



# 2023 SEASONAL CAMPING CONTRACT RULES AND REGULATIONS



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### Camping Season

1. The Camping Season tentatively begins on the last Friday of April and ends on Thanksgiving Monday.
2. From opening day to the Friday of the Victoria Day Weekend and from Labour Day to Thanksgiving Monday the campground will be open, but with reduced services and staffing.
3. Full park services will be available from Victoria Day Weekend to Labour Day.

### Campsite Use

1. Campsites are intended for use by the Campers that are listed on the Seasonal Camping Contract which can include up to six family members, with the same address, that are over 4 years of age.
2. Family members that are less than 5 years of age are not required to be listed within the Seasonal Camping Contract.
3. Anyone using the site that is not listed (or exempted due to age) on the contract is a visitor and will be required to pay applicable Visitor fees.
4. Campers and Visitors shall only access the Campground for recreational vacation purposes, and for activities permitted under the *Conservation Authorities Act* or regulations created thereunder. All other activities are strictly prohibited.
5. Violation of these rules and regulations shall result in the cancellation of your seasonal camping permit without refund.

### Campsites

1. Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) reserves the right to designate which campsites will be made available to Campers for seasonal camping.
2. SVCA further reserves the right to require that Campers and their Visitors relocate to a different campsite when deemed necessary by the Park Superintendent.
3. SVCA may, at its sole and unfettered discretion, deny Campers and their visitors access to the allocated Campsite in the case of flooding or any other emergency situation.
4. SVCA reserves the right to move the Camping Unit and any Camper belongings from the Camp Site until the flooding or any other emergency situation is mitigated.
5. Campsites may contain:
  - a) One (1) Camping Unit with wheels;
  - b) Two (2) tents, including tents used for sleeping, dining, and gazebo or gazebo-like structures;
  - c) One (1) shed, maximum 8' by 8'; or
  - d) One (1) wood shed, maximum 3' by 3' by 4' high.
  - e) Or, any combination of three (3) sleeping units.
6. Permanent or overhead structures are not permitted with any Campsite.
7. Campers and their Visitors shall not install or erect any portable playgrounds, wading pools, hot tubs, or swings of any kind on the Campsite.
8. Outdoor lighting must be low wattage and not exceed fifty (50) feet in length. All outside lighting must be turned off when Campers are no longer outside or when Campers leave the Campground.
9. SVCA is not responsible for any loss or damage due to theft, fire, vandalism, weather event, tree damage or any other cause of camping or personal belongings.
10. It is the responsibility of the Seasonal Camper to ensure that their property is always adequately insured for property and liability insurance.

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### Seasonal Camping Fee

1. Seasonal Camping Fees to be paid by Campers are varied based on the amenities available and the rating of the sites. Examples of these variations include: serviced site, non-serviced site, prime serviced site, or equestrian site.
2. Fees are set each Fall by the SVCA Board of Directors. Please review the attached Camping Fees page.
3. All Campers shall provide payment of the Camping Fees by no later than April 21 in advance of the Camping season.
4. Campers who have paid their fees in full by March 17 are eligible to deduct \$50.00 from their seasonal rate. The payment of Camping Fees shall only cover the term of the Camping Season.
5. A failure to provide payment of the Camping Fee 30 days past the due date for payment, will result in the cancellation of the Campsite Reservation and SVCA reserves the right to remove all belongings to a location of SVCA's choosing. If the Campsite reservation is cancelled for any reason, SVCA reserves the right to assume ownership of all property from the campsite 60 days past the due date, including the main camping unit and all personal belongings. Any disposal fees will be at the expense of the Camper.
6. Late payment of fees will result in a late payment fee of \$50.00 and an additional penalty of \$25.00 per week after the due date for payment.

