



## **Annual Paddle the Battle**

July 17, 2025 – BRWA staff and friends enjoyed a great day paddling the Battle River starting at Big Knife Provincial Park. This paddle is very accessible for the whole family. Over the years, staff have recorded more than a dozen paddling routes in Central Alberta. For your next paddle, check out the *Paddle the Battle Guide*, which include suggestions for easy access points, paddle distance, common wildlife sightings, and other points of interest. Happy paddling!

[Paddle the Battle Guide](#)

## **Water Matters**

### **Aquatic Invasive Species Annual Watercraft Pass Engagement**

Albertans can share feedback to help inform a potential annual watercraft pass. Complete the survey by August 25, 2025.

[Survey](#)

## **Workshops & Events**



### PLWA Love the Lake Day

August 9, 2025, 10 am - 3 pm

**Location:** Pigeon Lake Provincial Park, Day Use Area

**About the Event:** Join Pigeon Lake Watershed Association, Battle River Watershed Alliance, and other partners for a day at the lake to learn about how to protect our watershed.



### Wetland Adventure Day

August 14, 2025, 4 - 7 pm

**Location:** Lindsay Evans Park, County of Vermilion River

**About the Event:** Join the BRWA and County of Vermilion River for an afternoon of fun and family friendly wetland-themed activities, including pond dipping!



### Camrose County Welcome BBQ

August 16, 2025, 1 - 4 pm

**Location:** Nature Conservation Centre, Camrose County (TWP 452 & RR 185)

**About the Event:** Join the festivities and come by the BRWA booth to check your wingspan and learn about wildlife that live in the watershed.

### Meeting Creek Family Fun Day





August 16, 2025, 10 am - 4 pm

**Location:** 5002 50 St., Meeting Creek

**About the Event:** Join the BRWA for a day of family fun at Meeting Creek! Learn about Meeting Creek's Natural Linear Park and the restoration work being completed there.

## In the Classroom

### Sign Up for Fall Field Trips

BRWA field trips are designed to immerse students in their local watershed, fostering a deeper understanding of environmental stewardship and citizen science. Book your fall program before they fill up!

[Youth Programs](#) | [Request a Fall Program](#)



## Highlights from the Nature Science + Sports Combo Camp

July 21-25, 2025 – BRWA staff, in partnership with the Augustana Faculty and Vikings sports staff at University of Alberta, hosted an exciting week of summer camp fun! There were twenty-one keen and energetic campers who made the week a success. Campers learned about water quality, biodiversity, and human impacts in the watershed. They also had fun playing ultimate frisbee, basketball, volleyball, bouldering, and orienteering.

A big thank you to our partners at Augustana and the Camrose & District Fish & Game Association who helped bring this unique nature and sports camp to life.

## The Alliance

### Showcasing Battle River Restoration Projects

In Spring 2025, BRWA partnered with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) on the 3rd Annual Riparian Web Portal Contest. BRWA worked with Lakeland College students to showcase local riparian restoration projects on the Riparian Web Portal, and one of our teams was selected as a contest winner! Partnerships like this enable us to highlight stewardship efforts in our watersheds and mentor the next generation of environmental professionals. Check out NSWA's blog about the contest, and explore the Riparian Web Portal for yourself.

[Read the Blog](#) | [Riparian Web Portal](#)



*The winning project (shown above) involved fencing off a cattle watering site on the Battle River to help restore riparian vegetation.*

## Partner Events

- [Camrose Wildlife Stewardship Society Events, Thursday Evenings, Stoney Creek Centre](#)
- [ALMS 2025 Annual Conference: Wabamun Lake, September 24-25, 2025, Seba Beach Pavillion, Wabamun Lake](#)
- [Rangeland Sustainability Program, Grant Application Deadline September 17, 2025](#)

## In Other News

- [Recent rain offers some hope for Prairie forages](#)
- [Grant to support Blackfalds Broadway Reservoir Expansion Project](#)
- [Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program \(WRRP\) | 2024-25 grant approval fact sheet](#)
- [Alberta and Ontario ask Carney government to 'refrain' from reintroducing First Nations clean water bill](#)



- [New global study shows freshwater is disappearing at alarming rates](#)
- [World risks up to \\$39 trillion in economic losses from vanishing wetlands, report says](#)
- [Alberta removing requirement for temporary diversion licenses for riparian restoration projects](#)
- [Concerns raised over fracking impact in the midst of dry regional conditions](#)

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