

Back Country Camping in Tombstone Park 2007

Tombstone Park will be operating a **NEW** back country camping permit and registration system from **June 1 to September 30, 2007**.

Visitor numbers to Tombstone Park have been increasing for the past several years. The back country camping permit and registration system has been initiated to reduce impacts on the natural and cultural resources of vulnerable back country areas while enhancing visitor experiences in Tombstone Park.

Please obtain permits to camp at **GRIZZLY, DIVIDE** and **TALUS Lakes**. Permits are **FREE** and available from the Tombstone Interpretive Centre (Km 71 Dempster Highway). Each permit allows the use of one tent pad per night. Camping at each lake is limited to three consecutive nights. Only 10 permits will be available per night at each lake.

Visitors wanting to camp elsewhere in the back country are free to do so without a permit. Day hiking will not be affected by the permit system.

It is important that hikers use a bear-proof food canister for all overnight trips into these areas. Canisters are available from the Tombstone Interpretive Centre for a fully refundable deposit of \$40.00.

Booking of permits can only be done in person at the Tombstone Interpretive Centre, no more than two days before the start of your hike. If your travel plans require an earlier confirmation please contact a Tombstone Park Ranger at tombstone@gov.yk.ca

For more information, please contact:

E-mail:

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Or visit:

Tombstone Interpretive Centre, Km 71 Dempster Highway

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why permit the campsites at these three back country lakes?

Answer: Tombstone Park is experiencing concentrated use and heavy site impact at Grizzly, Talus and Divide Lakes. The natural resources at the lakes are threatened and crowded campsites are affecting visitor satisfaction. By permitting the back country lakes we are restricting the amount of visitors to the lakes at any given time and hopefully protecting the lakeside setting while providing an enjoyable wilderness experience for visitors.

Will you come looking for me if I don't return?

Answer: No. The permit is purely for the protection of the immediate back country lake campsite that it is assigned to. It has no relevance to search and rescue. You should leave your trip plan with a reliable friend or family member and a date for them to call authorities if you don't return.

We are planning a trip into Tombstone and want to hike in the back country for 5 days with our last night at Divide Lake. We have four people with two tents how many permits do we need?

Answer: You need 2 permits for the two tent pads that you will occupy at Divide Lake for the date you anticipate camping there.

What happens if I can't make my permitted destination on the date my permit is for?

Answer: The permit becomes invalid.

I want to stay more than three nights at one lake what can I do?

Answer: You can not stay at one lake more than three consecutive nights. However, you could move onto the next lake if you have a permit for that campsite and then return the following day if you have a permit.

Is my permit transferable?

Answer: Permits are Location and Date specific, so if you change your mind while in the back country, you can transfer permits between visitors. However, do not rely on encountering someone who would be willing to trade.

Can I pre-book my permits?

Answer: Booking of permits can only be done in person at the Tombstone Visitor Centre and no more than 2 days before starting your hike in the Park . If your travel plans require an earlier confirmation please contact a Tombstone Park Ranger at tombstone@gov.yk.ca