

# 2024 Conservation Area Policies & Regulations Seasonal Camping

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**Note:** All Conservation Area (CA) rules and regulations are subject to revision without notice at the discretion of the Superintendent. Any

#### General

- All federal, provincial and municipal laws apply while on SCRCA properties (A.W. Campbell, L.C. Henderson and Warwick Conservation Areas), including directives from the federal and provincial governments and public health officials.
- **2.** SCRCA is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property.
- Requests for police, fire, and ambulance services should be made by calling 911. Please also inform park staff of any disturbances or emergencies.
- 4. Verbal or physical abuse or threatening behavior toward SCRCA staff or other CA users will not be tolerated and may result in immediate eviction from the campground.
- 5. No person shall willfully damage any public or private property, buildings, or other facilities.
- **6.** All seasonal campers must provide proof of a minimum \$1 million liability insurance policy.
- All campers must provide a copy of their insurance policy or provide a formal letter from their insurance providers to show proof of insurance (including liability) at the start of the camping season.

#### **Conservation Area Activities**

- No excessive noise or disturbance permitted at any time. <u>Quiet hours are from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00</u> <u>a.m.</u> No audio devices, musical instruments, etc. during quiet hours. Generators are prohibited within the CA, permission may be granted under certain circumstances.
- 9. The possession or use of drones for personal or recreational use is strictly prohibited.
- The possession or use of a slingshot, air rifle, firearms or archery equipment is strictly prohibited. Use or possession of the above may result in charges under the law and/or immediate eviction.

questions regarding policies and regulations should be directed to park staff.

- 11. Off-road Vehicles (ATV's, snowmobiles, etc.) are not permitted within any of the SCRCA's conservation areas. The use of E-bikes is permitted on <u>conservation area roadways only</u>. All other power-assisted, low speed vehicles are not permitted with the exception of single rider assistive devices.
- 12. Riding lawn mowers are not permitted, medical exemptions may be obtained through the Conservation Area Superintendent.

Alcohol/cannabis bans prohibit the possession or consumption of alcohol and cannabis anywhere within the property including registered campsites. Refer to Conservation Areas Important Dates for dates of these bans.

- Outside of a ban, consumption of alcohol is permitted on registered campsites only. Transporting alcohol off your campsite is not permitted.
- 14. Outside of a ban, consumption of cannabis is permitted on registered campsites and in open spaces, like trails and parking lots. Smoking of cannabis is not permitted in enclosed public spaces, washrooms, shelter areas, within 20m of a playground or sporting area (such as horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, etc.), in a canoe/kayak, in a golf cart, or within pool enclosures.
- 15. Cultivation of cannabis is prohibited within all SCRCA Conservation Areas.
- All visitors are to park in designated parking areas. Visitors must vacate the property by 11 p.m. nightly.
- 17. All day use and overnight visitors are subject to the fees that govern the use of the conservation area. Campground and day use hours may be restricted at the discretion of the Campground Superintendent.
- **18.** Pet owners must comply with all provincial legislation and local animal control bylaws. Pets are <u>prohibited</u> in washrooms, showers, buildings,

- or pool enclosures unless they are designated service animals. No more than two pets are permitted on a single campsite. All pets are to be on a leash that does not exceed 2 meters (6 feet) at all times. Owners must clean up after their pets. No pets shall be left unattended or permitted to disturb others. Pet owners must ensure their pet does not make excessive noise. Aggressive/inappropriate behavior of a pet will result in immediate removal of the pet from the CA.
- 19. Pools: Parents/guardians are responsible for the supervision of their children. Swimmers will be required to follow SCRCA's Public Swimming Admittance Procedure, which may require the completion of a swim test. No glass or food allowed in the swimming pool area. Everyone within the pool enclosure must follow the posted rules and the instructions of the lifeguard.
- Campers must provide SCRCA staff or its designated representative's access to the campsite for maintenance, operations, servicing, development, and security.

#### **Permits & Vehicles**

- **21.** Permit holders must be at least 18 years of age and be the primary occupant of the site.
- 22. Permit holders must ensure that all individuals occupying the site do not interfere with quiet, peaceful use and enjoyment of conservation authority lands by other campers and CA visitors.
- 23. Seasonal campsite permit authorizes two adults, and any unmarried children (under age 18) to occupy the campsite. A maximum of six overnight campers including occupants and visitors are permitted on any site at once.
- 24. Subletting or renting trailers and/or sites is strictly prohibited.
- 25. Posted speed limits must be observed. Vehicles must be operated in a way that respects the Highway Traffic Act as well as the Conservation Authorities Act while within park boundaries. Passengers are not permitted to ride in the bed of a truck.
- 26. Two vehicles are permitted on an individual site at any time. All vehicles must display a valid vehicle pass at all times with license plate number clearly marked on the pass.
- 27. Storage of utility trailers on campsite is prohibited.

