



BRICKYARD POINT CAMPING LOOP

Develop a range of camping opportunities (serviced to walk-in tenting sites), well buffered from each other, and compatible with park setting and resources, within existing development foot print. This loop boasts two beaches, a fine cobble beach near the boat launch area, and a natural sheltered sandy beach with a limited, natural back-shore on the other side of this narrow peninsula. A new comfort station is proposed for this loop. Existing boat ramp opportunity to be upgraded and organized, and is for the exclusive use of registered campers.

Existing loop road on Brickyard Point to be upgraded and/or restored to accommodate walk-in tenting sites opportunities.

Cultural heritage site at Brickyard Point is situated within the Resource Conservation Zone, and will be protected by a generous vegetative buffer.

FRESHWATER FEN TENTING LOOP

Develop primitive tenting / promote inland and coastal waterway recreation opportunities. Primitive tenting opportunities will complement nearby Environmental Protection Zone, limited land base, and remote location of this area. Basic facilities (composting toilets; potable water; group fire place; small shelter with wood stove) will complete experience.

GROUP CAMPING AREA

A group camping area will be designed to meet the special needs of organized groups. The group campground will be designed to accommodate three small groups of 25 - 30 people (75 - 90 person capacity). A common field or program area with group toilet shelter facility proposed.

OPEN FIELD CAMPING LOOP

Upgrade existing open field camping opportunity to accommodate large RVs/ trailers as well as traditional tenting opportunities. Nearby comfort station, play area, park administration / visitor programming, as well as proximity to day use beach will ensure high level of use. Campground host site to be located in this loop.

PENINSULA CAMPING LOOP

Develop camping opportunities to provide traditional un-serviced camping opportunities with framed vistas of the Mira River. Composting toilets (2+) to replace traditional vault washrooms. Cooking shelters proposed for this loop.

PARK TRAIL SYSTEM

A park-wide trail system will be planned to enhance proposed outdoor recreational opportunities and provide a range of experiences and cater to a diverse range of abilities and user groups.

Trail kiosks will be strategically located to inform and advise park users. Trail planning process will identify over-riding trail themes, desired experiences and will provide the terms of reference / guidelines for detailed trail planning and layout at Mira Park. Trail interpretive and directional signage will complete trail system.

Trail standards will reflect park resource opportunities and constraints, but generally a year round multi purpose barrier free (non-motorized) trail system is envisioned.

DAY USE AREA
Please refer to notes in the Day Use Opportunities section

MAINTENANCE YARD

PARK MAINTENANCE

Existing park maintenance yard to remain and to be buffered from adjacent park road access point.

COMMON PLAY AREA

A large play area is strategically located to accommodate campers, day users and others visitors accessing park programming activities. Play area to have traditional provincial park playground and open field areas to accommodate active and passive play opportunities.

PARK PROGRAMMING / AMPHITHEATER AREA

Proposed program area will provide park interpretation and educational programming. Programming will be accessible to park visitors and local community. One of several park information / interpretive kiosks will be located here to orient and advise visitors of recreational and visitor programming opportunities.

An amphitheater and adjacent group shelter will facilitate park programming and visitor services. Nearby play area, with playground and fields, will accommodate passive and active play opportunities. Play area will be accessible to all user groups, and complement program / amphitheater function.

PARK ADMINISTRATION

Proposed relocation of existing Park Administration Area will:

- enable better management of destination and day use recreational opportunities and visitors;
- permit day use and community access to park programming and recreation opportunities;
- free up park land base to permit the development of a safe, quality beach and parking opportunity to complement this regionally significant beach resource in Cape Breton Regional Municipality;
- control dump station

PARK ENTRANCE

Park entry experience to be enhanced (site distance; signage; landscaping; etc) and off season parking lot (8 - 12 car capacity) provided near park gate.

DAY USE OPPORTUNITIES

Mira River Provincial Park is one of the few high quality inland swimming opportunities in Cape Breton Regional Municipality. Proposed relocation of park administration will provide resources to develop the elements associated with quality swimming and picnic opportunities.

DAY USE ELEMENTS INCLUDE:

BEACH BACKSHORE AREA

Rehabilitate and restore existing day use parking lot to provide a passive back-shore for picnicing and sunbathing activities. A small open area will accommodate unstructured free play to the rear.

DAY USE PARKING OPPORTUNITIES

Parking lots will be planned to utilize existing infrastructure where possible. Pedestrian site circulation will be streamlined and centralized to promote desired use patterns. A barrier free pathway will connect accessible beach, washroom and picnic opportunities to a designated accessible parking lot. Gated emergency / service access in accessible parking lot will provide ready access to beach back-shore.

- Existing RV Sites
- Proposed RV Sites
- Existing Tent Campsites
- Proposed Tent Campsites
- Proposed Group Campsites
- Boat Launch
- Comfort Stations (Flush Toilets and Showers)
- Toilets / Changerooms
- Playground
- Main Parking
- Secondary Parking
- Trail Kiosk
- Road
- Trail
- Cultural Area
- Lawn Areas
- Beaches
- Cemetery

DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT
Mira River Provincial Park
Cape Breton County

Scale 1:2000
0 100 200 Meters