### Winter Storage

1. Winter storage will be available for Campers that have submitted complete Seasonal Camper Contracts and paid the deposit for the upcoming Camping Season.
2. Campers wishing to store their Camping Units at the Conservation Area must submit a completed Winter Storage Application to the Superintendent for review and approval prior to the end of the Camping Season.
3. Unless winter storage fees have been paid and a Winter Storage Application has been approved, Campers must remove all belongings including camping units (i.e., tent-trailers, camper-trucks, camping trailers, fifth wheel trailers and motor homes, decks, sheds, ornaments, structures, equipment, and personal items) from the Conservation Area by the end of the camping season. If the Camper has submitted a completed Seasonal Camping Contract and paid the Seasonal Camper Deposit, they may store a shed, deck, and woodshed on the Camp Site.
4. Campers who fail to provide payment of the winter storage fee by the end of the Camping Season, will be liable for an additional fee in the amount of \$20.00 per day storage fee.
5. Where off-season storage is permitted, only one camping unit, one shed, and one woodshed will be permitted per Campsite. Camping units may not be used for accommodation during this period, and all Campsite utilities will be disconnected at the completion of the Camping Season. Campers wishing to access their camping unit after the Camping Season must make arrangements with the Superintendent.
6. SVCA may require (at any time) that all structures and equipment be removed to facilitate Campsite maintenance.

### Residency/ Eligibility

1. All Campers shall, always during the Camping Season, maintain a permanent primary residence within Canada. Neither the Campground nor the Campsite may be used as a primary residence by anyone at any time.
2. Upon request of the SVCA, Campers shall produce sufficient identification displaying they maintain a permanent primary residence elsewhere within Canada.

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### Campsite Reservations

1. All Campers shall submit a complete Seasonal Camper Contract, declaration of insurance, trailer ownership, and the non-refundable deposit to the Superintendent or the SVCA Administrative Office by no later than the end of the Camping Season. Should campers fail or refuse to provide such documentation, Campers will not be granted access to the Campground or Campsite.
2. Seasonal Camping Permits are neither transferrable nor refundable.
3. Campers shall not rent, lease, sublet, or assign their camping units or their permit to access the Campsite without prior express written approval of the Superintendent, which may be unreasonably withheld. Any friends, relatives, or family members not part of the contract and staying overnight at the Campsite must register at the Gatehouse and pay the per person/ night fee for the duration of their stay.
4. If a Camping Unit is sold during the Camping Season without the prior express written approval of the Superintendent, the Campsite must be released by the Campers to SVCA. If the sale was completed with the proper approval, and Camping Fees have been paid in full, the purchaser of the Camping Unit may assume the remainder of the Camping Season with the completion of a Seasonal Camper Contract and the payment of the \$100.00 transfer fee.

### Current Seasonal Camper

1. Campers seeking to reserve their Campsite for the following Camping Season must provide payment to SVCA of a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$250.00 by no later than 12:00 pm on Thanksgiving Monday.
2. If Campers fail to reserve their Campsite by the end of the Camping Season, the Campsite will be made available to other Campers.
3. Campers will not be permitted to reserve their Campsite for the following Camping Season if Camping Fees are outstanding, or if the Camper is not otherwise in good standing with SVCA.

### Seasonal Camper Lottery and New Seasonal Site Assignment

1. Vacant seasonal Campsites are assigned through a lottery process among current Seasonal Campers.
2. All current Seasonal Campers that have expressed interest in switching sites within the park will be entered into the lottery. The winner will be drawn at random.
3. Should the winner of the lottery decline the opportunity to relocate, additional lotteries will take place until the site is filled.
4. Should all the current Seasonal Campers decline the site, the site will be opened to new Seasonal Campers.
5. New Seasonal Campers will be notified on a first come first serve basis. The first Camper on the seasonal wait list will be contacted and given a period of two (2) days (48 hours) to respond with expressed interest. Should the first fail to respond or decline the opportunity, the Superintendent or Campground Coordinator will continue down the wait list until the site is filled.

### Visitors

1. All Visitors must pay the applicable Conservation Area admission fees or have a valid SVCA Season Day Pass.
2. Seasonal campers may also purchase a Seasonal Visitors Pass.
3. All Visitors must purchase an additional vehicle permit for additional vehicles remaining at the Conservation Area overnight. A maximum of six (6) people are allowed to camp overnight at each Campsite.
4. Visitors may only attend the Conservation Area if accompanied by Campers. Campground Visitors are permitted between 8 AM and 10 PM daily. No new Visitors will be admitted after 9 PM. Campground hours may be restricted, as necessary.

