

CAMPSITE REGULATIONS & RULES

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Rules & Regulations describe the conduct or action required without deviation. The Caretaker has no discretion in how rules & regulations are applied to individual sites. Any abuse of any rules & regulations will result in an immediate review of a site's status which would probably result in eviction or a denial to renew an existing site.

ATVs: ATVs, motorbikes or other off-road vehicles are not permitted and must be on trailers while on all 480 acres of Rock Lake Camp property. They may be stored on your site if they are rolled on and off your trailer. The only motorized transport approved are wheelchairs, scooters & electric golf carts used for medical situations.

Alcohol and Drugs: Alcohol & drug use is discouraged by the Rock Lake United Church Camp Board. We ask that the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or cannabis be in moderation and insist that such use be restricted to individual campsites. The use of hard drugs within our property limits is forbidden.

Ball Diamond: Ball Diamond behind the Caretaker's house is available for organized activities. Check with the Caretakers for availability.

Beach: The beach area (defined as the sand and grassy knolls on either side) belongs to all camp sites equally and is not the personal property of any one site. If you are not on the beach - put your property away!

No property is to be left in the beach area overnight. Return all personal property to your sites. Any property not left within your site will be donated to charity or placed in the trash bins.

Canoes, kayaks or peddle boats may be stored on the designated area during the season only. They must be returned to your site over the winter. Your name and/or site number must be clearly marked on any such item stored at the beach area.

Biodegradable Products: Biodegradable products are to be used throughout the property (including the lake). This includes biodegradable sunscreen, shampoos, soaps, detergents, etc.

Caretakers: The Caretakers (Marie & Brian Rawson) are residents at the camp entrance gates and have been designated Camp Managers by the Society's Board. As such, they are the only authority at Rock Lake Campground. They are available to give information, interpret policy and deal with requests. The Caretakers can be asked to assist in solving emergencies. Note: When they are at their house or their campsite they are on personal time and should not be bothered except for emergencies. Please keep your non-emergency requests for their daily run through the campground.

Cheques Not Honoured by the Bank: Cheques not honoured by the bank have become a serious problem for the Registrar and future items of this nature will be treated much more seriously. Cheques must be covered on their stated date. No longer will cheques be held for a future deposit.

A \$50.00 NSF processing fee will be applied for cheques not honoured by the bank. NSF fees must be paid in full prior to yearly renewal. Chronic abusers will lose their sites.

Commercial Endeavours: Advertising and selling any product from your site must have the endorsement of the Caretakers and prior approval from the Registrar. Things that would tend to receive approval

would be services that help fellow campers (such as, but not limited to; the supply of water; the supply of wood; septic emptying; recycle service; errand service and the like). Requests denied would lean towards non camping sales (such as, but not limited to vitamin supplements; sale of jewelry; sale of clothing, and similar commercial endeavours).

Communication: The Registrar communicates solely via email. The onus is on Campers to keep email address changes up to date with them and their current contact information.

Drinking Water: Until further notice, drinking water is not available at the Campground & must be brought on site by each Camper.

Fencing: Fencing is encouraged for site safety but must be cleared with and approved by the Caretakers before construction starts especially if it is to be between sites.

Fire Safety: Campfires are restricted to the fire pits provided within each campsite or the fire pit located in the centre of the playground area. Campfires must be kept to a reasonable size (18" x 18" x 18") within these fire pits. Larger fires will not be tolerated and will be considered a serious violation of the rules. A bucket of water must be kept beside burning campfires.

Firewood is not provided, however campers are permitted to gather and cut dead fall from around the property. Garbage is not to be burned in any campfire.

Ministry of Forestry restrictions pertaining to fire hazards and fire bans must be strictly observed. The Caretakers will post specific instructions with regards to fire restrictions and fire bans imposed by the Ministry of Forests.

There is a Fire Wagon available beside the double outhouse at the Campground entrance. Use of this wagon is restricted to fire emergencies only!

Smoking is not permitted in the woods or in any building or on the beach. Smoke only within your campsite and deposit butts only in safe receptacles. Each campsite must have at least one operating fire extinguisher.

Garbage: All garbage must be bagged and kept on your site in a secure container & removed regularly to the large bins at the Campground entrance which are emptied weekly. Please keep the lids on these containers closed. Garbage from large clean-ups, move-in cartons, etc. is not to go into our bins. Such garbage must be removed from the Rock Lake Camp property by the camper. Do not store garbage on your site when you are not there.

