



## 'Camping Cabin' Guide 2024

What's tinier than a cabin but cozier than a tent? Our 'Camping Cabins', of course!

We hope this guide will be helpful as you plan your stay and when you're packing for your vacation. Please also refer to our [Terms & Conditions](#) on the website. If we missed important info or you have ideas or feedback, please send it to [info@echolakeresort.ca](mailto:info@echolakeresort.ca).

Our two lake view Camping Cabins 8 & 9 are a warm sheltered space for 2 adults and up to 2 young kids to enjoy all that Echo Lake Resort has to offer plus the outdoor camping lifestyle, without pitching a tent to sleep in. In keeping with many Canadian fishing resorts, Echo Lake Resort Cabins are 'housekeeping': guests bring their own comforts and leave the Cabins clean, essentially as they found them.

The Camping Cabins have one double bed and a double mattress up a ladder in a small loft above (fitted sheets are provided for each mattress). Due to their petit size, they accommodate 2 adults and the loft is reserved for kids who can safely climb the ladder and are not yet adult weights. Our recommendation is kids over 6 and under 15, parents need to make their own reasonable decision.

- **Bring Your Own 'Camp Kitchen'; Camping Cabins do NOT have kitchens,**
- **Bring Your Own Bedding 'BYOB': pillows, sleeping bag, blankets,**
- **Camping Cabins require light 'housekeeping' before checking out,**
- **All Water at the Resort is Drinkable and Delicious! (UV treated & sediment filtered)**
- **All Cabins are pet-friendly (see our [Pet Policy](#) for info, fees apply)**

Beside each Camping Cabin, you'll find 2 blue guest chairs, a wooden picnic table and a wood firepit. Please enjoy the chairs and picnic table, but do NOT leave burns or marks on them. Firepits are non-moveable. Please burn, take home, or neatly stack your leftover firewood. Do not use firepits for garbage or cigarette butts, place in black garbage bag. A garbage can and recycling container are found at the back of each Camping Cabin, please place only refundable beverage containers in the recycling bin, everything else in the black garbage can or take home to further recycle.

Our Camping Cabins do not have private outhouses, the nearest outhouses are a short walk to the Playground area. Guests will find our central Wash House with hot showers, sinks and flush toilets is nearby for their convenience.

As the Camping Cabins are off-water, guests can launch their fishing boat from our boat launch and tie up on the main dock. Please advise on check in whether you have a boat and trailer and you'll receive information on how to park your trailer during your stay. Please do not pull to shore at the Main Swim Dock, this is an area for the enjoyment of all guests, there is no boat or watercraft storage at this area. See our interactive [Resort Map](#) for more information and to orient the Camping Cabins to other amenities on the resort.

## What to Bring & Frequently Asked Questions

We're here to help you become experienced in the art of 'cabining', where part of the experience is packing the car full to the roof, journeying to our Cabins with the city disappearing in your rear-view mirror and the tall timbers surrounding you until all you see is green and the sparkling water of Echo



Lake. When you arrive, check in for your Cabin key, unload it all and proceed to enjoy 'lake life'. That's the 'Bring Your Own': bedding, comforts & treats. *If after reading our FAQs you still have questions, please email before booking a Camping Cabin.*

### **How do I cook at a Camping Cabin?**

- Bring your 'outdoor kitchen' including a stove to cook on, portable BBQ, folding table to set up on, camp cutlery, pots & pans, dishes, washing tubs, dish soap, and cleaning/drying cloths.
- Bring water containers, we recommend 5 gallon size as they hold enough water for a couple of days usage. If you have enough room, bring a small wagon to tote your water containers so that you don't have to carry them.
- Due to the unpredictable nature of BC's Wildfire Season and the need for campfire bans, do not rely on wood campfires to cook your food. Bring another cooking method and fuel source with you such as a propane campstove or portable propane BBQ (not charcoal or wood pellet).
- Bring a Pop-Up Tent or Shade if you would like to have additional outdoor shelter, there is room for a 10'x10' at each Camping Cabin. Please also bring rope, tie down pegs, hatchet, etc to set up.

### **Will I need to bring a cooler for my food & beverages?**

- We recommend you bring a hard cooler with a tight-fitting lid to minimize animal interference.
- There is no refrigerator or 12v plug for your coolers, please use ice, or your vehicle, or portable generator (within our usage hours), and keep in the shade.
- Please consider bringing your food prepped and in reusable containers to take home your leftovers.
- For dry food, we recommend a bin with a tight-fitting lid, this keeps the mice, chipmunks, and squirrels out of your snacks! Do NOT feed the wildlife, they have many natural food sources.
- Do **NOT** leave us 'food presents', please pack all of your food to go home with you.
- The Store sells cubed ice.

