



VILLAGE OF GOLD RIVER

POLICY

Municipal Campground

POLICY NO: REC-607

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a transparent, consistent, and professional management framework for the Village of Gold River Municipal Campground. By standardizing fee structures and booking procedures, the Village aims to ensure that visitors experience fair and courteous treatment.

Furthermore, this policy provides clear regulations to protect the local environment, manage pet and behaviour issues, and ensure the facility is maintained as a high-quality destination for travellers.

Policy

General Information, Site Capacity & Check-in / Out

The Campground contains 18 individual camp sites available on a first come first serve basis, and one group camping area with space a maximum of 40 guests.

There is no reservation system for regular campsites; however, the group camping area may be booked ahead of time to facilitate maintenance services to be adjusted to accommodate.

This is front country, car camping in rustic style located approximately 5 km south of town along Highway 28 (paved). Half the sites are along the banks of the Gold River, and the others on the interior side. All are well treed and shaded sites with picnic table and fire ring. There are two sets of pit toilets.

Peak season is defined as June 15 through Labour Day.

All registered guests must provide vehicle license plate information for all steering and tow vehicles.

- **Check-in / Check-out:** Check-in is permitted after 1:00 p.m.; check-out time is no later than 11:00 a.m. to allow for site maintenance.
- **Maximum Occupancy:** Each individual campsite is limited to a maximum of 8 persons, of which no more than 4 may be adults (ages 19+).
- **Group Camping Area:** Group camping base fee covers the first 15 persons and 5 vehicles.
 - Additional Occupant fee for each person above this, to a maximum of 40 persons

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- Additional vehicle fee for additional vehicles; however any additional vehicles must fit within group camping area. Excess vehicles maybe parked in gravel at campground entrance.
- **Vehicle Limits:** The base fee includes one (1) steering vehicle and one (1) non-motorized trailer. One additional steering vehicle (non-RV) may be permitted per site for a fee, provided it fits within the designated gravel pad. A car towed behind a motor-home is **not** charged an additional fee as long as it remains associated with that single camping party and fits within the designated site boundary.
- **Duration of Stay:** To remain available for travelling guests, allow for site maintenance, and permit the adjacent environment to recover, stays are limited to 14 consecutive days. Upon reaching this limit, guests and their equipment must vacate the campground for a minimum of 72 hours before initiating a new visit.

Fee Structure

- All fees for individual campsites, group camping fees, additional vehicle fees, any new or additional, miscellaneous fees will be approved in conjunction with the annual Recreation Services Rate Review and approved by Council (fall).
- All related fees and policy to be posted on the Village website year-round.
- Check-in and payment to be made at the Anne Fiddick Aquatic and Sports Centre Office (350 Muchulat Drive) between 9a.m. and 4 p.m. are payable in Cash or Debit.
- After hours guests may select a vacant individual campsite, setup, and Village employee attendant will collect fees; payable only by debit.
- Guests must retain their receipt. They will be asked to present it by the attendant during daily checks.
- Pending electronic outage, power outage, or other IT related issue with payment system; guests may continue payment under the honour system and pay the following day, at the Village office when systems are restored.
- Guests that are unable to produce a receipt or unable to complete the payment transaction will be required to leave.
- Base fee structures included:
 - Individual Campsite Rate: per annual Recreation Services Rate Review.
 - Senior rate of half of the regular individual campsite fee from the day after Labour Day through June 14th. Senior rate does not extend to any additional fees such as vehicles, firewood, or group camping, only the campsite.
 - Group Camping Fee: per annual Recreation Services Rate Review.
 - Additional Occupant Fee: per annual Recreation Services Rate Review.
 - Additional Vehicle Fee: per annual Recreation Services Rate Review.
 - Reservation / Event Planning Fee: per annual Recreation Services Rate Review.
 - Firewood Fee: per annual Recreation Services Rate Review.

Rules of Conduct

- **Bullying and Harassment,** the Village of Gold River recognizes that every municipal employee, union and non-union, shall be entitled to a respectful workplace. The environment must be free of behaviours such as discrimination, bullying and harassment,

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disruptive workplace conflict and disrespectful behaviour. Such behaviour towards staff or any guest will not be tolerated.

- **Violence**, Workers have a right to work in an environment that is protected from violence or the threat of violence from the public they serve. Initiating of violence towards workers or guests is strictly prohibited.
- **Possession or Consumption of any illicit drug(s)** within the campground will result in the removal of the guest and or entire camping party.
- **Consumption of lawful alcohol or cannabis** is permitted only within a registered guest’s designated campsite. Consumption in roadways, pit toilets, or common areas is strictly prohibited.
- **Quiet Hours** are in effect from 10:00p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Generators may only be operated between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; and 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- **Noise**, excessive noise is prohibited at all times.
- **Campfires** are permitted only in designated Village provided fire rings; excepting guest provided portable CSA or ULC rated campfire apparatus or cooking stoves that use liquid fuel, gaseous fuel, or charcoal briquettes are permitted. Under all circumstances, Fires may be regulated by order of the Fire Chief and or by Provincial orders; whichever entails the higher degree of safety.
- **Firewood**, no person shall scavenge for firewood or “invade the woods” to collect branches, bark, or downed timber. This preserves the local ecosystem and prevents habitat destruction. Fire wood is readily available in the Village from various vendors, and maybe available from the Village attendee (when available).
- **Vegetation cutting**, removing, or damaging any trees, shrubs, or wildflowers is strictly prohibited. This includes trimming of growth to accommodate camping equipment that does not fit within the campsite.
- **Garbage and Recycling**, as a rustic campground, a “pack in / pack out” policy is encouraged. Bins are provided and all waste must be secured in wildlife-proof containers. No person shall deposit or place any garbage, refuse, empty or broken bottles, tin cans, paper, or other waste material on Public Lands except in receptacles provided for such purposes. Fire rings are purpose built for containing fires and not defined waste receptacles.
- **Animal attractants**, to prevent human-wildlife conflict (bears, cougars, birds, etc), all food, coolers, and “smellies” (toothpaste, etc) must be stored inside a hard sided vehicle or bear-proof container when not in use.
- **Pet leashes**, all domestic animals must be kept on a least at all times, 365 days a year. This is not an off-leash dog park; some guests may have allergies or their own sensitive pets or persons in their own camping parties.
- **Pet waste**, owners are strictly responsible for the immediate collection and disposal of all pet waste. It cannot be left until packing up.
- **Authorized access**, the campground campsites are for the exclusive use of registered guests. Day-use visitors may enjoy tail or river access; however, parking is limited to the gravel area near the entrance. Day visitors are not to occupy campsites.
- **Liability**, the Village of Gold River is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items, equipment, or injuries sustained on site.

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Non-compliance: registered guest, visitors, and or trespassers violating the terms of this policy maybe removed from the campground. Longer suspensions maybe imposed based on the severity of the offence (ie. Bullying and harassment, fires, etc).

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