Generator (and any other gas-powered machine): The use of generators, pumps, power tools, chain saws, etc. is restricted to between 12:00 noon and 11.00 p.m. daily.

Improvements: Site improvements (costs borne and labour supplied by the Camper) such as leveling, brush clearing, dead fall removal, gravel pads, etc. are encouraged, but must be cleared through the Caretakers before any work is started.

Other alterations are not permitted to any part of the environment and/or landscape within the Rock Lake Camp property. From time to time the Camp Caretakers may ask for the help of the Campers with a specific work party. Assistance for such projects would be appreciated. Campers are not permitted to organize work parties without prior approval of the Caretakers.

By Board resolution, no tree felling is permitted. If you have a tree problem, see the Caretakers.

Insurance: Insurance coverage for Campers' property used or stored at Rock Lake Campground is the sole responsibility of each Camper as the Society does not hold insurance for Campers' personal

property, so you must have your own personal property and liability insurance. This is generally covered through your homeowner's or tenants' insurance packages, but you should check with your agent to be sure. Campers should ensure that the United Church of Canada, BC Conference, and the Rock Lake United Church Camp Society are listed as co-insurers under this endorsement.

Outhouses: Outhouses are "Use at your own risk" and are to be treated gently (if you dirty it - clean it!) and are strictly for human waste. Bottles, cans, sanitary napkins, diapers, other garbage, or chemicals, etc., are considered garbage and are to be treated as such. No odor repellants are to be used by anyone other than the Caretakers. Please follow the posted rules. Trailers and port-a-potties are to be emptied at the Sani-dump not in the outhouses. Young children, using the outhouses, must be accompanied by an adult.

Overnight Guests: Overnight guests are welcome but are limited by space and must adhere to the same rules and regulations as you. Sites #53 & #57 (and perhaps Site #26 depending on the specific need) are available for ALL visitors and can be booked through the Registrar via phone/text: (250)421-3298. Maximum stay is two weeks, and the nightly rate is \$20.00 payable via e-transfer to Rocklakefinance@gmail.com. Reservations on these sites will only be held for a short time and will not be confirmed until full payment is received. Rigs or sites are not to be loaned to anyone when the site controller is not there.

Paths: There are many paths around Rock Lake Camp that have been made by campers over the years. These paths belong to everyone and can not be declared closed by any camper if they do not like the encroachment.

Pets: Pets are not permitted on the waterfront or beach areas, in the lake or on the lake in any vessel or on any floatation device. Traditionally the three picnic tables that are alongside of the road have not been part of the 'Beach Area'. Therefore, leashed dogs who are under the care & control of a responsible adult may be at these tables. The remaining sand and grass are the beach area; thus, dogs are banned from it.

All other parts of the property require dogs to be completely under the care and control of a responsible adult (or tethered, kenneled or securely always fenced). Aggressive dogs or excessive barking will not be tolerated, and such pets must be removed from the campground immediately if asked to so by the Caretakers.

Privacy: The Church Camp and the Campground are separate entities and must not encroach on each other's space. Do not walk through the Camp whether it is occupied or not. Instead, use one of the trails that allow you to circumvent the Camp. Do not approach the docks or wharf at the Church Camp Beach. Report any Church Camp renter that approaches the Campground space to the Caretakers immediately.

Quiet Time: Quiet time is in effect from 11:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m.

Refund Policy: The refund policy is such that once each of the post-dated cheque due dates is reached the money becomes nonrefundable. However, if we can find another tenant for the site then a pro-rated refund will be processed.

Renewals and Evictions: It is the policy of the Board that the individual who controls that site would have first right of refusal for the site for each subsequent year on a year-to-year basis, providing that the intention has been communicated to the Registrar by September 1st for the following season, and the

completed application and all other required items are received, by the Registrar, prior to September 15th of any given year for the next camping season and there have been no issues that would negate a renewal.

Evictions will be considered for serious misconduct that affects the other campers.

Anyone not renewed for any subsequent season or is evicted from the campground for cause shall be entitled to an appeal. This appeal procedure will be noted on any emails of denied renewals or evictions. Any campers denied a renewal or evicted shall be refunded a pro-rated portion of their unused rent for that season.