### **Golf Carts**

28. Golf Carts are permitted for Seasonal Campsites at all three Conservation Areas such that the appropriate fee has been paid (see SCRCA Fees and Important Dates document), and liability insurance must provide coverage for the operation of golf carts.

- 29. All golf carts must have site number posted on the front and back of the vehicle (numbers must be at least 3 inches tall). Golf carts must be parked on your campsite by 11 p.m. and remain parked until 8a.m. unless approved by superintendent for operation during quite hours for mobility reasons.
- 30. The same rules that apply to motor vehicles apply to golf carts within the campground. Drivers must have a valid driver's license. Golf carts must stay on roads and designated trails and must respect the posted speed limits. The number of passengers must be limited to the number of seats. Golf carts must always yield right-of-way to pedestrians. No alcohol/cannabis may be consumed on a golf cart, no open alcohol is permitted on golf carts, golf carts are not to be operated under the influence of alcohol/cannabis.
- 31. A copy of the SCRCA Golf Cart Rules must be reviewed and acknowledged with the campsite occupant's initials on the Seasonal Camper Licence Agreement Waiver annually, prior to use of golf carts.

#### **Campsite Equipment**

- 32. At no time may there be more than four pieces of sheltered equipment on one individual campsite unless approved by the Superintendent/Designage. Only one piece of sheltered equipment can be a hard top trailer. Sheltered equipment includes a shed, tent, dining tent, BBQ shelter, gazebo.
- 33. Trailers must be 20 years of age or newer and meet the approval of the CA superintendent. The trailer must not be a mobile home and cannot be used as a permanent residence. Maximum trailer size: 40 feet x 8.5 feet.
- 34. All trailers must be professionally manufactured by a trailer manufacturing company for the initial purpose of camping. All trailers must have permanent wheel carriage.
- 35. All camping units must be oriented with the trailer hitch assembly facing the road for easy accessibility. Removal may be requested at any time due to maintenance and/or safety concerns. Trailers must be maintained, road-worthy, licensed and easily removable from the site.
- Roof installations and/or alterations not part of the original trailer design are not permitted. Adda-rooms are not permitted.
- 37. Patio lights are permitted and must be turned off by midnight. All lights must be physically attached to the camping unit, shed, or deck. No more than 40 feet of exterior low wattage lighting is permitted on a single campsite.
- 38. Swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, outdoor spas, large recreational equipment (e.g.,

- trampolines, personal playground equipment) are not permitted.
- 39. No permanent clotheslines are permitted. Portable, temporary clotheslines are permitted.
- 40. Fences are not permitted to mark the boundaries of campsites.
- 41. Equipment, furniture, or structures in poor condition, deemed to be unsafe or unsightly must be removed from the site at the direction of the superintendent.
- 42. All lawn furniture must be designed for outdoor use and must be kept in good repair.
- 43. No decorations or ornamentation are permitted to be attached to the trees or vegetation of any kind (attach to deck, shed, or camping unit only).
- 44. Paying the associated fee (found in SCRCA Seasonal Camping Fees and Important Dates document) allows a site to have <u>one</u> energy efficient exterior fridge. The fridge must be connected to an approved electrical receptacle (no extension cords) and contained in an enclosed shed and must be locked & secured on the site at all times. Disposal of broken refrigerators are the responsibility of the camper.
- 45. It is the law to have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your trailer. Seasonal campers must comply with the Ontario Fire Code alarm requirements. All alarms should be tested monthly and after any absence for more than a few days. Replace alarms as required by legislation.
- 46. Permanent underground grey water or sewage tanks are prohibited. All wastewater connections and equipment are subject to inspection by CA superintendent. Sewage pumping services are provided on a one time, weekly, or bi-weekly basis (subject to fees refer to SCRCA Fees and Important Dates document).
- 47. Hydro service is provided to the main camping unit only. Any hydro installation on a campsite must be authorized by the superintendent and completed by a qualified electrician. Any hydro cords must be one continuous cord between the trailer and the power receptacle and must be properly rated for the campsite voltage.
- **48.** Washing machines are prohibited on individual campsites. Washing of vehicles is not permitted. Lawn watering is prohibited without the approval of the superintendent.

