



Coyote Lake Lodge

- A Wellness-in-Nature
(WIN) Centre



Our Mission:

to enable all people, especially those with a disability, seniors, New Canadians, and refugees to improve their health and to enjoy our natural Alberta outdoor heritage all through the year.

A project of the Charity:

ALBERTA ABILITIES LODGES
SOCIETY

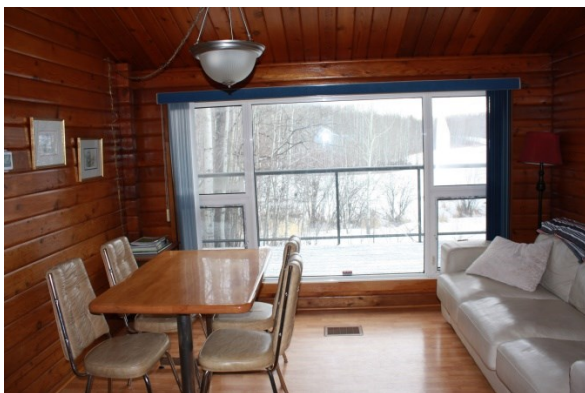
The Need: Alberta has more than 680,000 people with a physical or cognitive disability, and more than 725,000 seniors. These people often experience isolation/loneliness, and lack opportunities to connect with nature. To meet the needs, the Alberta Abilities Lodges Society, a not-for-profit charitable organization, has developed Coyote Lake Lodge. There we offer all people subsidized opportunities to experience and enjoy the healing power of Alberta's nature all throughout the year.

Coyote Lake Lodge is a 195 hectare (480 acre) property of fields and conservation forests located 60 km directly west of Leduc and the Edmonton International Airport. Thanks to dedicated donors and volunteers, this former minimum security prison has been repurposed into a low environmental footprint, subsidized accessible, and family-oriented lodge that provides comfortable, safe, and accessible wilderness experiences. Our self-catering facility, comprised of a main lodge and four cabins, offers accessible overnight accommodation. Guests can connect with nature via 10km of trails for Trekking or cross-country skiing. In summer guests can garden (2 acres or 0.8 ha) to support local food banks. Come to experience the peace and tranquility of Coyote Lake Lodge and to explore the region from Edmonton to Jasper National Park.



Coyote Lodge has a large outdoor deck, dining room (30 person capacity), commercial kitchen with a walk-in cooler, meeting room, library, and three accessible washrooms.

Our **western cedar** cabins are connected to the main lodge by concrete or paved pathways. All cabins have a great view of wildlife in Coyote Valley. Cabins 1 & 2 are fully accessible to wheelchairs via outdoor ramps to floor-level bedrooms with accessible washroom, kitchen, and dining area. Cabins 3 & 4 have steps and standard washrooms.



For hikers, skiers, and kids of all ages, we have adapted TrailRiders and trekking poles to assist guests with mobility issues. An accessible patio and fire pit offer space for cookouts and gatherings.



Recent Initiatives Completed

- Dedicated volunteers provided over 600 person days per year to maintain and operate Coyote Lake Lodge.
- Hosted many special events such as family reunions, birthdays, meetings, and the annual Christmas Bird Count with more guests than in former years
- Upgraded the lodge commercial kitchen
- Annually donated 7000 lb or over 3,000 kg of fresh vegetables to local food banks
- Built canoe storage shed
- Increased the length of our trail network

Current and Future Initiatives

- Reforest creeks for greater biodiversity
- Tracked power wheel chairs for trail use
- Install auto door openers
- Develop an RV campground
- Energy efficiency upgrades (solar panels)
- Renovate Cabin 3 to improve accessibility
- Increase endowments to support lodge
- Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of lodge ownership in 2024

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Our website: www.coyotelakelodge.ca

Please Support Us

Financial support, in-kind contributions, and volunteer days are critical to our success. As a Canadian Registered Charity #844248617RR0001, we issue receipts for tax purposes.

Make cheques payable to “Alberta Abilities Lodges Society” and mail to:

Alberta Abilities Lodges Society

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