### **Firepits & BBQs:**

- Our campfire pits are not movable.
- Bring your portable propane BBQ, do not bring charcoal or wood pellet fired BBQs or smokers.
- We rent propane firepits & sell propane at the Store.
- We sell dry, seasoned, split firewood unless there is a campfire ban in effect.
- Guests can bring firewood, however must adhere to our [policy](#).

### **Where is fresh water located?**

- The nearest well water (potable, fresh drinking water) faucet is located just outside of Campground 2. You can fill your water containers and trust that our water is delicious, filtered, and safe.

### **Where do I do the camp dishes? Where does the waste 'grey' water go?**



- Camping Cabins do not have plumbing.
- Please do your dishes outside at your Camping Cabin only. Do **NOT** do dishes at the Wash House or near our water faucets for hygiene reasons. Bring 2 small wash bins suitable for soapy and rinse water and use biodegradable camp suds.
- Other tips: scrape food off dishes to minimize animals being attracted to your 'grey' water. Do not throw bones, fish skin, food scraps, etc. onto the landscaping around your Camping Cabins.

#### **Where does organic waste go?**

- Currently, we are not diverting organics as our landfill doesn't support this and we are not composting at the Resort to minimize wildlife interference.
- Organics will be part of your garbage so please consider home prepping & organic diversion; we thank you!
- Do not use the surrounding landscape or campfire pit as a compost heap!
  - NO grease- pour liquid grease into an aluminum can or glass jar and dispose in garbage can.
  - NO meat, bones, fruit, vegetable, potato peelings, fish guts/ skin, or other organic material. It must all be put into the garbage can.
- Ask at the Store if you need another garbage bag.

#### **Where do I put my garbage?**

- Inside garbage can- white bag for temporary or paper garbage. Please put this bag inside black can before Check Out.
- Outside black garbage can- for everything except refundable beverage containers.
- Outside blue recycle bin- only for refundable beverage containers.
- **Do NOT leave behind large garbage items including cardboard boxes, broken toys & inflatables, plastic, or Styrofoam. TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF. If we find it after Check Out, we will charge a fine as we will be charged to dump it.**
- **Do NOT leave cigarette butts, foil, wrappers, plastic, or other garbage in the campfire pits.**
- We are strictly managing garbage to minimize wildlife interactions, keep the lids on tight.
- Please consider where you can reduce garbage, we thank you!
- If your bins fill up, please ask us to collect it, we're happy to do so.

#### **What about recycling?**

- We cannot recycle plastics, foil, glass, tetra paks, or cardboard and as such everything other than refundable beverage containers with deposit will become garbage.
- **Blue Bin: ONLY empty refundable beverage containers.**

#### **Is there electricity?**

- Yes, there's 20A of power on one circuit which means we have an overhead light and plug in each Camping Cabin.



- This means there isn't enough power for appliances (coffee makers, toasters, tea kettles, hair dryers).
- There is enough power to run: **1 at a time**
  - Recharging devices (bring your own plug adaptors)
  - A CPAP machine, please bring an extension cord,
  - A baby monitor,
  - A regular electric fan.
- Plan to use your vehicle or portable generator if you are blowing up water toys or plug-in coolers.
- Absolutely **NO** portable air conditioners, microwaves or large plug-in appliances, toasters, stand mixers, air fryers, roasters, slow cookers, Pod/Keurig or Semi-Automatic espresso coffee makers, electric smokers.
- Occasionally, we experience a power outage, and the Cabins are powered by our Standby Generator. In that circumstance, only necessary systems will be able to run.

#### **Generator Usage: 9 AM – 11 AM and 6 PM – 8 PM.**

- The only exception to this rule is for medical devices and with prior approval.
- We prefer quiet inverter generators and/or solar panels!
- As per [BC Parks](#), this policy was created to help reduce air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, fuel consumption and noise levels.

#### **Can I bring a coffee maker?**

- Camping Cabins do not have enough power to supply most modern coffee makers.
- Bring a portable stovetop percolator for your camp stove such as a Bialetti or a French Press and stovetop water kettle.

#### **What is a 'housekeeping' Cabin?**

- Our Camping Cabins are simply a great place to rest and recharge. They require a sweep of the floors using the broom provided at the end of your stay.
- We do not clean during your stay but anything you forgot or need, please ask us in the Store.
- All garbage is placed outside your cabin in the black bags inside garbage cans on departure day.
- After you leave, we'll finish the turnover for the next guests.

