

Manitoba's Provincial Parks offer you the enjoyment of outdoor living and an opportunity to be close to nature with your family and friends. Manitoba Conservation wants your season with us to be a pleasant one.

Please help everyone to enjoy Manitoba's Provincial Parks by ensuring that your camping activities do not disrupt the activities of others.

The following document outlines "The Rules" that must be followed by all persons enjoying Manitoba's seasonal campgrounds.

Natural Resource Officers and Park Patrol Officers are working in our parks to ensure a peaceful, safe and enjoyable camping experience for everyone. Rules are established under THE PROVINCIAL PARKS ACT, and REGULATIONS, and must be observed by all park users. Failure to comply with these rules may result in enforcement actions by Natural Resource Officers or Park Patrol Officers and could include cancellation of your camping permit, without compensation, eviction for up to 21 days, possible charges, your disqualification from next season's draw, and a ban from provincial parks for up to one year.

YOUR SEASON WITH US

1. **Season:** Seasonal campsites are intended for use of the permit holder and their immediate family which is generally defined as parent(s) and their children under the age of eighteen with the possible addition of a grandparent or similar relative. The seasonal camping permit grants the permit holder the right to occupy a specified campsite for the period listed on the enclosed schedule of Seasonal Camping Dates and Prices.

At the Beginning and End of Season

Your seasonal camping fee covers the term of your seasonal camping permit (Units On to Units Off dates). In some instances, certain seasonal campgrounds may allow the early setup or later removal of camping units, depending on weather and site conditions. (Check with the appropriate district office.)

In the event that you are permitted access (i.e. with permit) to your seasonal site either before your "Units On" or after your "Units Off" dates, you are required to pay nightly transient camping fees. Please remember that you must acquire a transient camping permit that allows you to occupy the campsite.

If your camping unit is present without permission (i.e. no permit) on site before or after the term of your seasonal camping permit, you are subject to:

- having your camping unit towed at your expense
- charges for occupying crown land without a permit
- and, nightly transient camping fees for each night the camping unit occupied the site

Seasonal permit holders who require winter storage in a designated Winter Storage area, must obtain a Winter Storage Permit by the "Units Off" date at the local district office. Winter Storage Permits are not sold after this date. Please see the section entitled "Winter Storage of your Camping Unit" for more information.

2. **Transferability and Refundability:** Seasonal camping permits are neither transferable nor refundable. The renting, subletting or assigning of camping units, camping privileges or campsites is not permitted.
3. **Siting Your Camping Unit:** Those with permits for the **2008 season** must place their camping units on their respective selected sites within 22 days of campground opening (See enclosed schedule of Seasonal Camping Dates and Prices). Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the revocation of all rights to the site(s) in question unless prior arrangements have been made through the local district office (See enclosed Department Contact List).
4. **Temporary Removal of Your Camping Unit:** If you are vacating your campsite for a period of time (e.g. vacation) you are required to inform the local Natural Resource Officer in writing stating the date you are removing your camping unit and the date you will be placing it back on your site. If a request to temporarily remove your unit is not received in writing, the site will be deemed vacant and revert back to the Parks and Natural Areas Branch for distribution.
5. **Cleaning Up Your Campsite:** When vacating the campsite at the end of the season, the permittee must remove all personal property and restore the site to its original condition. Failure to do so may result in charges and disqualification from next season's draw.

SETTING UP YOUR CAMPSITE

1. Structures and Equipment on the Campsite:

Seasonal camping is an ideal way to vacation in Manitoba's great outdoors. However, the proliferation of temporary structures and increased storage of recreational equipment on campsites can be an intrusion on the natural environment that attracts visitors to parks. Manitoba Conservation wants campers to vacation in comfort and encourages the maintenance of our natural surroundings in an uncluttered state. Please respect our parks and campgrounds by following these guidelines.

In order to be considered occupied, a campsite must contain a camping unit (i.e. tent, tent-trailer, camper-truck, camping trailer, fifth-wheel, or motor home). **Only one camping unit per campsite is permitted.** All camping units other than tents must display valid registration.

