

Depot Lakes Campground and Conservation Area Terms and Conditions

This application for a permit to camp on a seasonal basis in 2026 on campgrounds owned and operated by Quinte Conservation is made pursuant to the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario R.S.O. 1990 and Conservation Area Regulations made thereunder specifically through Quinte Conservation's O. Reg. 688/21. All schedules attached to this application form conditions to its completion/acceptance.

DEPOT LAKES SEASON DATES

The 2026 Depot Lakes Camping Season (Season) runs from May 15, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to October 1, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

DEPOT LAKES SEASONAL CAMPING FEES

A minimum \$500 deposit, completion of Section 1 with signatures, and all other requested documentation (Valid ID, trailer ownership, insurance) is required to guarantee a campsite and is due by **January 30, 2026**. (Please note that all requested documentation is required annually).

Full seasonal payment is due by **April 30, 2026**.

The 2026 Fee Policy and Schedules dated October 16, 2025, and **effective January 1, 2026**, as approved at the Quinte Conservation Executive Board Meeting on December 18, 2025, MOTION QC 25- :

• Campsites 1 to 13	CLOSED
• Campsites 14 to 17	\$1,632
• Campsites 18 to 44	\$2,193
• Campsites 45 to 60	\$1,632

Failure to meet this schedule will result in a loss of seasonal camping privileges and the campsite will be open to other campers on the waiting list.

The charge for NSF cheques is \$56 each. Quinte Conservation will not accept post-dated cheques.

REFUND POLICY

If circumstances change and you do not wish to return to camp for the Season, and you provide Quinte Conservation with written notice of your decision by **April 30, 2026**, your deposit will be refunded. No deposits will be refunded if Quinte Conservation does not receive written notice by the Applicant by **April 30, 2026**.

Camping is an outdoor experience. Therefore, no refunds will be approved for discomforts of nature including rain, snow, temperature changes, natural disasters, and wildlife.

Campers evicted from the campground for any circumstance are not eligible for a refund.

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS

These Rules, Regulations and Standards were developed to maintain a level of safety and consistency at Depot Lakes Campground and Conservation Area and are based on Quinte Conservation's O. Reg. 688/21. All Quinte Conservation Area users, including the Applicant, Additional Campers and Visitors (Seasonal Campers), are responsible for knowing all the rules, regulations and standards. Violation(s) may result in eviction without refund, a permanent ban and/or fine and the possibility of court action.

Quinte Conservation is responsible for interpretation and enforcement of these rules, regulations, and standards. At the discretion of Quinte Conservation, permits may be revoked at any time without refund.

This is not an exhaustive list.

HOURS OF USE

- Closed to day-use visitors after 8 pm.
- Visitors to campers must leave the campground by 10 pm.
- Quiet time is from 10 pm to 8 am.
- Only inverted generators are allowed and may only be used between 8 to 11 am and 6 to 8 pm.
- Children under the age of 16 years must be on their own campsite by 10 pm unless accompanied by an adult.

CAMPSITES

- Applicants must be at least 19 years of age and have proof of age.
- No more than 3 pieces of equipment per campsite, only one of which is a camp unit.
- No more than 6 people, including the Applicant, are allowed on a designated campsite. Only the Applicant and/or Additional Campers can occupy the campsite.
- Campsites are designed for 2 vehicles per campsite. All other vehicles, including visitor's vehicles, must be parked in the designated visitor parking area.
- Campsites must be cleaned prior to checkout; Seasonal Campers are responsible for all garbage and recyclable material.
- Fires are permitted in designated areas only and must be contained within the designated fire pit and supervised at all times.
- Inform Quinte Conservation of any disturbances or emergencies.

SMOKING, ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

- All Quinte Conservation properties and areas are smoke free except when designated. Smoking includes inhaling, exhaling, burning, lighted tobacco and e-cigarettes.
- Alcohol and/or cannabis are only permitted on registered campsites. Intoxication or impairment in a public area is prohibited.
- Alcohol and/or cannabis are not permitted in day-use or other public areas.
- Substance abuse including illegal drugs is prohibited.

SWIMMING AREAS

- No glass, bottles or alcohol allowed in beach areas.
- No boats allowed in swimming areas.
- Quinte Conservation is not responsible for child supervision anywhere at Depot Lakes Campground and Conservation Area, including beaches or trails.

PETS

- All pets are to be on a leash not exceeding 6 feet and kept under control at all times.
- There is a maximum of 2 pets per campsite; owners must pick up after their pets.
- No pets allowed in swimming or beach areas.