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### Campground Etiquette

1. All Campers and their Visitors must act in a kind and respectful manner and must not interfere with the ability of others to enjoy the Conservation Area in a quiet and peaceful setting.
2. **Verbal or physical abuse or threatening behaviour toward SVCA personnel, campers and visitors shall not be tolerated and will result in immediate and indefinite eviction, without refund, from all SVCA properties.**
3. Excessive noise or disturbance is not permitted at any time. Any fighting, yelling, intoxication or use of obscene or vulgar language shall not be tolerated.
4. No detachable or external amplified speakers are permitted.
5. All Campers are responsible for the actions of their Visitors and will be held liable for any damage, vandalism, or destruction to/of the Campsite or SVCA property.
6. All swimming areas, beaches, splash pads, buildings, playgrounds, and sporting areas are smoke free.
7. SVCA may evict without refund, at its sole and unfettered discretion, any person(s) whose conduct or actions are detrimental to the operation of the campground and the enjoyment of the public.

### Quiet Time

1. All Campers and Visitors must observe the campground quiet time between 11 PM and 7 AM. Staff may request electronic devices to be turned off if disturbing other campers before 11 PM and after 7 AM.
2. Loud music, excessive noise, or other disturbance is not permitted during this time. Campers and Visitors that do not observe the Quiet Time may be evicted without refund.

### Alcohol and Cannabis

1. The consumption of alcohol and cannabis is only permitted on registered campsites within the Conservation Area. Cannabis is not permitted to be grown within SVCA lands.
2. Consumption and possession of alcohol and/or cannabis within the Conservation Area is strictly prohibited while bans are in effect.

### Alcohol and Cannabis Bans

1. Conservation Areas may have alcohol and cannabis bans in effect during the Camping Season which prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol and/or cannabis anywhere within the Conservation Area.
2. Anyone found to be in possession of/or consuming alcohol and/or cannabis during a ban will be immediately evicted from the Conservation Area for a period of three (3) days on the first offence. A second offence will result in a permanent eviction from all SVCA Conservation Areas.
3. Alcohol and cannabis bans will be posted at a minimum of three weeks prior to coming into effect. Alcohol and cannabis bans will typically run from noon on a Thursday to noon on the following Tuesday.

### Domestic Animals

1. Pet owners must comply with all local animal control by-laws (i.e., dogs must be licensed).
2. All pets must always be on a leash with a maximum length of two (2) meters.
3. Pets are not allowed in washrooms, on beaches or in swimming areas.
4. Owners must clean up after their pets.
5. No pets shall be left unattended or be allowed to disturb other Campers or visitors.
6. Any aggressive or inappropriate behaviour by any pet will result in immediate removal of the pet from the Conservation Area.

### Generators

The use of generators is not permitted.

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### Camping Units

1. Camping Units permitted within the Conservation Area includes tents, tent-trailers, camper-trucks, camping trailers, fifth wheel trailers, and motorhomes.
2. All recreation vehicles must comply with CSA Z240 RV Series “Recreational Vehicles” and NFPA 1192 for Recreational Vehicles and be complete with manufacturer plates and remain unaltered.
3. Prospective campers are encouraged to confirm the availability of sites that could accommodate their camping unit prior to applying. Camping Units shall not exceed the length permitted or the electrical service provided on the prospective Camping Site.
4. Prior to the Campers upgrading their camping unit to a larger size, they must submit a written request for Approval to the Superintendent. Trailer hitch assemblies must remain accessible at all times.
5. Camping Units older than twenty (20) years will require the Superintendent’s approval prior to set up as a Camper. Units currently on site may remain, however if sold/transferred or replaced, must meet the age restriction and/or be Approved by the Superintendent before it will be allowed on site.
6. Buses or similar units converted to Camping Units will not be allowed as a Seasonal Camping Unit.
7. Camping Units (except tents) must be registered and display a valid motor vehicle license (license plate).
8. Only one Camping Unit with wheels is permitted at the Campsite (i.e. trailer, camper, or mobile home).
9. Two tents are permitted per Campsite in addition to a wheeled camping unit or three tents in total. Tents may be a sleeping accommodation, dining area, non-permanent gazebo, or a gazebo-like structure.

### Campsite Layout and Campsite Modifications

1. Campers must submit a completed sketch of their Campsite to the Superintendent prior to making any modifications to their Campsite.
2. All alterations to the campsite including fences, gardens, landscaping, shed, deck, or add-on will require a written submission with plans being approved by the Superintendent and abide by Ontario building code. There are restrictions on size, design and materials for these structures.

