June is Recreation & Parks Month (JRPM)

Activity Guide | 2025





The following activities are suggestions for how you can celebrate each weekly theme throughout June is Recreation and Parks Month (JRPM)! These activities can be done in no particular order. Enjoy!

WEEK 1 (June 1 - 7) Love Your Parks & Green Spaces

- Go for a stroll in your neighbourhood or local park.
- Go "plogging" and see how many pieces of litter you can clean up.
- Go outside and watch the clouds. What shapes can you see?
- Join Leave No Trace Canada in supporting responsible outdoor recreation.
- Cycle along designated bike paths and enjoy the scenic views.
- Bring your backyard or board games to the park!
- Play outdoor sports like soccer, basketball, or frisbee with friends and family.
- Try outdoor yoga or fitness classes for a refreshing workout in nature.
- Go on a nature walk and photograph the beauty of your surroundings.
- Read a book outside and bask in the sunshine (use sunscreen!)

WEEK 3 (June 15 - 21) Inclusive Recreation

- · Engage in accessible gardening activities.
- Discover accessible play spaces or hiking trails in your area.
- · Participate in sensory-friendly nature exploration activities.
- Celebrate and learn about <u>Ageless Motion Day</u> on June 18th.
- Celebrate and learn about Inclusive Recreation Day on June 19th.
- Participate in adaptive arts & crafts workshops and unleash your creativity.
- Take Communities ChooseWells' <u>FREE eCourse on Equity, Diversity, and</u> Inclusion in Recreation Settings.
- Deepen your reconciliation journey by visiting ARPA's Oral Knowledge Hub.
- Try an inclusive fitness class on Youtube that caters to people of all abilities.
- Join community events or festivals that celebrate diversity and inclusion.

WEEK 2 (June 8 - 14) Connect with the Land





- Plant something! (i.e. your own garden, potted flowers or herbs)
- Read a book outside and enjoy the peace and calm of being outdoors.
- Take a walk outdoors without any music. What sounds can you hear?
- Capture the beauty of Alberta's landscapes with a photo excursion.
- Learn about the land you are recreating on using <u>Native Land Digital</u> or this <u>PDF Map</u> created by the Government of Alberta.
- Try stargazing! See what constellations you are able to recognize.
- Have a picnic in a beautiful park and enjoy quality time with loved ones.
- Attend local **National Indigenous History Month** activities.

WEEK 4 (June 22-30) Explore Your Community

- Visit the local farmers market or community spray park!
- Stroll down main street and check out some local shops and restaurants.
- Go on an "architecture hunt" and discover unique buildings in the community.
- Visit local museums or art galleries to understand the history of your area.
- Explore nearby parks and trails to discover hidden natural gems.
- Give back to your community by volunteering somewhere local.
- Discover a new local Indigenous artist or musician.
- Attend local Pride month activities.
- Participate in community clean-up initiatives and contribute to a cleaner environment.