Respect: Please respect the sites and property of the other campers. If it isn't yours - don't use it without the owner's permission.

Roads: Parking is prohibited on the lake side of the main entrance road. Park only on the creek side in the spots established by our previous campers.

Stopping or parking on the bridge road into the campground is always prohibited. Because there is no room to pass safely on this road, Rock Lake Campground etiquette dictates that if two vehicles meet on this road, the one pulling the trailer has the right-of-way, thus the other vehicle should back up. We ask that you should be observant entering this road from either end or not create needless problems.

Rule Enforcement: Brian and Marie Rawson are our Camp Managers and as such are the only people empowered by the Society's Board to enforce rules at Rock Lake Campground. Nobody else has the authority. If you think you see a problem, do not confront the other camper - tell the Managers! Policing by campers is not permitted and will be dealt with severely.

Sani-Dump: A Sani-dump is available beside the parking lot just outside the main gate. Do not wash vehicles or trailers there.

Season: The camping season runs annually from May 15th (subject to the roads being usable) through October 15th each year. **We are closed through the winter.** If you need to check your site while we are closed, you may leave your vehicle at the gate and walk in (no motorized transport allowed) at your own risk.

Sheds: Wooden, plastic or metal sheds that are commercially purchased or professionally built (to a maximum size of 8' x 10') along with canopy shelters are permitted on your site. Please keep your site clean & tidy.

Site Control: The name (s) listed on the Application & the Contract dictate who controls the site. If the application or contract is in two names and the applicants split up, then both must agree to the Registrar in writing who gets the site or neither will get it.

Special Rules: From time to time (such as for the COVID 19 outbreak in 2020) the Rock Lake Board may implement a set of special rules to cover the situation. These rules will be clearly posted on our website and will always supersede any rules already in place at that time.

Speed Limit: The maximum speed limit on Rock Lake Camp property is 10 km/hr. Please watch out for our children.

E-Bikes and E-Scooters are being monitored and a permanent decision will be made after each season. Please note: Campground speed limits will be strictly enforced, and these toys will be shut down

immediately if speed continues to be a problem. The safety of our users, especially children, is our top priority.

Succession: There is a 'Right of Succession' policy, whereby parents can pass control of their site to an adult child, or grandchild, avoiding the wait list. The new tenant would assume control of the site and be required to follow all Rules and Regulations as established from time to time for the Campground. If this is done during a season, the fees will still be due from the current site holders. No refunds will be issued for fees already paid. Any financial considerations are to be between the parties.

Trailers, Fifth Wheels & Motorhomes: Rigs are restricted to one per site. Tents, Tent trailers and Truck campers, can be used by Campers to accommodate teenaged children or grandchildren, this will be allowed at the discretion of the Caretakers. They are not intended to be used for second generation families or friends. Our rules permit one person or co-habiting couple as site controllers and one family generation per site. Other overnight visitors, on your site, must sleep in your trailer or motorhome.

Vehicles: Vehicles are restricted to your site and are to be properly insured. No vehicles are to be stored at Rock Lake Camp. All vehicles operated on Rock Lake Camp property must be by operators with valid operating permits.

Water Activities: Campers use the water at their own risk since there is never a lifeguard on duty. Non-swimmers should not be in the water without a CSA approved personal flotation device (PFD). Children should not be playing in any waterfront area without a supervising adult. Only human-powered watercraft are allowed on our lake. Life jackets or PFDs should be worn by everyone in all watercrafts or on a floatation device.

Weapons: Weapons (including but not limited to, handguns, rifles, shotguns, bows and arrows, slingshots, etc. whether for hunting, sport, or target practice) must follow the safe storage & transportation under the firearms act. No discharge of any weapons is permitted on Rock Lake United Church Camp Property.

Wildlife: It is a privilege and unique feature of Rock Lake Camp that campers can observe many aquatic and land animals. All wildlife and its habitat are to be left totally undisturbed. Note (frogs and turtles are on the B C Blue List found at www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/pturtle.pdf). Fishing in the lake is permitted for supervised children under the age of 16 and for seniors 65 and over. All ages are welcome to fish the creeks. All fishing is on a 'catch and release' basis using barbless hooks. All anglers must have the required British Columbia fishing licence and be aware of the current regulations.

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