### Decks, Patios and Awnings

1. One deck or patio is permitted on each Campsite. All decks and patios must:
  - a) Not exceed 60 centimeters (23.6”) in height;
  - b) Not exceed a combined site coverage of 20.44 m<sup>2</sup> (220 ft<sup>2</sup>);
  - c) Fit within the site and not encroach on green buffer spaces or other sites;
  - d) Be removable by hand (sectioned), at the approved height; and
  - e) Not be physically attached to the camping unit.
2. All decks and patio structures must be made of wood or patio stones and be aesthetically pleasing.
3. No cement posts are allowed.
4. Awnings attached to the camping unit must be manufactured by a trailer/ RV service provider.

### Sheds

1. One (1) storage shed is permitted on each Campsite.
2. Storage sheds shall not exceed 2.4 meters by 2.4 meters (8’ by 8’).
3. Sheds must be free standing and approved by the Superintendent. All sheds and their location must be approved by the Superintendent prior to installation.
4. Sheds are to be used for storage only and may not be used as a sleeping quarters.

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### **Appliances and Equipment**

1. Equipment, appliances, and structures must all be kept in a safe and aesthetically pleasing condition. A failure to do so will result in such equipment, appliances and/or structures being removed from the Conservation Area at the direction of the Superintendent.
2. Only one (1) refrigerator is permitted outside of the Camping Unit and must be kept in an enclosed shed, the refrigerator must be in good working order.
3. Only one (1) barbeque is permitted per Campsite.
4. No external washers or dryers are permitted.

### **Campsite Maintenance**

1. Campsites must always be kept in a clean and tidy manner. Cleanliness will aid in deterring nuisance wildlife.
2. The planting of gardens and other landscaping within the Conservation Area is strongly discouraged.
3. The use of pesticides and herbicides within the Conservation Area is prohibited, unless carried out by SVCA staff licensed to use such products.

### **Water and Hydro Services**

1. Lawn watering and vehicle washing is not permitted within the Conservation Area.
2. To conserve electricity, Campers must reduce their electricity use when not attending Campsite. (e.g. turn off air conditioners and exterior lights when not in use).
3. All water connections must be kept in good condition. Water connections must not be buried and must remain visible. Campers shall inspect connections regularly to ensure they remain free of leaks.
4. All electrical connections must be completed in accordance with the Electrical Safety Code and will be subject to inspection by the Electrical Safety Authority. Failure to maintain a proper electrical connection will result in the power being disconnected.
5. Campers shall ensure that their electrical connections are proper and not causing undue demand. Campers shall reimburse SVCA for any and all costs and damages incurred by SVCA as a result of improper or misuse of electrical connections.

### **Garbage Disposal**

1. Garbage must be collected and properly disposed of in the waste bins provided.
2. Yard waste (including leaves, branches, grass, and yard clippings) shall not be discarded into natural areas and must be composted at the compost site provided.
3. Furniture, appliances, construction material and/or other hazardous items of materials shall not be disposed of at the Conservation Area. Disposal of these items into or beside waste bins is strictly prohibited.
4. No garbage shall be brought into the Conservation Area. SVCA disposal sites shall only be used for garbage generated within the Conservation Area.



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### Trees and Vegetation

1. Campers and their Visitors shall not strip bark, use nails or attach wires to trees or shrubs. Ropes around trees are permitted but must be removed at the end of the Camping Season.
2. Lights and decorations shall not be affixed to the trees.
3. Campers shall not plant any trees or shrubs without the prior express written approval of the Superintendent. If permitted, all trees and shrubs planted by Campers shall become the property of the SVCA and shall not be removed.
4. Campers shall not prune or trim trees without the prior written approval of the Superintendent.
5. Campers should be aware that trees may be impacted by a variety of pests and diseases (e.g., Emerald Ash Borer) which can weaken the tree structure. While SVCA does inspect tree hazards on all campsites, Campers are encouraged to be aware of overhead hazards and report any trees that they feel may be hazardous to SVCA staff.

### Fires and Firewood

1. A woodshed is permitted on each Campsite. The woodshed must not exceed 0.9 meters by 0.9 meters by 1.2 meters high (3' by 3' by 4' high).
2. Gathering firewood from SVCA property is prohibited. Unsightly wood piles or wood cutting on site is not allowed. Wood pallets or skids may not be used as firewood.
3. The use of chainsaws is not permitted.
4. Firewood brought in from another area may harbour pests and carry disease that will destroy forests. Therefore, all firewood must be purchased within the Conservation Area. The SVCA has firewood available for purchase that has been harvested locally using good forestry practices.
5. Fires must be contained within an approved fire pit and always kept under control. Fires must not be left unattended. Ensure campfires are extinguished before you retire for the night or leave the site. Dispose of matches and cigarette butts in the firepit.
6. In the event of a fire ban, all site occupants are expected to comply with the order of the Fire Chief or Fire Marshall. Failure to do so could result in fines levied by the issuing authority and/or your eviction from the Conservation Area.