In addition to one camping unit, only the following **structures** may be permitted on a campsite in some campgrounds:

- one screened dining tent **or** cabana (not exceeding **144 sq.ft.** - permitted in Whiteshell, Nopiming and some other Parks - check with the appropriate district office)
- one free standing storage shed (not exceeding **100 sq.ft.** and may not be constructed out of canvas, fabric or other similar material - permitted in Whiteshell and Nopiming Provincial Parks only)
- one additional tent
- one ground level deck or patio (e.g. wooden, carpet or other material) **with** a tarp, roll-out awning, or fixed roof.

The maximum aggregate size (the "footprint") of all structures, including the camping unit, cannot exceed 460 sq. ft.

In addition to these structures, the following **equipment** is permitted on a campsite:

- one motor vehicle
- one boat and trailer combination **or** utility trailer
- one ground level deck or patio (e.g. wooden, carpet or other material) **without** a tarp, roll-out awning, or fixed roof.

Note: Only one ground level deck or patio is permitted on a campsite.

The combination of the camping unit, all allowable structures and equipment may not overflow the defined campsite provided.

Note: The campsite must not be modified or enlarged in any way by the destruction or removal of existing natural features, or the movement of curbs, timbers or boulders placed for site definition. Structures or equipment other than those listed above are not permitted. Fencing structures or the use of vertical tarps are not allowed.

2. **Length of Your Camping Unit:** Camping unit length may not exceed the maximum allowable length that has been established for each campsite. Where applicable, maps indicating maximum allowable lengths will be available at the seasonal draws.
3. **Refrigerators on the Campsite:** In order to reduce electrical consumption and help improve campground aesthetics, a fridge is permitted only if it is housed inside either the camping unit, a cabana, screened dining tent or storage shed. A fridge must be locked or located within a locked structure. Be advised that a fridge in a cabana and/or tent may attract bears or other problem wildlife.
4. **Telephone Installation:** Installation of private telephone or cable lines will not be permitted in areas designated for seasonal camping.

CONSIDER YOUR FELLOW CAMPERS

1. **Excessive Noise:** Excessive noise is not permitted at any time. Please observe the campground quiet time between 11:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. The use of loud equipment, e.g. chain saws, radios, generators, etc. during quiet hours is prohibited. Please remember that even during daytime hours, excessive noise that is disturbing to other campers is not acceptable.
2. **Consumption of Alcohol:** Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only in the permit holder's camping unit and on his/her assigned site, and in accordance with the requirements of The Liquor Control Act and under The Provincial Parks Act and Regulations. Remember: Possession or consumption of liquor is prohibited in seasonal campgrounds from Thursday, May 15, 2008 to Monday, May 19, 2008. Additional restrictions may be applied in an effort to support the quiet and peaceful enjoyment of our provincial parks by Manitobans and visitors.
3. **Pets:** All pets must be kept leashed, tied up, caged or under physical control at all times. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
4. **Disturbances:** Any disturbance which intrudes on another camper is not permitted. The permit holder shall ensure that nothing done by himself/herself or others using the site will obstruct, interrupt or interfere with the quiet, peaceful use and enjoyment of provincial park lands by any other person including, but not limited to: damaging property, fighting, screaming, playing loud music, using insulting or obscene language, drunkenness, etc. In the event of any disturbance, Natural Resource Officers or Park Patrol could apply enforcement action, up to and including the cancellation of the seasonal camping permit, without compensation, and a ban from provincial parks for up to one year.
5. **Entering the Campground After 11:00 P.M.:** Only persons returning to their designated campsites are allowed into campgrounds after 11:00 p.m. Vehicles entering campgrounds after 11:00 p.m. may be restricted.
6. **Guests:** Guests are allowed after 11:00 p.m. on an occasional basis, as long as the maximum number of adults, including the permit holder, does not exceed four. All persons, including guests, must be accommodated within the allowable equipment and structures.
7. **Use of the Site by Others:** The permit holder is responsible for the conduct of all persons using the site, regardless of whether or not those persons use the site with or without the permission of the permit holder.
8. **Only One Motor Vehicle Per Campsite:** Park visitors must leave their vehicles in designated parking areas. Only one vehicle is permitted on each campsite unless otherwise specified.

