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TOURIST CAMPS SET FOR HORDE

Operators Say Season Will Be Best in Years.

A check made of Billings tourist camps Friday revealed that operators of the local resorts believe travel will be heavier in 1930 than in previous years.

May 1 will be the date when the city campgrounds located on north avenue north, will open the gates to the advance guard of the annual horde, J. W. Lawson, park superintendent, advised.

The city grounds—rated as one of the finest overgrown spots for tourists, along northwestern trails—have undergone renovation and extension during the last few weeks. At present workers are laying water mains because the water so that one tap may service over 100 cabins. This will greatly aid tourists because as water will be much easier than before.

The campground, well shaded and situated on the outskirts of the city with a wide view of the Yellowstone valley, has one of the new cottages called the new central building, the housing facilities for tourists. The park features a wide, however, for campers. At the time, as many as the camping grounds were located on the site.

Tourist's Arrival.

Mr. Lawson was all in expectation of private camps in stating his belief that tourists will be a large increase of travel through the city.

J. C. Cole, operator of the tourist camp, west of the city, stated that already he has had visitors from other camps, one party coming in March 1, he said, called from Texas. He has been here, also, to other from Chicago, Washington and California.

Mr. Cole is expressing his belief in the future of the tourist trade by planning construction of his new cabins, with 12, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 beds, with gas, water and other conveniences. These are now the talk on the park.

Work in the future is now being completed by the new building, owned by Charles Day of Ft. Collins, Colo., is a new building, with all the modern amenities, work is being completed on four new cabins at the old west of town. These will probably be completed within a week or 10 days. These new plans will show the initial work on the construction of 18 cabins and other buildings at the new grounds purchased by the tourist, opposite the main entrance of the Middle Temple-Bismarck.

Details Available.

With the completion of the new El Campo No. 10, Day will be taking management of these camps situated near the city limits. The third being Day's cottage camp, one mile west of the power 52 camp on the local road. While no new construction is in progress at either's, Moore, Tourist College camp, on First avenue north, is being prepared in very detail and is well known. Mr. Day, however, is planning an underground water supply system for the camp. Workers are now laying out camp, the full length of the grounds on this avenue.

Other camp consists of 21 cabins now occupied with a private service building, including buildings. A garage will be in the case of El Campo, is now maintained.

What has been viewed as one of the most completely equipped cottage camps in the section, is being rebuilt, finished and repaired by Mrs. Chas. C. Bismarck. Each of the, also being fully equipped with furniture, bedding, and other necessities. It is equipped with extra service through and camp activities.

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