

Summerfest Camp Rules and Regulations

Boundaries

The boundaries of this camp site are shown on the map. There will be people at the other closest campsite and we will not intrude on them.

Motor Vehicles

Only vehicles licensed for highways may be operated on roadways within provincial parks. Licensed off-highway vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles, motorized trail bikes are not permitted at Summerfest. Obey all speed limits and traffic signs. When driving through the camp watch carefully for small children and pets.

Food

always store food out of reach of bears, preferable in airtight containers in the trunk of your vehicle

- never store food in a tent or tent-trailer where you are sleeping Never cook or eat in or near your tent
- do not burn or bury food scraps
- do not litter. Place all garbage in suitable containers provided in campgrounds or take it with you if no containers are available
- clean fish at designated cleaning stations. If none are available dispose of fish remains in proper garbage containers
- use a flashlight at night

Liquor

Liquor is allowed only within your registered campsite. If you are found in possession of liquor in washrooms, roads, beaches, picnic or other public areas, you will be subject to prosecution under the Gaming and Liquor Act.

Garbage

Please bag all garbage and throw it in the designated bins at the end of each day. Do not leave food garbage in your campsite over night.

Grey water

All dirty water is poured into the vault toilets. Do not toss water onto the ground or into the trees unless it is clear clean water.

Toilets

We all have to use them! Please keep them clean and tidy.

Children

Please supervise your children at all times. There are unsafe places within the campground. Children may not be at the Campground without a parent or guardian.

Animals

Please be considerate of others and pick up after your pet. Animals should be leashed at all times.

Campfires

Campfires are permitted only in the facilities provided for that purpose. Please make sure your fire is out before you leave.

Fire bans prohibit the lighting of all wood and briquette fires and depending on the severity of fire hazard, may include fires contained in fire facilities in designated camping and recreation areas; fireworks and citronella candles may also be prohibited. Gas and liquid fueled stoves are normally allowed for cooking and heating purposes.

Fishing

If you are between 16 and 65 years of age, you must have an Alberta angling license to fish any Alberta waters. Seniors residing outside of Alberta must purchase an Alberta angling license. You should also be aware of the current Fishing Regulations.

Hunting

Hunting is prohibited. Weapons of any kind are not permitted at Summerfest.

Plants - Fossils - Rocks - Deadfall

Cutting, defacing or removing any plant, fossil or rock is prohibited. Scavenging for deadfall (firewood) is also prohibited.

Pagan Pride

Tools

You are welcome to bring your magickal tools to camp. Please, please don't touch any of these items without express permission of the owners/makers. Just as you wouldn't walk into someone's home and begin rummaging through their drawers because it breaches privacy and courtesies, a person's or group's effects and altar are very private. The energy in them needs to be honored and respected, so always ask first.

Sacred Fires

People who randomly poke and prod, toss garbage in the fire, can be very dangerous to a gathering. The poking and prodding can cause sparks, which then hit people's clothing, bodies, or eyes. There will be someone designated to tending the fire. Let them do their job.

Rituals

You do not have to attend any of the rituals, however it is not polite to stand around and watch one from the outskirts either. Please find yourself another space and activity to do at that time.

Gossip:

The Pagan community is filled with people from all walks of life and a diversity of lifestyles. If you have a question about a way of living, ask it honestly, but please don't gossip or make assumptions. This is very hurtful and can have far-ranging effects that you cannot possibly control once you've started the rumor mill going. Similarly, if a rumor comes to you, rather than perpetuating it why not squelch it. Find someone who knows what happened, and get clarification for everyone!

Photographs:

Please people, DO NOT take pictures of anyone at a Pagan gathering without express permission. This is very rude and a huge breach of pagan etiquette. Many of us have to keep our spiritual lives hidden to keep our jobs or families safe from persecution. Many others simply prefer that a private life remains private. Others still may have a taboo about photographs. So, ask first. Believe me when I say that you will avoid a lot of problems, not the least of which may include the confiscation of film should you not heed requests and warnings.

Sexual Etiquette

This is a tough issue because so many of us in the community travel unique lifestyles. So, let's start with the obvious.

- Practice safe sex - use condoms or don't do it! Additionally, always know the age of the person with whom you're coupling. If you're not sure - don't do it! If you think the person might have a mate or get the feeling that something is awry, don't do it! If you break these basic rules, you will be sorry now or later.
- Consider the comfort of others and your camp mates in whatever you do. If you're sharing a tent with someone, don't expect them to sleep outside just because you want to get laid! Similarly if you have children in your camp, be discreet - don't make tons of noise that parents will have to explain later.
- In considering the options that present themselves at events, it's very important to be informed. For example, there are people who practice polyamory, all of whom have specific ground rules with their mates for what activities take place, when, and where. If you get involved in this type of coupling, you need to know the ground rules so as to "harm none."

- A lot of pagans are flirtatious or seem to be because they are less hung up about physical matters. Don't mistake this as an open invitation. Flirting is a world or two away from sex. Don't assume, don't make unwanted advances, and don't move too quickly and you'll be much better off.
- This camp is not one for skyclad campers. There are many folks who are just not interested and with many families of young children, it's better to stay covered than to leave a parent answering questions. Besides, it's mosquito country.....

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