CAMPGROUND SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

1. **Children at Play:** Children regularly play in campgrounds. Please use caution when driving your vehicle or moving your camping unit. Don't endanger others.
2. **Maximum Speed of 20 km/hr:** The speed limit in campgrounds is 20 km/hr. All motor vehicles operated in campgrounds must meet requirements of THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT. Motor vehicles not defined by the Act (e.g. ATVs) are prohibited, or restricted to areas or trails where provided.
3. **Don't Give Bears a Bad Name:** Bears can cause serious injury and damage property. No matter how tame they appear to be, they are wild animals. Do not feed or harass them! Do not leave food or garbage out. Report a problem bear to your Natural Resource Officer or Park Patrol Officer.

Note: Increasingly, bears are being drawn to bird feeders in our campgrounds. Manitoba Conservation requests that campers not set up bird feeders, including hummingbird feeders, as they attract bears.

4. **Emergency Removal of Equipment:** Manitoba Conservation reserves the right to evacuate all campers in the event of an emergency. We advise that all structures and equipment be maintained in a moveable state in the event that such an evacuation is necessary.
5. **Campfires:** Fires are prohibited except in designated firepits. **If a campsite does not have a designated firepit, then a wood-burning device (e.g. woodstove) is permitted, providing that it has been approved by a Natural Resource Officer or Park Patrol Officer.** Campfires must be extinguished if site is left unoccupied. Firewood, where provided, is for campsite permit holders' use only. Removal of firewood from a provincial park is prohibited. The unauthorized collection of any living or dead vegetation for fuelwood is prohibited in Manitoba provincial parks.
6. **Firearms:** Discharging a firearm or possession of a loaded firearm within 300 meters of any developed area (e.g. campground) is prohibited at all times. Please note that there may be additional park specific restrictions. Contact your local district office.
7. **Fireworks:** Use of fireworks is prohibited in Manitoba's provincial parks.
8. **Glass Containers:** Broken glass can be dangerous to visitors, staff, pets and wildlife. Whenever possible, please use plastic containers or cans. Let's all do our part to keep parks clean and safe.

CLEAN CAMPGROUNDS ARE FUN TO VISIT

1. **Site Maintenance:** The permittee shall be responsible for maintaining the campsite in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.
2. **Disposal of Waste Water:** Waste water shall be disposed of into sealed receptacles, trailer sanitary stations or sewer drains where provided. Discharge of grey water into sullage pits or onto the ground is prohibited.
3. **Disposal of Garbage:** Use refuse containers for the disposal of all discarded material. Littering can destroy the campground's natural environment, and attract animals such as bears.
4. **Recycle:** Many parks have recycling programs. Please acquaint yourself with these programs and help reduce waste.
5. **Disposal of Ashes:** Safely dispose of extinguished firepit, barbecue and cigarette ashes in a sealed garbage bag and refuse containers.
6. **Damage to Trees and Shrubs:** Do not strip bark from trees or otherwise injure them. Trees are damaged when the bark is stripped, tarps are tied or fastened to a tree, or when nails are driven into them. Damaged trees and shrubs are more likely to be destroyed by fungus or disease.

WINTER STORAGE OF YOUR CAMPING UNIT

Many campgrounds in the Whiteshell, Duck Mountains, Porcupine Forest and Hecla Provincial Park offer winter storage of your camping unit. Check with the appropriate district office for availability. Winter storage is only permitted in designated areas.

- ◆ All camping units placed in storage must have a **winter storage permit** posted in a clearly visible area on the camping unit **and are required to have a valid registration.**
- ◆ Winter Storage payment is due by the "Units Off" date. (See the "Seasonal Camping Dates and Prices" Schedule in this package.)
- ◆ Failure to comply with the requirements of winter storage will result in the removal of the camping unit from the winter storage area at the owner's expense as well as disqualification from next season's draw.
- ◆ Access to winter storage facilities will be available to seasonal camping permit holders from September 1, 2008 to the campground's "Units Off" date.
- ◆ Only seasonal campers from the current year are allowed to purchase a Winter Storage Permit and place their unit in a Winter Storage Area.
- ◆ Each Winter Storage Area has a maximum capacity and the number of available permits is limited to the capacity of the area. Winter Storage Permits are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Winter storage permits will be available for purchase at the appropriate district office starting in early June.