#### **Where is the bathroom?**

- Camping Cabins do not have private outhouses.
- Playground Outhouses are located a short walk away.
- Please use our Wash House for hot running water at the sinks, flush toilets, and \$2 hot showers.

#### **I've never used an Outhouse, what are the rules?**

- Welcome to the 'woods'! Ours are vented & frequently cleaned for your convenience.
- We use a special enzyme to help break down organic waste that's environmentally friendly.



- We provide septic-friendly toilet paper & hand sanitizer.
- Let us know if we need to clean or restock it, we're happy to do so!
- What goes down? **ONLY** toilet paper & human waste.
- Use the small garbage can for hygiene products and other small waste items.
- **NO GARBAGE, DIAPERS, HYGIENE PRODUCTS, PET POOP BAGS, or FOOD WASTE.** Dispose of these items in main receptacles.

#### **What if something's missing, damaged or we break something during our stay?**

- Let us know right away if something's missing or broken so we can replace it for you.
- **We understand accidents happen, however if we find broken/ missing items after Check Out, you will be charged for their repair or replacement at our discretion.**

#### **Why are there no kitchen cloths included? Can I rent bedding?**

- There are multiple reasons why guests bring 'everything soft' with them and why we do not provide the option to rent bedding, but simply put, this is our strategy to maximize cleanliness and minimize our environmental footprint.

#### **How do I clean my fish?**

- There are currently no fish cleaning stations at the Resort. Please clean fish while in your boat (Eagles love fish bits!) or bag the waste up tightly and place in garbage receptacle to prevent smell and attracting animals.
- In Cabins, we suggest treating fish like any other meat product: cleaning knives and cutting boards thoroughly after using. Do **NOT** leave fish guts in the fridge.
- **DO NOT BRING FISH INTO THE WASH HOUSE!** Fines will apply.

#### **Do I need to bring cleaning equipment?**

- A broom and dustpan are supplied for sweeping whenever needed and at the end of your stay.
- Bring kitchen towels and dish cloths.

#### **Do you have WIFI at the Cabins and can I work remotely, stream movies or play online games?**

- No, WIFI is limited to the Store and download speed is limited.
- Please download movies ahead of coming to the resort.
- There are no TVs in the Camping Cabins, we encourage you to disconnect and play outdoors!
- Working remotely is not advised, the Resort has poor cell phone coverage, and the landline is not available for guest phone calls, except in emergencies.

#### **Are there guest laundry facilities at the resort?**

- Not at this time, but we hope this is a future amenity we can bring you!

#### **Can I bring and use candles? What about decorations?**

- Candles are permitted with proper care and attention and are an important safety tool if we experience a power outage.



- Please consider dripless or battery operated or be prepared to manage wax so that there is none left on furniture or floors.
- Do NOT leave candles burning while you sleep.
- All decorations, tape, string, ties, balloons, etc. MUST be removed before Check Out, do NOT leave plastic litter inside or outside the Cabins.

#### **Why are there no pet-free Cabins and what about those with pet allergies?**

- As our Cabins are booked up to a year in advance, we could not separate them into some for pets and some without.
- We manage the Cabin cleaning process diligently and those bringing pets pay for additional cleaning time which allows us to maintain high standards.
- With that said, there is no way to make a Cabin completely 'pet-free' as we cannot control what animal hair/ dander comes in even when people don't bring a pet. So, a 'pet-free' Cabin is only as good as the cleaning standard and the ability for those with allergies to manage them.
- We advise those with serious animal allergies to contact us at [info@echolakeresort.ca](mailto:info@echolakeresort.ca) to discuss further to see if our Cabins are right for your needs.

#### **Where do I park my vehicle(s)?**

- Camping Cabins have room for 1 vehicle to park behind the Cabin. They are relatively close together, sometimes our guests will need to share space.
- Additional vehicles may need to be parked elsewhere and this should be arranged ahead of arrival.
- At Check In, guests will be advised of where they can park.

#### **What about extra people? Can I have visitors? Can they stay overnight?**

- Every Cabin has a set 'Guest' occupancy based on available beds. Camping Cabins are the smallest cabins and only accommodate 2 adults.
- 'Visitors' (not staying overnight) must check in at the Store, see [Resort](#) for more information and applicable charges. Please do not plan for multiple Visitors to your Cabin without checking with us as we have limited parking.
- A reminder, Echo Lake Resort does not allow 'parties' and strictly manages this for the enjoyment of all guests at the Resort.

