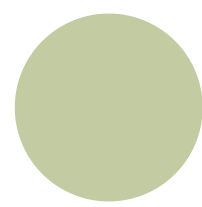


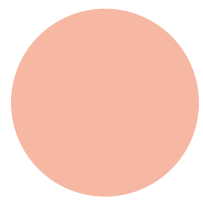
Camping in the Shuswap for beginners



Find a Campsite

There are lots of places to camp in BC. Some campgrounds have lots of amenities like hot showers and playgrounds, others are more basic with just a simple table and pit toilet. You are also able to camp anywhere on “crown land” (public land) for up to 14 nights, free of charge.

- Provincial campsites and reservations are found [here](#)
- National campsites reservations are found [here](#)
- Rec sites (limited amenities, no reservations) are found [here](#)

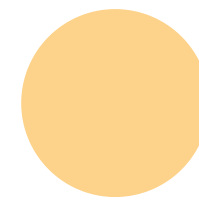
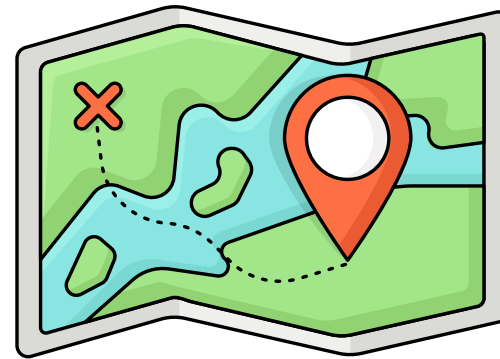


Campfires

Campfires are a great way to stay warm on chilly evenings outdoors. Most campgrounds sell dry wood for fires, so campers only need to bring matches and an axe to make kindling

To help prevent wildfires, never leave your campfire unattended. Make sure it is completely out before you leave. Do not gather wood, break off branches, or damage live trees in any way to build your fire.

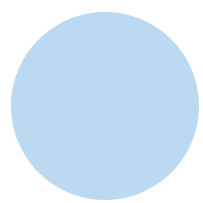
- You can find info about current fire bans [here](#)



What to bring (example)



- Tent
- Sleeping bags/Sleeping pads/pillow
- Headlamps or flashlights
- Camp chairs
- Lantern
- Stove and fuel + Matches/ lighter/ firestarter
- Cook pots (with pot holder)
- Utensils
- Bottle opener/can opener/corkscrew
- Sharp knife
- Plates/bowls + Mugs/cups
- Cutting board
- Cooler
- Water bottles
- Camp sink (or wash bins)
- Biodegradable soap
- Dish towel + Pot scrubber/sponge(s)
- Trash and recycling bags
- Lightweight fleece or jacket
- Boots or shoes and Socks
- Sleepwear
- Sunglasses/Hat
- Toilet paper + Hand sanitizer
- Toothbrush and toothpaste + Toiletries
- Quick-dry towel
- Menstrual products
- Prescription medications
- First-aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Credit card and/or cash
- ID
- Cell phone
- Campsite reservation confirmation (if required)



Safe and responsible Camping

Responsible recreation is built on respect for the cultural values of the land and the long history of Indigenous cultures. When visiting parks, remember that you are on the traditional lands of Indigenous Peoples.

Also, when you are out in nature, observe wildlife from a distance. Avoid wildlife areas during sensitive times, such as when animals and birds may be mating, nesting, raising young, or hibernating. Never feed wildlife as it damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.

