



# Media Release

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## Krestova Regional Park to Open April 1

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is pleased to announce the soft opening of its newest Regional Park, Krestova Regional Park on Saturday, April 1. Krestova Regional Park is the second largest property run by the RDCK at 55 hectares and is located off of Krestova Road.

The park was acquired when the RDCK purchased the 55 hectares of private land with the help of the Krestova Park Fundraising Committee which met their goal of raising \$475,000 in just over a month's time. The \$475,000 raised, combined with an Area H Community Development Grant and a private donation met the \$870,000 purchase price.

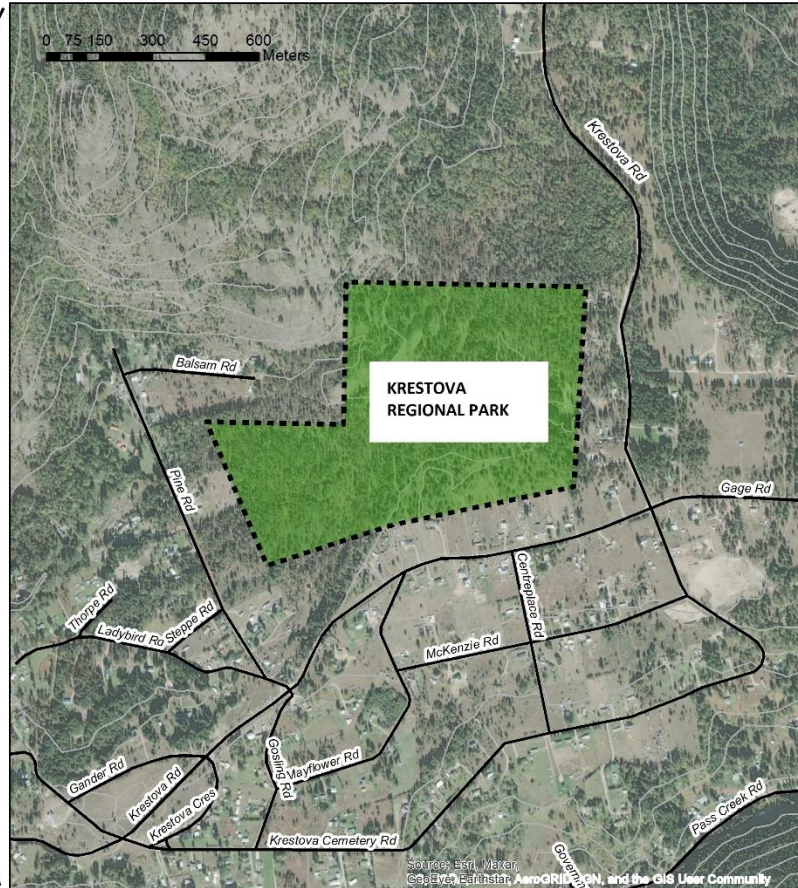
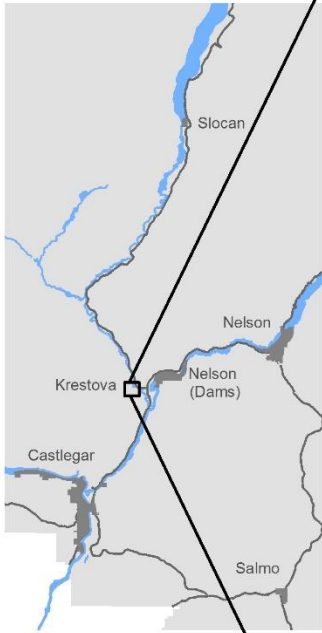
"We are excited for the public to continue to access this park as an outdoor recreation area and a place for residents to enjoy the historic and cultural attributes of the property," said Walter Popoff, RDCK Electoral Area H Director. "This day wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of the Krestova Park Fundraising Committee who worked so hard to ensure we could create a community park."

"Visitors to the park should be aware that a soft park opening means that there is no designated parking, toilets or interpretive and wayfinding signage," said Joe Chirico, RDCK General Manager of Community Services. "Park visitors must stay on existing roads and trails, but please note that these roads and trails are not routinely maintained."

Basic amenities and low-impact parking areas will be determined by park management planning activities and public consultation in the next two to five years. Krestova Regional Park is located in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and only limited forms of open land park development are permitted at this time. Subject to ALR regulations motorized use is not permitted in the park.

This is the 27th regional park in the Regional District of Central Kootenay, which increases the amount of parkland to a total of 580 hectares.

**Location Map**



*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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