Bow Bottom Trail S.E. or Sun Valley Boulevard S.E. off Highway 22x. Parking is available on site. Access to parking lots is controlled by signage to lessen congestion. Please follow directions on signs or from staff on site.

Water Quality

Sikome is classified as a "man-made beach". Freshwater wells supply the water for Sikome; no water is taken from the Bow River. A water treatment plant on site ensures water quality. Every week, staff take water samples from different areas of the lake. The samples are analyzed at the Foothills hospital and results are forwarded to the Calgary Health Region and the Park. Water quality criteria for man-made beaches and public swimming pools are not the same.

Lake Closures

During the year Sikome Lake may have emergency closures implemented for safety reasons such as overcrowding or weather hazards. We appreciate your cooperation during these times.

Conservation Officers

Park Conservation Officers are appointed Peace Officers empowered to enforce the Parks Act and other provincial statutes. They are present on-site during Sikome operating hours.