GENERAL RULES

- The speed limit in all Quinte Conservation areas is 15 km/hr.
- The campground and conservation area is a natural setting—please keep it natural (this includes no collecting, cutting, removing or destroying any plant, tree or other living object).
- Quinte Conservation is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged property.
- No person shall willfully damage any public or private property, buildings or other facilities.
- No vehicles are allowed without a valid license plate, insurance and a Quinte Conservation permit. All drivers must have a valid driver's license. No off-road vehicles allowed.
- Gas-powered golf carts are allowed with permission of the Depot Lakes Campground Superintendent (Superintendent) and are subject to the following:
 - Golf cart drivers must have a valid driver's license.
 - Golf carts may only be operated on park roadways. Golf carts are prohibited from walking trails, fields and woodlots.
 - The number of occupants riding on a golf cart or scooter cannot exceed the manufacturer's designated seating capacity.
 - A person cannot occupy a trailer or device being towed by a golf cart.

SEASONAL CAMPING STANDARDS

- Campsites must always be kept clean and tidy.
- Trailers must be road worthy, licensed and tidy at all times.
- Any firewood or uncut board (pallets, lumber, etc.) must be cut and stacked.
- Large wood compounds are not allowed.
- Any improvements to campsites (decks, patios, shed, trailer pads, tree plantings, sunrooms, etc.) are subject to approval by **Quinte Conservation** before work begins.
- Depot Lakes Campground only allows certain types of docks to be installed on seasonal campsites. The types of docks that are allowed are removeable post docks or floating docks made with dock floats. Barrels are not approved floats for docks.
- Portable decks no larger than 150 square feet are permitted.
- Seasonal campers are responsible for grass cutting and must supply their own lawnmower and gasoline.
- Gravel pads are allowed for trailers and vehicles. Crushed asphalt is not allowed.
- No outdoor refrigerators allowed.
- No form of appliance or household furniture is permitted outside of the trailer.
- Permanent clotheslines must be higher than 6 feet.
- Utility trailers must be stored in the visitor parking lot.
- Black and grey water must be contained within the holding tank and disposed of at the proper facilities.

Seasonal Campers must abide by and adhere to the rules, regulations, and standards. Further, Seasonal Campers must recognize that the Superintendent **and** Quinte Conservation are responsible for interpretation and enforcement of these rules, regulations and standards.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The goal of the Zero Tolerance Policy is to identify primary Quinte Conservation enforcement concerns to establish basic procedures to respond to those concerns and to communicate the intent of the policy to Quinte Conservation area users.

OBJECTIVES

- To respond to violent and/or unacceptable behaviour with immediate consequences.
- To reject violence (verbal, visual or physical) against another person.
- To communicate with and educate visitors and campers to develop the skills necessary to handle violent, potentially violent and unacceptable situations.
- To develop and maintain a safe and welcoming Conservation Area environment.
- To communicate associated code of behaviour and enforcement protocols.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

The Code of Behaviour applies to all campers and visitors. Quinte Conservation area users who violate the code will be dealt with through consequences of the Zero Tolerance Policy, the Conservation Authorities Act, regulations made under the Act, and any other pertinent legislation applicable to the circumstance.

The Code of Behaviour identifies generally accepted expectations of behaviour in a public environment. The Code identifies the following behaviour as unacceptable:

- Violence or threats of violence
- Intimidation, intimidating or threatening behaviour
- Speeding above the posted 15 km/hr maximum
- Damage to property, vehicles and the natural environment
- Excessive noise
- Intoxication, impairment and/or substance abuse (illegal drugs)
- Abuse, including neglect, comment or conduct that demeans, humiliates, embarrasses, intimidates, threatens or has an adverse effect on an individual(s)
- Dangerous behaviour (i.e. lack of acceptable animal control, fires in unapproved locations)
- Solicitation of any kind

Any other activity that compromises the goal and objectives of this policy, as identified at the discretion of the Quinte Conservation and the Superintendent.

ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS

After hand delivery or delivery by registered mail of one written warning by Quinte Conservation or the Superintendent, should a Seasonal Camper continue to neglect an accepted standard of maintenance and care of their campsite, Quinte Conservation will perform the work required to bring the campsite up to standard at the rate of \$72 per hour, per staff person. The Seasonal Camper will be responsible for timely compensation for works completed, as outlined on a Quinte Conservation invoice.

The Superintendent will exercise reason and fairness in the enforcement of seasonal camping standards.

Quinte Conservation has the sole discretion to determine what personal property may be allowed or constructed on Quinte Conservation property and areas.



CAMPsite ASSIGNMENT

The Applicant must occupy the campsite. The Applicant may register an additional 5 family members (Additional Campers), including adults aged 19 years and older and their dependents aged 18 years and under to the seasonal campsite for a total of 6. For additional immediate family requirements and special circumstances, please contact Quinte Conservation's main office. The Applicant Holder must register all other overnight visitors.