#### Decks, Patios, Gazebos & Sheds

- 49. A main deck or patio is permitted, and dimensions are restricted to the length of the trailer and no more than 10 feet in width. Maximum deck height is 24 inches at its highest point.
- Decks/patios must be free standing (no cement footings, no excavations), not attached to the trailer and must be constructed of materials

- intended for exterior use (pressure treated wood, patio stones, etc.). Skids are not an acceptable building material.
- 51. Awnings attached to the trailer unit must be manufactured. Only manufactured metal gazebos are permitted and may be installed on the main deck/patio or on a stand-alone deck/patio. Stand-alone deck/patio with gazebo can be no more than 12'x12' (or 144 sq ft). Gazebos attached to the main deck/patio can be no more than 144 sq ft.
- 52. Constructed roofs (porch, gazebo, etc.) are not permitted.
- 53. One storage shed permitted per campsite and can be a maximum of 8 feet x 10 feet with a peak height of 8 feet. All sheds must be a premanufactured design, constructed of weather-proof exterior material and approved by the CA superintendent prior to being placed on site.
- 54. All privacy screening must be approved by the campground superintendent in advance. Privacy screening maximum height above the patio or deck is 6 feet and must be affixed to the deck/patio, within the deck/patio perimeter, and be aesthetically pleasing.
- 55. One firewood shelter is permitted with a maximum size of 72" wide x 32" deep x 48" high, constructed of exterior grade material.
- 56. Any improvements to the campsite (deck, patio, gazebo, shed, privacy screening, etc.) must be approved by the campground superintendent and management in advance. Campers must submit an "SCRCA Seasonal Camping Construction and Alteration Request Form" (sample following these rules/regulations) prior to any site alterations. Absolutely no excavations are permitted.
- Campsites must be kept clean and well maintained at all times, mowing grass regularly.

#### **Waste Disposal**

- 58. Trash must be bagged and deposited in the waste bins provided.
- Recycling bins are provided at the conservation area. Please use them responsibly – following guidelines provided.
- 60. Yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, and branches must be composted, when possible, at the location provided within the campground.
- 61. Furniture, mattresses, appliances, barbeques, construction material, and hazardous items must not be disposed of within the conservation area.

#### **Environment & Conservation**

**62.** Campers should make every effort to conserve electricity and water. When the site is not being

- used, campers must turn off indoor & outdoor lights & air conditioners. Please keep plumbing in good working order.
- **63.** Collecting, cutting, removing, or destroying any plant, tree, or other living object is strictly prohibited. Do not strip bark, use nails or attach wires to trees or shrubs.
- **64.** To help limit the spread of invasive species and disease, all firewood <u>must be purchased locally.</u> SCRCA has firewood available for sale by the bundle in each campground.
- 65. All firewood must be cut prior to entering the campground. Up to one face cord of firewood may be stacked neatly and stored on the campsite or in a shed. No skids, palettes or construction materials are permitted. Collecting firewood and the use of chainsaws within SCRCA's property is prohibited.
- **66.** In the event of a fire ban, all site occupants are expected to comply with the order of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshall. Campfires must NEVER be left unattended, and flames should not reach more than 2 feet off the ground.

# Sale of a Trailer, Transfer of the Site Permit

If a trailer is sold and to remain on the site:

67. The vendor must obtain approval in advance from the Superintendent to sell the trailer on site and transfer the seasonal camping permit to the new owner(s). Prior to the sale of a trailer, the vendor must complete an RV/campsite transfer form and submit to the Superintendent for approval.

### Off Season Storage and Access

- 68. Camping permits are valid during the dates printed on them, generally from May 1 until the Sunday following Thanksgiving.
- 69. During the off-season, campground gates are locked. Only L.C. Henderson CA may on occasion operate with open gates for the purposes of the Education Program.
- 70. During the off-season, seasonal campers who have paid their campsite deposit for the following season may leave their trailer on site.
- 71. During the off-season, seasonal campers may park at the gate and walk in during daylight hours to check on their property. If a camper is not able to walk in, they may have a family member/friend walk in on their behalf. Walk in visits to seasonal camping sites are intended solely for checking on property, not for recreational use of campsites. Conservation area trails remain open during the camping off-season and seasonal campers are welcome to enjoy use of the trails.



## **SCRCA Seasonal Camping Construction and Alteration Request Form**

Date Submitted: Occupants Name: Contractor:		Phone Number:			
Office Use Only: Is Insurance on File and Up to					
Decks: Deck dimensions are restricted to the length of the trailer and a maximum of 10 feet in width. Decks must not exceed 24" in height. Decks must be free standing and constructed of materials intended for exterior use (pressure treated wood, patio stones, etc.). No excavations permitted.  Sheds: One storage shed is permitted per campsite and can be a maximum of 8 feet x 10 feet with a peak height of 8 feet or less. Sheds must be constructed of weather-proof exterior material.  Gazebos: No larger than 12 feet x 12 feet (or 144 sqft). Gazebos must be premanufactured hardtop metal roof and attached to an approved deck.  Firewood Shelter: Maximum size is 72" wide x 32" deep x 48" high, constructed of exterior grade material.					
Please sketch below a diagram of the proposed changes including dimensions and construction details.					
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Staff Commen	its:				