#### **Can I put a sleeping tent or trailer/RV beside my Cabin? How about a pop up/ bug tent?**

- Part of the peaceful experience at Echo Lake Resort comes from how we manage guest numbers. From customer feedback and to maintain our Camping Cabins, we are only allowing a tent outside of a cabin for kids and then only when the overall Camping Cabin numbers do not exceed the set occupancy.
- An outdoor pop-up shelter or 'bug tent' can be used beside the Camping Cabin (use temporary tie downs & no driving screws into the wood) or where driveways have space, and it must be



guest-managed in case of wind. The Resort is not liable for any damage to guest equipment or temporary structures.

- Trailers are not allowed beside Cabins. Truck Campers or Camper Vans or RVs (where people are sleeping inside) are not allowed beside Cabins. Please book a Campsite for these units.

#### **Where can I smoke?**

- Smoking, including Tobacco, Vaping and Cannabis, are permitted outside your Cabin. Please avoid smoking near the doors & open windows.
- NO smoking inside Cabins, at or in the Store and Wash House or at the Swim Dock.
- Do not carry around the Resort. The fire hazard is too great.
- Use an ashtray or pocket ashtray (not provided) and dispose of cold butts in garbage cans. Do not litter cigarette butts around the Resort property, they do not decompose, are toxic to animals, and are unsightly in our Park environment.
- There is a \$250.00 fine imposed if you are found to be violating this policy.

#### **Where can I drink alcohol?**

- At your designated camping site or Cabin by those of legal age (19 in British Columbia).
- Do NOT drink alcohol on Echo Lake Resort Rental Watercraft, at the Swim Dock or Boat Launch.
- Alcohol is most likely not permitted on your own boat! More info [here](#).

#### **Swim Dock & Beach:**

- The Swim Dock is located beside Cabin 7 and is an area open to everyone at Echo Lake Resort.
- There is no lifeguard on duty.
- There is an easy to climb ladder securely attached to the end section of the dock.
- The Swim Dock is a floating dock and is not a jumping toy. Anyone rough housing or bouncing the dock will be asked to stop before being asked to leave the Swim Beach area.
- There is no outhouse or change area at the Swim Dock, the closest outhouses are at the Playground which is a 5 min walk away.
- Do NOT dive off the Swim Dock as the water level fluctuates during the season.
- Take your water toys back to your cabin or site at the end of the day, there is no overnight pull to shore or moorage on the dock for boats or watercraft.
- Bring your camp chairs to the beach but remember it's a small area meant for many people to enjoy at the same time and there is no 'private' zone that can be reserved.
- Please respect that Cabin 7 is close by and those guests have a private dock, outhouse, and deck for their enjoyment.

#### **Resort Quiet Hours: 10 PM – 8 AM**

- All sound/music/electronic devices must be turned off during quiet hours as not to disturb other campers (keep voices low).
- During the day noise must be contained within your site.
- Offensive behaviour/loud music is not allowed at any time.



- We have zero tolerance for parties.
- You will only be warned twice, then you will be asked to leave. You will not be refunded any fees and a fine of \$250.00 will be charged to your credit card.

#### **Resort Speed Limit 15 km/h & Driving**

- Please drive & bike SLOWLY and obey the 15 km/hr limit and WATCH for people, children and pets on the roadway. This will minimize dust on dry roads.
- Stay parked at your site, do not idle or wash vehicles.
- If Guests need to use a vehicle (including scooters, bicycles, golf carts) for mobility or convenience, common sense will apply.
- ATVs, Dirtbikes, and Quads: Do NOT Bring them to the Resort. We are within Echo Lake Provincial Park and there is no direct access to trails.

#### **Emergencies:**

- **For First Aid or Emergencies, please report to the Store** or, if after hours, the Owner Residence. The Owners are trained in first aid.
- In the case of a Fire, immediately tell the Managers as they have on site fire fighting equipment and will contact the appropriate services.

#### **Prohibited Items:**

- Firecrackers & Fireworks (if it bangs, explodes, or lights up, leave it at home).
- Firearms of any kind, replica or real, pellet, bb, or paint (if it looks like a gun, leave it at home).
- Slingshots, bow & arrows, projectile shooters of any kind.
- Drones are Prohibited in [BC Parks](#).

#### **Top 5 suggested things to bring:**

1. Flashlights or Headlamp, really helpful for Outhouse visits!
2. Hard-Soled Slippers
3. Wash House tote bag with flip flops for showering
4. Extra Camp Chairs if needed (2 are provided)
5. Sense of Adventure

#### **What to do before we leave?**

- Sweep Out the Camping Cabin to remove sand. Dispose of all garbage. Close Windows & Door.
- Store- return your key, pay any outstanding tab, book for next year!
- Let us know how you enjoyed your stay & anything we could do better 😊

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