



Sylvan Lake & DISTRICT ARCHIVES

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Sylvan Lake WATERSLIDES

Waterslides have long been a feature on the landscape of Sylvan Lake. The first waterslide was installed on Sylvan Lake's main beach in the early 1920s, close to Joe McClusky's boathouse and pier. Later, a more substantial slide was constructed. It was nearly 5 metres (16 feet) in height and made of wood, with galvanized iron sheeting on the chute. To cool off the hot metal, slide participants poured water over the slide. The slide was shuttled into and out of the water each season. By the late 1940s, it was too dilapidated to use and was destroyed.

It took almost 40 years for a waterslide to once again don the shores of Sylvan Lake. In 1982, Wildrapids Waterslide opened to the public and boasted being Alberta's second-largest water park after the World Waterpark in West Edmonton Mall. It was a favourite Alberta destination until it was shut down and demolished in 2016.

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Waterslide, 1921



Sylvan Lake Regatta, 1925



Main Beach, 1925



Metal Slide and Waterwheel,
c. 1940

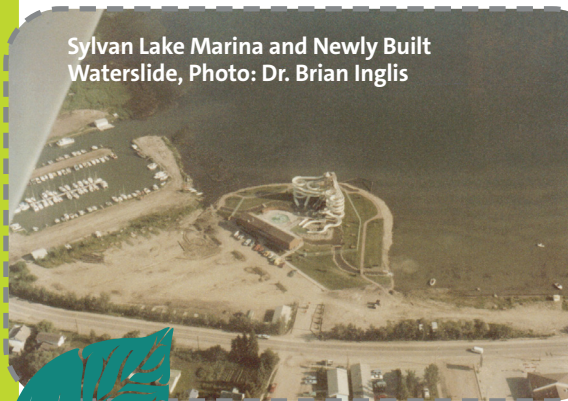


Waterslide and Pier, 1935



Wildrapids Waterslide, 1985

Wildrapids Waterslide, Photo: David Brunner



Sylvan Lake Marina and Newly Built
Waterslide, Photo: Dr. Brian Inglis