When the Application is completed and signed by the Applicant and Witnessed and thereafter is approved and executed at the discretion of Quinte Conservation, the application becomes an agreement in support of the 2024 Depot Lakes Seasonal Camping Permit (Permit) to be issued under Quinte Conservation's O. Reg. 688/21. The Permit is issued to the Applicant and applies to a designated or assigned campsite.

A Seasonal Camper wishing to leave during the season or wishing to sell the trailer should contact Quinte Conservation for proper procedures. Seasonal Campers should speak to Quinte Conservation before starting any transactions.

A Seasonal Camper CAN NOT sell, transfer, lease, sublet, or assign the campsite and the responsibilities, privileges, and obligations provided under the Application, in total or in part, to another person. A Seasonal Camper cannot deny access to the campsite by Quinte Conservation or its designated representatives for the purposes of campground maintenance, operations, servicing, development, and security.

Quinte Conservation will not accept campsite assignments by seasonal campers.

CAMPsite ABANDONMENT

A campsite is deemed abandoned when the Applicant and Seasonal Campers does not:

- Remove all belongings by **October 1, 2025**; or
- complete an Application and submit all required reservation fees and documentation by **January 31, 2025**; or
- complete all seasonal camping payments by **April 30, 2025**

By signing this application, the camper agrees to the removal of any accommodation unit and ancillary facilities/equipment occupying the campsite, by Quinte Conservation or their designate, when and if the campsite is termed abandoned as outlined above.

The Applicant also agrees to compensate Quinte Conservation for costs, according to the same procedures outlined in Section 5 (Rules, Regulations and Standards).

TRAILER IDENTIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Trailers/RV must be licensed and insured as stand alone units.

The Applicant hereby covenants with Quinte Conservation that insurance coverage for any type of damage to the trailer or appurtenances thereto at the assigned campsite is possessed by the said camper/trailer owner. Quinte Conservation will not be held responsible for any type of damage not caused directly by Quinte Conservation staff or those providing services to Quinte Conservation on behalf of staff.



VEHICLES REGISTERED TO THE CAMPSITE

The Applicant must provide the license plate number for the vehicle(s) they are registering to their campsite. The entry fee for 2 vehicles per campsite is included within the seasonal camping fee. Additional vehicles (above the 2 vehicles permitted per campsite) must pay the \$6 daily parking fee at the gate or purchase an annual parking pass at the price of \$62. These vehicles will park in the public parking lot.

Vehicle License Plate numbers registered to the Applicant's campsite help Quinte Conservation monitor campground activity and assist in identifying unauthorized use of their campsite by other campers or their visitors. The above listing does not apply to their campsite visitors.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

The Applicant signature in Section 1, as both owner of a trailer located within a campground facility owned and operated by Quinte Conservation and the Applicant for such trailer pursuant to a permit issued by Quinte Conservation, hereby acknowledges and agrees as follows:

- 1) The Applicant agrees that, if Quinte Conservation becomes liable to pay taxes attributable to the determination that their trailer is a structure, Quinte Conservation shall issue an invoice to the undersigned in the amount of such taxes paid and the undersigned shall pay the amount of such invoice to Quinte Conservation within 30 days of the date of such invoice.
- 2) Quinte Conservation will not be responsible for any claim, action, occurrence, accident, loss, damage, injury, cost, expense, fees, charges, fines, penalties or other amount that, directly or indirectly, is, or is alleged, to be caused by, contributed to or results or arises from (in whole or in part, regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any sequence and notwithstanding any continuous or repeated exposure to) COVID-19 or other contagious, infectious or communicable disease, illnesses or viruses, or the fear or threat thereof.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION CONDITIONS

When the Application, under Section 1, is completed and signed by the applicant and thereafter is approved and executed at the discretion of Quinte Conservation, the Application becomes an agreement in support of the Permit to be issued under Quinte Conservation's O. Reg. 688/21.

For this application and any resulting Permit issued by Quinte Conservation, "trailer" is defined as a mobile unit of occupation.

Signing Section 1 indicates, THAT, the Applicant read and agrees to the conditions of the Application to camp as a seasonal camper on lands owned and operated by Quinte Conservation, including those conditions and stipulations found within this application.

Signing Section 1 also identifies, THAT, the Applicant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Quinte Conservation for such camping privileges, and FURTHER THAT, they understand and assume all responsibility for their campsite and the contents thereof, and for the actions of all persons they consent to enter or occupy their campsite, and FINALLY payment must be submitted for this application to be processed.