DEPARTMENT CONTACT LIST

Manitoba Conservation district staff will be available as of May 16, 2008 to address any of your seasonal camping concerns. Once you have sited your camping unit, please direct any inquiries or concerns regarding your campsite to the appropriate district office listed below.

PARK / CAMPGROUND	DISTRICT OFFICE	PHONE NUMBER
Assessippi Provincial Park	Roblin	(204) 937-2181
Bakers Narrows Provincial Park	Flin Flon	(204) 687-1640
Clearwater Lake Provincial Park – Campers Cove	The Pas	(204) 627-8287
Clearwater Lake Provincial Park – Pioneer Bay	The Pas	(204) 627-8287
Duck Mountain Provincial Park – Childs Lake	Roblin	(204) 937-2181
Duck Mountain Provincial Park – Wellman Lake	Swan River	(204) 734-3429
Duck Mountain Provincial Park – Blue Lakes	Grandview	(204) 546-5000
Grand Beach Provincial Park	Grand Beach	(204) 754-5040
Grass River Provincial Park – Gyles	Cranberry Portage	(204) 472-3331
Grass River Provincial Park – Iskwasum	Cranberry Portage	(204) 472-3331
Grass River Provincial Park – Reed Lake	Cranberry Portage	(204) 472-3331
Hecla / Grindstone Provincial Park (Gull Harbour)	Riverton	(204) 378-2945
Hnausa Beach Provincial Park	Winnipeg Beach	(204) 389-2752
Lundar Beach Provincial Park	Lundar	(204) 762-5229
Manipogo Provincial Park	Winnipegosis	(204) 656-7030
Moose Lake Provincial Park	Sprague	(204) 437-2348
Nopiming Provincial Park – Beresford Lake	Lac du Bonnet	(204) 345-1400
Nopiming Provincial Park – Black Lake	Lac du Bonnet	(204) 345-1400
Paint Lake Provincial Park – Lakeview	Thompson	(204) 677-6640
Paint Lake Provincial Park – Paint Lake	Thompson	(204) 677-6640
Porcupine Forest – North Steeprock Lake	Swan River	(204) 734-3429
Porcupine Forest – Whitefish Lake	Swan River	(204) 734-3429
Rainbow Beach Provincial Park	Dauphin	(204) 622-2106
Rivers Provincial Park	Brandon	(204) 726-6441
St. Ambrose Provincial Park	Portage la Prairie	(204) 239-3204
St. Malo Provincial Park	Steinbach	(204) 346-6118

PARK / CAMPGROUND	DISTRICT OFFICE	PHONE NUMBER
Stephenfield Provincial Park	Manitou	(204) 242-2950
Turtle Mountain Provincial Park – Adam Lake	Boissevain	(204) 534-2028
Turtle Mountain Provincial Park – Max Lake	Boissevain	(204) 534-2028
Watchorn Provincial Park	Ashern	(204) 768-2368
Wekusko Falls Provincial Park	Snow Lake	(204) 358-2521
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Betula Lake	Seven Sisters	(204) 348-4004
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Big Whiteshell Lake	Rennie	(204) 369-3153
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Brereton Lake	Rennie	(204) 369-3153
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Caddy Lake	West Hawk	(204) 349-2245
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Dorothy Lake	Seven Sisters	(204) 348-4004
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Falcon Lake (Lakeshore)	Falcon	(204) 349-2201
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Falcon Lake (Toniata Beach)	West Hawk	(204) 349-2245
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Nutimik Lake	Seven Sisters	(204) 348-4004
Whiteshell Provincial Park – Opapiskaw	Seven Sisters	(204) 348-4004
Whiteshell Provincial Park – West Hawk Lake	West Hawk	(204) 349-2245
Whiteshell Provincial Park – White Lake	Rennie	(204) 369-3153