

## Tentative 2008 Alberta Soils Tour -

<b>DAY ONE: <i>Tuesday, July 22, 2008: Theme Reclamation and Site Assessments</i></b>			
<b>***Participants to book their own rooms in Lacombe on the evening of July 21<sup>st</sup> (if required).***</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Stop Duration</b>	<b>Event/Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>1 hour 45 minutes</b>	Tour of the <b>Lacombe Research Station.</b>	Overnight parking is available at the Lacombe Research Station. Please follow the signs to the parking area.
<b>10:00</b>	<b>45 minutes</b>	Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development's " <b>Beneficial Management Practices Evaluation Project</b> ", located at Whelp Creek, just outside of Lacombe.	
<b>11:00</b>	<b>1 hour</b>	Visit <b>CAPP reclamation sites</b> with discussion surrounding oil and gas reclamation and the proposed "new" Reclamation Criteria for Alberta.	
<b>12:15</b>	<b>45 minutes</b>	Lunch stop.	
		Depart for Sylvan Lake with discussion of Red Deer County Land Use Planning Issues.	
<b>2:00</b>		Depart Sylvan Lake area, traveling north-west to view landscapes (e.g., Horseguard Valley) and soils (e.g., Paskapoo Series) of the area surrounding Eckville, AB.	
<b>3:00</b>	<b>1 hour 30 minutes</b>	Arrive and tour the <b>4-Clover Ranch</b> , where we will discuss the importance of pasture management and pasture assessment with the Gray Wooded Forage Association and Kim Neilsen, Agricultural Fieldman for Clearwater County.	
<b>4:45</b>	<b>1 hour</b>	Arrive at the Rocky Mountain House Super 8 and/or Best Western Hotels (depending on where you registered), check in, free time.	<i>Note the rapidly approaching cut-off dates for room registrations!!!!</i>
<b>5:45</b>		Depart hotels for <b>RMH National Historic Site</b> for a <b>BBQ DINNER</b> and free time.	
<b>9:00</b>		Back to the hotels, and have a good night!!	

<b>DAY TWO: <i>Wednesday, July 23, 2008: Theme: EG&amp;S and Municipal Responsibility</i></b>			
<b>8:00</b>		Depart Rocky Mountain House.	<i>NOTE: You will have had to have checked out prior to 8 AM, as we will be leaving at 8 AM <b>SHARP</b></i>
<b>9:00</b>		Drive through Brazeau County with drive-by stops at some of the projects in the area including: Canada Thistle Bio-control, Water Well Monitoring Program, the West Central Airshed Monitoring Program, and woodlots as an EG&S.	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>1 hour</b>	Tour Premier Horticulture's <b>Peat Extraction Site.</b>	
<b>12:00</b>	<b>1 hour approx.</b>	Lunch stop.	
<b>1:15</b>	<b>1 hour +45 minutes</b>	Arrive and tour the <b>Breton Plots and Bentley Preserve.</b>	
<b>3:00</b>	Travel time = 1 hour, including slow drive by and discussion in Leduc.	Depart Breton plots for cross-country tour of southern Leduc County, where we will discuss <b>Municipal responsibility</b> in Leduc County, including their soil infilling & 'Fescue remnant protection' projects. We will also have a drive by of the University of Alberta's Clubroot trials located in Leduc County.	
<b>4:00</b>		Depart the Leduc area.	
<b>5:00</b>		Arrive at the Lacombe Research Station, and a safe ride home!	

*Thanks for your interest in 2008!!*