

Rock Lake United Church Camp  
Rules, Regulations & Information Sheet for Campground Users  
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**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.

**ATVs:**

ATVs or motorbikes 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 and scooters used for medical conditions.

**Ball Diamond:**

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

**Beach:**

The beach area 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 over the winter. Return all personal property to your sites before the close of the season. 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 grassy areas on either side of the beach. 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. This includes biodegradable sun screen, shampoos, soaps, detergents, etc,

**Caretaker:**

The Caretakers (Marie & Brian Rawson) are resident 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.

The caretaker will make a daily run through the campground & non-emergency requests should be kept until these times.

**Drinking Water:**

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

**Fire Safety:**

Camp fires are restricted to the fire pits provided within each campsite or the fire pit located in the centre

of the playground area. We insist that camp fires be kept to a reasonable size (18" x 18" x 18") within these fire pits. A bucket of water must be kept beside burning camp fires at all times. Firewood is not provided, however campers are permitted to gather and cut dead fall from around the property. Do not burn garbage in your camp fire.

Forestry restrictions pertaining to fire hazards and fire bans must be strictly observed. The Caretaker will post specific instructions with regards to fire restrictions and fire bans imposed by the Ministry of Forests. Failure to follow these rules will result in immediate eviction. The Caretaker gets his information from one Ministry of Forests' source. Do not bother him with media reports! At all times the Caretaker has the right, in fact the duty, to continue fire bans lifted by the Ministry if he feels our property is still too dangerous.

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 dumpsters 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. A recycle bin for bottles and cans is provided beside some outhouses.

#### Generator (and any other gas powered machine):

Use of generators, pumps, etc. is restricted to between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### 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 Caretaker 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. No tree felling is permitted. If you have a tree problem see the Caretaker.

#### Insurance:

Insurance coverage for campers' property used or stored at Rock Lake Camp is the sole responsibility of each camper. The Rock Lake United Church Camp 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 home owner's or tenants insurance packages, but you should check with your agent to be sure. Renters 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 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. Please no practical jokes involving outhouses!

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. Site #57 (and perhaps one other depending on the specific need) are available for ALL visitors and can be booked through the Caretaker (250) 529-7775. Maximum stay is two weeks and the nightly rate is \$20.00 payable to the Caretaker by cheque or money order. Reservations on these sites will only be held for a short time and will not be confirmed until full payment is received.

#### 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. Many paths, even some roads, come close to sites and campers need to design their sites to offset this 'invasion' or request a move to another site if one is available.

#### Pets:

Pets are not permitted on the waterfront or beach areas. Traditionally the three picnic tables that are alongside of the road have not been considered to be part of the 'Beach Area'. Therefore leashed dogs who are under the control of a responsible adult may be at these tables. The remaining sand and grass are considered to be 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 or kenneled) at all times. Aggressive dogs or aggressive barking will not be tolerated and must these pets be removed from the campground immediately if asked to by the Camp Caretaker.

#### 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 open 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.

#### Quiet Time:

Quiet time is in effect from 11:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. We are a family camp and groups of teenagers on your site without adult supervision will be subject to immediate eviction.

#### Rental Agreements:

All rental agreements are from season to season (October 16<sup>th</sup> through Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - except sites that are not renewing must be vacated by October 1st) and are subject to the rate applied by the Board each fall. Providing that none of the Campground Rules or Regulations have been ignored or broken, each renter will have the right of first refusal for their site for the next camping season providing that the application, deposit and required post-dated cheques are in to the Registrar on or before the site renewal date of September 15<sup>th</sup> for the following season. Late or incomplete applications will retain no control over their site. Such sites will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis to next person in line on our wait list. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website.

Please note: Those sites who are not renewing for the following season must leave their sites empty and clean. Any costs incurred in making these clean or for the removal of left behind property will be the responsibility of the renter.

Our refund policy is such that once each of the post-dated cheque due dates are reached the money becomes non-refundable. However, historically once the Society re-rents the site we have given full refunds. Note: the Rock Lake United Church Camp Society, through the Registrar, controls the site, the camper has no inherent right to assign, loan, sub-let, or otherwise dispose of their site.

One year sub-lets will be considered by the Registrar on an individual request basis and are subject to a specific set of rules should the request be approved. Sub-lets are not to be used to allow anyone to jump the wait list.

#### 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 here.

#### 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.

#### Season:

Our camping season runs annually from May 15<sup>th</sup> (subject to the roads being usable) through October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please do not ask if you can get in early! We have neither liability insurance nor a Caretaker on duty before the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

Note: If you are new to our campground or moving sites, this can be done between Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> but you should check with the Caretaker to ensure that your site is ready.

#### Sheds:

Wooden, plastic or metal sheds are not permitted on your site. All storage must be in your trailer or under canopy shelters. Please keep your site clean & tidy.

#### Site Changes:

Renters shall have the right to request a site change for the beginning of any season. Such requests will be honoured in the order received and any requests of this nature will be given priority before the Registrar goes to the Wait List. Note: To be considered, any such request must be made on the appropriate Wait List Request Form that can be downloaded from our website.

#### Speed Limit:

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

**Succession:**

The Board has introduced a 'Right of Succession' Policy, whereby parents can pass control of their site to an adult child avoiding the wait list. The new tenant would be required to follow all Rules and Regulations as established from time to time for the Campground.

**Trailers/RVs:**

Rigs are restricted to one per site. Tents or campers, to be used by your teenaged children or grandchildren, will be allowed at the discretion of the Caretaker. They are not intended to be used for second generation Rules, families or friends. Our rules permit one family per site. Overnight visitors, on your site, must sleep in your trailer or RV.

There are a few sites big enough to support two trailers. These will be designated 'Two-Rig sites' and, at the request of the renter, will be approved on an individual basis. They will be allowed for two generations of one family (who for the most part) camp together. They are not intended to be used as time share sites. Approved sites will allow two rigs but will be limited to all other restrictions found throughout the Campground Rules & Regulations that this paragraph is part of. The Caretaker & Director of Property & Maintenance will have the authority to designate such sites. These sites will pay one and one-half times the annual site rental rate.

Vehicles are restricted to two per site and are to be currently registered. All vehicles operated on Rock Lake Camp property must be by operators' with valid operating permits.

**Wait List:**

The Registrar shall establish a Wait List for those wishing sites at Rock Lake Campground. Sites shall be assigned in order of positions on this list, although the Society reserves the right to alter the list should the need arise. This Wait List is published on our website.

On September 1st of each year, the Registrar will contact (via email) all parties on the Wait List and ask them to indicate whether they are still interested in a site or not. They will have 48 hours to respond. Names on the list who do not respond will be eliminated. They will also have the option to refuse a site for the next season and retain their place on the Wait List for one more year with this option being allowed only once.

Those still wanting sites will be contacted on September 16<sup>th</sup> (via email) with a list of sites available for the next season. They will be asked for their order of preference and an indication as to which sites they will or will not take. Renters will have 48 hours to respond. The sites will then be allocated based on these responses and their respected position on the Wait List.

**Water Activities:**

Campers use the water at their own risk since there is never a life guard 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 water craft are allowed on our lake. Life jackets or PFDs should be worn by everyone in all water craft or on a floatation device. This is highly recommended by Transport Canada. Washing of anything with detergents is not allowed in the lake.

**Weapons:**

Weapons (including but not limited to, handguns, rifles, shotguns, bows and arrows, slingshots, etc. whether for hunting, sport, or target practice) are strictly forbidden on Rock Lake Camp property.

**Wildlife:**

It is a privilege and unique feature of Rock Lake Camp that campers are able to 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](http://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.

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