

**RESPECT
LAND**



CAMPING ON PUBLIC LAND



Alberta currently has a number of designated campgrounds that you are encouraged to enjoy.

If you decide to recreate outside of a designated campground on Alberta's public land your presence will have an impact on the natural landscape, vegetation, wildlife, and waterways. You can minimize your impact on the land by being aware of the effect you have on the environment and by practicing no-trace camping.

act responsibly. minimize your impact.

Camping Basics for Everyone

Plan ahead and be prepared

- ➔ Know your route, terrain, ground and weather conditions, and applicable regulations. Contact the owner/lease-holder prior to traveling on private or leased land.

Minimize your impact

- ➔ Concentrate use in established campsites and camp on surfaces that are resistant to impact.

Manage your food and waste

- ➔ Never litter. Pack out what you pack in using sealed bags. Dispose of human waste responsibly.

Take extra care with campfires

- ➔ Keep your campfire small and never leave it unattended. Before you leave, soak your fire, stir it and then soak it again.

Leave what you find

- ➔ Don't disturb wildlife, livestock, crops, plants, rocks, archaeological artifacts and other objects of interest.

Be courteous and respectful

- ➔ Respect the rights of other users.
- ➔ Limit your stay to 14 consecutive days.

USER GUIDELINES

Respect the Land & other users

- ❑ **Limit your stay to 14 consecutive days** to allow vegetation to recover and to allow others to access the site. Public land is for the use of all Albertans; no person has exclusive rights to a campsite.
- ❑ **Leave your campsite clean and natural looking.** Equipment, storage caches and garbage left on site are not acceptable.
- ❑ **Know before you go.** Camping and recreational access on public land may be restricted in some areas. Check with your local Alberta Sustainable Resource Development office.

Recreational Access In Alberta

www.srd.gov.ab.ca/land/u_rec_heading.html

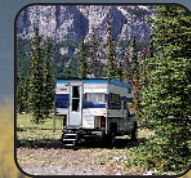
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All camping facilities on public land must be temporary and portable.

X The following structures are not acceptable

- X log or wood frame cabins/chattels,
- X cook houses and storage sheds,
- X permanent toilets,
- X tent platforms and solid walls or roofs, and
- X garden plots, no matter how small or modestly constructed.

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- Camp only where permitted.
- Respect riparian areas. Camp at least 30 metres (100 feet) away from any watercourse.
- Deposit solid human waste in “cat holes” dug 6-8 inches into soil, at least 100 metres (300 feet) from water, camp, trails and drainages.
- Do not deposit harmful materials into watercourses.
- Do not cut down or remove live trees or any native vegetation.
- Where possible, keep all vehicles parked on developed roads or trails.
- Keep noise down to an acceptable level. Complaints of noise or other disturbance may result in an order to vacate the site.
- Limit the use and number of campfires and fire rings.

- Use “Weed Free” feed for horses to avoid the introduction of invasive plants.
- Control pets at all times to avoid conflicts with wildlife.
- For the safety of both wildlife and humans, please do not feed the animals.

Activity-specific tips

- non-motorized activities
- off-highway vehicle use

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for a brochure.**

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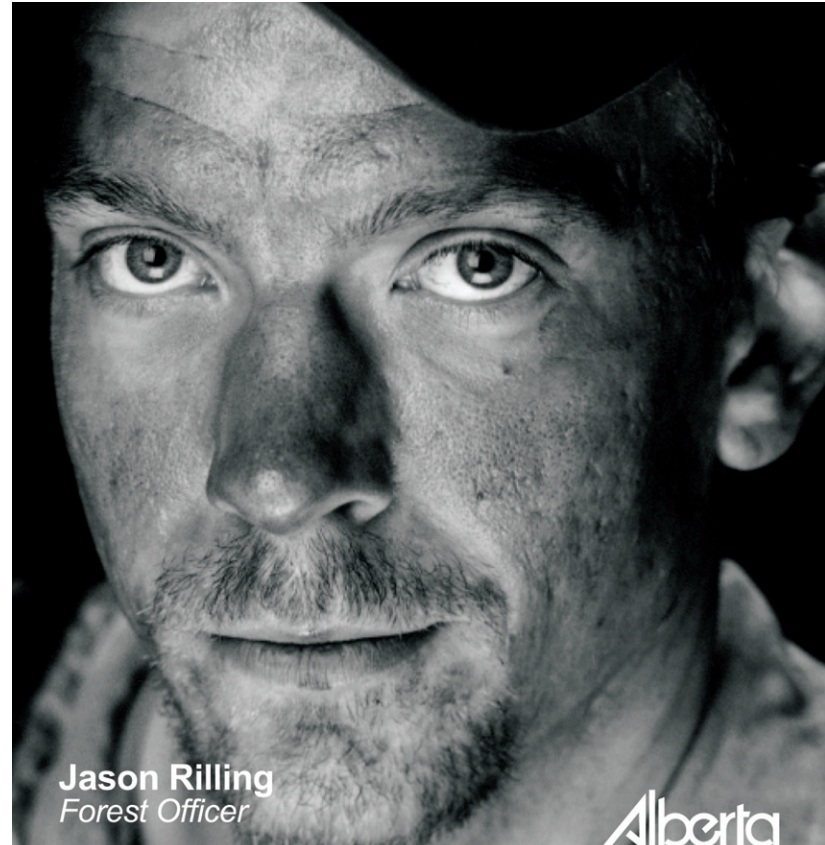
Fire Safety

Open fires must be used wisely. Even a small campfire has the potential to become a wildfire. Take extra care when selecting a site, preparing your campfire and putting your fire out.

EASY TIPS TO PREVENT WILDFIRES

- ➔ Use campfire facilities if available.
- ➔ If possible, use portable camping stoves or fire pits.
- ➔ If your campsite does not have a campfire facility, build your fire on rocks and sand, in an open area.
- ➔ Keep your fire small.
- ➔ Never leave your campfire unattended.
- ➔ When extinguishing your campfire, soak it with water, stir the ashes, then soak it again.

YOUR CAMPFIRE IS NOT OUT UNTIL YOU CAN TOUCH IT. 



Jason Rilling
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In Alberta 4 of every 10 wildfires is human-caused. Please, make sure your fire isn't hiding beneath the ashes.

REPORT WILDFIRES
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Be Scents-ible about bears!

Bears have a keen sense of smell. Carelessly stored food, an unclean campsite or table scraps are open invitations to bears.

For additional information

www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fw/bearsmart

BearSmart Camp Tips

- Pick your campsite with care. Avoid clover patches in early summer and berry patches in the summer and fall.
- Pitch tents away from dense bushes or trees, lakeshore, stream banks and animal trails.
- Separate your cooking area from your sleeping area.
- Avoid sleeping in clothes you wore while cooking.
- Be sure pepper spray is accessible, even when you sleep.
- Store food properly. Hang supplies between two trees with a rope, 3-4 metres off the ground and at least 100 metres away from your camp.
- Never store food or personal toiletries (toothpaste, soap, deodorant, etc.) in your tent.
- Dispose of food properly. Never burn or bury food scraps. Seal garbage in plastic bags for disposal in bear-proof bins or pack it out.

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