

## General

1. Violation of these rules and regulations shall result in the cancellation of your camping permit without refund.
2. All campers are responsible for the actions of their visitors and will be held liable for any damage, vandalization, or destruction to/of the campsite or SVCA property.
3. 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.
4. Hold harmless statement: To the fullest extent permitted by law, all campers agree to indemnify, defend and hold SVCA and its departments, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers, harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, attorney's fees and alternative dispute resolution costs, for any personal injury, for any bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, and for any damage to or destruction of any property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom) which 1) are caused in whole or in part by any action or omission, negligent or otherwise, of the SVCA, its employees, agents, or volunteers or SVCA's subcontractors and their employees, agents or volunteers; or 2) are directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with performance of this Contract.

## 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 reservation which can include up to six members, that are over 4 years of age.
2. Members that are less than 5 years of age are not required to be listed on the reservation.
3. Anyone using the site that is not listed (or exempted due to age) on the reservation 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 booking.

## Campsites

1. Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) reserves the right to designate which campsites will be made available to campers.
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 campsite 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) Or, any combination of three (3) sleeping units.
6. Campers and their visitors shall not install or erect any portable playgrounds, wading pools, hot tubs, or swings of any kind on the campsite.
  7. 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.
  8. 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.

### Campsite Reservations

1. 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 reservation and staying overnight at the campsite must register at the Gatehouse and pay the per person/night fee for the duration of their stay.

### Visitors

1. All visitors must pay the applicable Conservation Area admission fees.
2. 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.
3. 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.

### Campground Etiquette

1. All campers are responsible for the actions of their visitors and will be held liable for any damage, vandalization, or destruction to/of the campsite or SVCA property.
2. 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.
3. **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.**
4. 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.
5. No detachable or external amplified speakers are permitted.
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.
8. Should police involvement occur at a campsite the camper may be found in breach and may result in eviction.

## 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 at any 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, laundry, Sutherland centre, and store.
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, including excessive barking, growling, or whining, by any pet will result in immediate removal of the pet from the Conservation Area.

## Generators

The use of generators is not permitted outside of group camping or equestrian camping areas.

## Camping Units

1. Camping units permitted within the Conservation Area include 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. Trailer hitch assemblies must remain accessible at all times.
5. Camping units (except tents) must be registered and display a valid motor vehicle license (license plate).
6. Only one camping unit with wheels is permitted at the campsite (i.e., trailer, camper, or mobile home).
7. 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.

### 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) barbeque is permitted per campsite.
3. 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.

### 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.
5. Failure to adhere to the above will be subject to disposal and dump fees.

## 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 prune or trim trees.
4. 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. 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.
2. The use of chainsaws is not permitted.
3. Firewood brought in from another area may harbour pests and carry diseases that will destroy forests. Therefore, all firewood must be purchased within the Conservation Area. SVCA has firewood available for purchase that has been harvested locally using good forestry practices.
4. 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.
5. 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 may receive a Vehicle Pass, 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.
4. Drivers must: be licensed, be sober, obey the *Highway Traffic Act*, obey posted speed limits, obey instructional signs, and be aware of pedestrians. Failure to adhere may result in police involvement.

## Boats and Utility Trailers

Boats or utility trailers are not permitted on the campsite without 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. Childrens electric ride-on toys are not permitted on any roadway or trail.
4. 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 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.

#### Cancellation Policy

Reservations of less than 10 days cancelled more than 4 business days in advance, will receive a full refund minus the cancellation and reservation fee. Reservations of 10 or more days cancelled, will receive a maximum refund of 50% regardless of when it is cancelled. Reservations of less than 10 days that are cancelled less than 4 business days prior to the arrival date, will lose 2 nights and the reservation fee (1 night if only a 1 night stay). Cancellations of any length after the arrival date will receive no refund.

A voucher request can be submitted (available at the gatehouse) for extenuating circumstances. Camping is an outdoor experience, no refunds will be approved for discomforts of nature including rain, snow, heat, temperature change, and insects.

#### Glossary of Terms

**"Camper"** means person under contract to stay in the campground.

**"Camping season"** means the length of time the campground is open, typically the last Friday in April to Monday of Thanksgiving weekend.

**"Camping unit"** means a tent, tent trailer, truck camper, trailer, fifth wheel or motorhome.

**"Campsite reservation"** means the action of reserving a campsite.

**"Campsite"** means the specified site(s) within the campground allocated to a camper(s).

**"Quiet time"** is generally from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily.

**"Visitor"** means anyone who is not listed on the Seasonal Camping Contract.