

The Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site Infrastructure Upgrades Are Now Complete!

Pjila'si, Welcome Back and Welcome all! Come in and find your place.

The infrastructure upgrades at Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site are complete and day-use areas are open to visitors for the 2021 season! This \$10.4M Government of Canada infrastructure revitalization project was the first significant investment to Kejimkujik infrastructure in fifty years and will provide quality experiences for the next generation of visitors!

So...what can you expect?

Welcoming, Safe Facilities and Experiences

Visitors can look forward to 10 new modern and inclusive washroom and shower facilities that feature accessible, barrier-free design that meets the needs of socially and culturally diverse visitors. The new combined facilities are gender-neutral, designed for improved privacy and personal security. Facilities now include showers, reducing travel within the campground. Kejimkujik has new and improved roofed accommodations that provide an even greater variety of overnight experiences to enjoy! Jim Charles Point features the new Ôasis, heated teardrop-shaped units with a platform bed that flips into a table with benches, as well as a hammock loft above. It also features the heated and newly insulated oTENTik Village and the heated and newly insulated rustic cabins that offer more privacy — now with mattresses on each bunk! These shelters make shoulder season visits cozier.

The new Ukme'k trail (pronounced "ook-may-k"), meaning "twisted" in Mi'kmaq, is a 6.3 km shared-use trail that connects the campground with popular day-use areas. Ukme'k gives visitors an opportunity to interact with the Mi'kmaw cultural landscape as it twists along the historic and culturally significant Mersey River. Mountain bikers will enjoy the intermediate-level challenges that Ukme'k offers like rollers, berms, and rock crossings that beginners can easily bypass. Visitors can walk safely and confidently across the new rainbow crosswalk that connects the Ukme'k trail and the Mersey River trail trailhead!

Greening Facilities

Upgrades at Kejimkujik support Parks Canada's commitment to greening facilities and operations. Facilities are built using long-lifespan materials, low-maintenance design and are equipped with efficient lighting, designed to be Dark-Sky compliant and to respect Kejimkujik's status as a Dark-Sky Preserve. Facilities are connected to new and efficient water and wastewater treatment systems that provide a safe and reliable water supply. Visitors can now access two electric vehicle charging stations at the Visitor Centre! Once completed in 2022, Kejimkujik's solar power panels will offset camper electrical use by 100%.

A Cultural Landscape

Kejimkujik is both a national park and a national historic site, protecting and presenting a unique cultural landscape that celebrates the presence of the Mi'kmaq and their history in this place. Mi'kmaw perspectives and traditional knowledge informed the planning and design of the Ukme'k trail. Parks Canada and the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia have developed and implemented a collaborative archaeology model that includes participatory archaeology work with local Mi'kmaw communities.

Conservation and Restoration

The hemlock forests at Kejimkujik are also undergoing significant changes. Kejimkujik lost many trees to Hurricane Dorian, and is losing many more to the invasive Hemlock woolly adelgid — a pest that damages and kills hemlock trees. Parks Canada has adopted an active management approach in Jeremy's Bay Campground using restorative silviculture to help the hemlock-dominant forest withstand this invasion. This includes cutting hemlock trees and planting saplings to allow other species to grow. Parks Canada is planning for the long term by carrying out infrastructure renewal, using active management techniques and working with visitors to encourage this new growth — Jeremy's Bay Campground is stepping into the 21st century!

Parks Canada staff are ready to welcome you to all there is to offer at Kejimkujik! Book your campsite online - April 23rd, 2021.