



Camping Guide 2024

Echo Lake Resort is a small, private campground located within a Provincial Park and as such we place limitations, including occupancy, trailer size and power usage in order to protect the forest, natural shoreline, animal habitat and wider environment to ensure everyone treads lightly and future generations can experience this natural space.

We hope you'll take a couple minutes to read this Camping Guide and that it helps you enjoy your stay with us. 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.

We are almost a 'dry' campground, we do not have direct sewer or water connections and only 5 of our rental Campsites are powered. The nearest sani-dump is the [Lumby Lions](#). For your convenience, we have a sparkling clean Wash House. The Resort's water system and campground faucets are all treated, filtered well water, delicious and safe!

This means you won't see large Recreational Vehicles or hear rumbling ATVs, generators or air conditioners running all day, but you will hear kids laughing, dogs occasionally barking, and in the quiet hours, the splash of fish jumping and the total serenity of star gazing in the dark night sky.

Campsites are measured with as much accuracy as the natural environment allows, taking into consideration where foliage, slope, rock, and trees/stumps are present. At minimum, all sites can fit:

- (2) Tents and where tenting is best, the Campsite is listed as a 'Preferred Tenting Site', or
- (1) Pull Behind Trailer or 5th Wheel of varying lengths (measured bumper to the hitch), or
- (1) RV Class B or C sizes (measured bumper to bumper). Sorry, no Class A.

A 'Campsite' includes: (unless indicated)

- Sleeping Space (ex Trailer, Tent, Camper Van): please read our campsite descriptions carefully as the sites have different lengths & widths. If you have double/ opposing slideouts, or are at our maximum length, or intend to bring 2 vehicles, please email before making a booking request.
- Vehicle space: for your tow vehicle or, where your sleeping space is compact (ex Camper Van, Truck Camper, Tent), a second vehicle or boat trailer,
- Up to 6 persons of any age,
- A Campfire pit, and
- A Picnic Table.
- If you cannot configure sleeping, vehicle(s), and watercraft to fit on a single campsite, or are over occupancy levels, consider booking a second campsite.
- Additional vehicle and boat trailer parking may not be available during peak months and on long weekends.

Campsite Parking: All Campsites require RV, pull behind and 5th Wheel Trailers be **backed in** so they are perpendicular to the shoreline and any towing vehicles be parked on the site.

- The only exception to this rule is when a large group reserves the entire Campground (see [Large Group Camping Policy](#)).



- This rule is to ensure everyone can enjoy the campground and emergency vehicle access is maintained.
- FYI, for our out of Province guests: BC Highways do not permit tandem trailering (ie a towing vehicle pulling a trailer to which a boat trailer is hitched to).
- Sites and their parking do not accommodate two vehicles towing trailers, please email if you intend to bring a second vehicle with a fishing boat trailer in addition to a towing vehicle with trailer so that we can determine parking.

Powered Campsites: our electrical grid is old, fragile, and power supplied is *maximum* 20A per plug which means it is suitable for lights and fridges. Running multiple small appliances (toasters, blenders, etc) at the same time will overload the circuit and cause the breaker to trip.

- Bring a 20' extension cord to plug in, it is not supplied.
- **Air Conditioners (portable or RV installed) are NOT permitted under any circumstances.**
 - Guests who run air conditioners at any time on our power circuit will be asked to shut them down once before being asked to leave the Resort.

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.

Firepits & BBQs:

- Our Firepits are not movable, they are positioned to allow trailers to back in on the other side of the site and still have room to use a slide out, if equipped.
- 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](#).

Fresh Water:

- The Resort is supplied entirely by well water which is safe to drink and great tasting!
- Four (4) water hydrants for guest use are located by the Store, Cabin 6, Cabin 12 and Campsite 1. Please bring your own water hose to fill your tanks.
- Do not allow pets to drink directly from the water hydrants.
- We encourage water conservation practices during your stay to preserve the supply, to keep our septic healthy and to reduce wastewater that could impact the Echo Lake ecosystem.

Shoreline:

- Campsites 1-11 have a direct water access point at their site.



- All Resort Guests can access the water between Campsites 4 and 5 (signed) and the Main Swim Dock.
- Campers are advised to wear water shoes and navigate carefully as there are tree roots everywhere.

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.

Boats:

- The boat launch is free for Guests, however there is no room to park boat trailers or vehicles at the launch, please return them to your campsite after launching.
- Campsites 1-11 can beach a fishing boat or watercraft and secure to a nearby tree in front of their sites.
- Campsite 12 can beach watercraft at the All Access point between Campsites 4 and 5.
- Campsites A-D can launch a boat at the main boat launch and, water level permitting, can pull to shore beside the rental boat dock.
- Do not tie up your boat or watercraft to the Rental Boat Dock, Cabin Docks or the main Swim dock.
- All other Guest non-motorized watercraft (kayak, paddleboard, canoe, pedal, etc) can be launched from shore but must be safely stowed at your Campsite when not in use. Do not leave your watercraft or water toys at the main Swim Dock area.

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 & ride 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.

Frequently Asked Questions & Camping Tips

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.**

Where 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.
- **DO NOT WASH FISH AT THE WATER FAUCET AREAS!** Help us keep this area clean.
- **DO NOT BRING FISH INTO THE WASH HOUSE!** Fines will apply.

Where can I smoke?

- Smoking, including Tobacco, Vaping and Cannabis, are permitted at your designated camping site.
- 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 (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](#).

Where do I put my garbage?

- All garbage is placed inside the black bags inside garbage cans provided.
- We are strictly managing garbage to minimize wildlife interactions, keep the lids on tight.
- Garbage and recycling are removed from the resort at great expense. Please help us keep costs down by minimizing single use plastics and diverting recyclables (glass, plastic, cardboard) and other returnable containers at home.
- If the bins fill up, please ask us to collect it, we're happy to do so.
- **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.**

What about recycling?

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

What about organic waste or composting?

- At this time, 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 organic diversion, we thank you!

Camping Cleanliness & Damage:

- Dispose of Grey Water carefully, we prefer you entirely contain it and take it off resort. Do not dispose into the Lake.
- Use biodegradable dish & hand soap, all water that goes to ground may end up in the water table.
- Let food grease cool, then collect and place in the garbage. Do not put it on the ground as it attracts animals.
- 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.
- If waste material is found around your Campsite, you will be charged for the cleanup required. This includes dog waste, see our [Pet Policy](#).

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. Flashlight or Headlamp, really helpful for Outhouse visits!
2. Camp chairs for around the firepit
3. Wash House tote bag with flip flops for showering
4. Rainy Day games- cause you never know!
5. Sense of Adventure

What to do before we leave?

- Leave Campsite and firepit area clean- no garbage or half burned firewood.
- Deposit garbage and recycling into the separate receptacles provided.
- BC Parks encourages responsible “pack it in, pack it out” recreation: <https://bcparks.ca/visiting/responsible-recreation/>.
- Store- pay any outstanding tab, book for next year!
- Let us know how you enjoyed your stay & anything we could do better 😊