

Rock Lake United Church Camp Society
Campground Rules & Regulations
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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, 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.

EBikes and EScooters are being monitored monitored and a permanent decision will be made after the 2021 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.

Ball Diamond:

Ball Diamond behind the Caretaker's house is available for organized activities. Check with the Caretaker 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 grass on either side of the beach during the season only. 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 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. 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.

At the Caretaker's discretion, he may be contracted by any camper to perform any site job agreed to. Please note that the Caretakers are only paid by the Society during the camping season and only then for part time work. They are not expected to work full time.

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 processing fee for each instance has been implemented. Any money still due for the current season will become due immediately. No more post-dated cheques will be accepted from the offending party. For any renewals the full amount due must be paid on each September 15th renewal date. Chronic abusers will loose their sites.

Commercial Endeavours:

Advertising and selling any product from your site must have the endorsement of the Camp Caretakers and prior approval from the Registrar. Things that would tend to receive approval would be the supply of water, wood, septic emptying, recycle service, pick up service and the like. Requests denied would lean towards, vitamin supplements,

jewelry, clothing, and similar commercial items.

Communication:

The Registrar communicates solely via email. The onus is on you to keep email address changes up-to-date with him/her. Effective with the 2021 season, general notices will no longer go to individual campers. Instead they will be posted on the FaceBook Group Rock Lake Campers.

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 Camp Caretaker before construction starts especially if it is to be between sites.

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. Camp fires 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 camp fires at all times.

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 camp fire.

Ministry of Forestry restrictions pertaining to fire hazards and fire bans must be strictly observed. The Camp 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. A recycle bin for bottles and cans is provided beside some outhouses. Do not store garbage on your site when you are not there.

Generator (and any other gas powered machine):

The use of generators, pumps, etc. is restricted to between 12:00 noon and 4:30 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 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 Camp 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 Camp Caretakers.

By Board resolution, no tree felling is permitted. If you have a tree problem see the Camp 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 home owner'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 Camp Caretakers. Please no practical jokes involving outhouses! 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 of the specific need) are available for ALL visitors and can be booked through the Camp Caretakers (250) 529-7775. Maximum stay is two weeks and the nightly rate is \$20.00 payable to the Camp Caretakers 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. 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. 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, 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 considered to be 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 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, kenneled or securely fenced) at all times. 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 Camp 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 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. Report any Church Camp renter that approaches the Campground space to the Camp Caretakers immediately.

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.

Racism

Noone at RLC (whether employee, renter or guest) may discriminate against anyone else based on Race, Colour, Creed, Religion, National Origin, Sex, Marital Status, Public Assistance Status, Familial Status, Membership or Activity in Local Commissions, Disability, Sexual Orientation, or Age, etc.

We have a zero tolerance policy and offenders will be asked to leave the property immediately and the appropriate authorities will be contacted and given the full details.

Refund Policy:

The refund policy is such that once each of the post-dated cheque due dates is reached the money becomes non-refundable. However, if we are able to 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 prohibited at all times. 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 and 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 Changes:

There is no more list. This is the system that has been put into the system for the 2022 season.

1. Each site must declare (to me via email) their intention whether to renew or not for the following season no later than 11:59 p.m. of September 1st of each year with no other changes to existing rules.
2. At 9:00 a.m. on September 2nd I will post a list of sites that will be available for the following season on the [Facebook Group Rock Lake Campers](#)
3. Sites will be then allocated as intentions are emailed to me on a **first-come-first-served basis**. The Registrar will keep the list up-to-date. For example: if Site #87 is on the list and Site #92 takes it, I will remove Site #87 and add Site # 92. Thus, an individual camper may move more than once for a particular season as sites get better for them.
4. This system, with current Campers getting first choice, will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on September 15th.

5. At mid-night on the 15th those on the wait list will start to be contacted as they will have equal status to those already in the campground.

Site Control:

The name (s) listed on the Application & the Contract dictate who actually controls the position on the waitlist and/or 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 supercede 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.

Sub-lets:

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 generally granted for health issues or for tenants that will be away for an extended period. Sub-lets not to be used to allow anyone to jump the wait list.

Succession

There is 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 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 issues for fees already paid. Any financial considerations are to be between the parties.

Trailers/RVs

Rigs are restricted to one per site. Tents or campers, to be used by Campers' teenaged children or grandchildren, will be allowed at the discretion of the Camp 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 RV.

For any season, up to ten sites will be designated as 'Two-Rig Sites' and, at the request of the Camper, 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 be allowed two rigs but will be limited to all other restrictions found throughout these Rules & Regulations. The Camp Caretakers & Director of Property & Maintenance will have the authority to designate such sites after the proper form is forwarded to the Registrar. These sites will pay one and one-half times the published annual site rental rate.

Vehicles:

Vehicles are restricted to two per site and are to be currently registered. 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.

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. Wait list requests will only be considered when received on the appropriate form which can be downloaded from our website.

On, or before, 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 16th (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 flotation device.

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).

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.

NOTE: This form becomes (SCHEDULE I) when attached to (Form 24) Campground Site Rental Contract

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