### Vehicles

1. Two (2) vehicles are permitted per Campsite.
2. Campers will receive a Vehicle Pass windshield sticker, which will provide their designated vehicle with access to the Conservation Area and permit the vehicle overnight parking at the Campsite.
3. At Campsites where automatic access gates exist, Campers will receive an access card that will allow entry through the gate system when the refundable deposit is paid.
4. All vehicle passes shall expire at the end of the Camping Season and access cards must be returned to facilitate the refund of the card deposit.
5. Drivers must obey the *Highway Traffic Act*, posted speed limits, signs and be aware of pedestrians.

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**Seasonal Vehicle Pass**

1. Campers who wish to have an additional vehicle registered to the Campsite must purchase a Seasonal Vehicle Pass. An Additional Vehicle Pass will include a windshield sticker and, if applicable, an automatic gate access card.
2. Additional Vehicle Passes can be purchased through the Gatehouse or the SVCA Administrative Office. Additional vehicles must have proof of registration, the same address as the Camper, and are not transferrable.
3. The purchase of a Seasonal Vehicle Pass will not permit more than two (2) vehicles per campsite.

**Boats and Utility Trailers**

1. Boats or utility trailers may only be left on the Campsite with the prior express written approval of the Superintendent. This approval will be subject to the ability of the Campsite to accommodate the boat or utility trailer in addition to Camping Units and personal vehicles present. The impact of the boat or utility trailer on the campground amenities and on neighbouring Campsites will also be considered.

**ATV's, Golf Carts and E-bikes**

1. ATV's and golf carts are not allowed within the Conservation Area or anywhere on SVCA property.
2. E-bikes are permitted on Conservation Area roadways only. Use of e-bikes is prohibited on any Conservation Area trail system.
3. Except for assistive devices specifically designed to improve mobility, all other power-assisted, low-speed vehicles are not permitted upon SVCA property.

**Breach**

1. A failure to comply with SVCA Rules and Regulations will result in enforcement actions by SVCA and/or local police.
2. Any Camper(s) or Visitor(s) who fail to comply with the SVCA rules, regulations, bans and guidelines may, at SVCA's sole and unfettered discretion, be indefinitely evicted/barred from all SVCA Conservation Areas.
3. Campers who are evicted from the Conservation Area for any reason, are not entitled to a refund of any amounts paid.
4. Campers who have failed to remove Camping Units and other Campsite contents including personal belongings following eviction, failure to submit a completed Seasonal Camper Contract, or failure to pay the appropriate fees shall have their Camping Units and other Campsite contents including personal belongings removed by SVCA staff. SVCA shall assume ownership of all property from the Campsite, including the main Camping Unit and all personal belongings. Any disposal fees will be at the expense of the Camper.
5. SVCA shall not be held responsible should any damage or destruction occur during the removal of items.

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Glossary of Terms

Campers	People under contract to stay in the Campground.
Camping Season	The length of time the Campground is open, typically the last Friday in April to Monday of Thanksgiving weekend.
Camping Unit	Tent, tent trailers, truck camper, trailer, fifth wheel or motorhome.
Campsite Reservation	The action of reserving a campsite for the following Camping Season.
Campsites	Specified sites within the Campground allocated to Campers.
Quiet Time	Generally, from 11 pm to 7 am daily.
Seasonal Camper Deposit	Deposit paid along with Seasonal Camping Contract to hold site for the following season.
Seasonal Camping Contract	Yearly contract signed by Campers to secure their spot for next season.
Seasonal Camping Fees	Fees determined on a yearly basis for sites and other merchandise and fees.
Seasonal Camping Permit	The length of time the Camper has contracted to stay under Seasonal Camping Contract. This is not a paper permit, just a copy of a signed Seasonal Camping Contract.
Seasonal Vehicle Pass	Sticker to be affixed to the driver's side window of your vehicle.
Transfer Fee	Fee paid to transfer a site from a Camper to a purchaser of a trailer on a site in the Campground. See Fees page for more information.
Visitor	Anyone who is not listed on the Seasonal Camping Contract.