

Proposed Allowable and Appropriate Recreation Activities and Allowable and Appropriate Business Recreation Opportunities within Operating Areas

Definitions

Note: The acceptance and listing of allowable and appropriate activities in any park is governed by the *Park Act*. Section 12(2) directs and limits the development and improvements within a park. This list only deals with recreation activities and business recreation opportunities (i.e. not other commercial/industrial uses), within the “Operating Areas” of Provincial Parks.

Allowable Activity:

An activity that is nature based in a natural environment and does not impair the ecological values nor contravene legislation, including that under which the land was designated, *may* have been authorized in at least one location in the protected areas system, and *may* be appropriate in a given location given the principles of the Recreation Stewardship Panel and the New Recreation Service Model. BC Parks has relatively few recreational activities prohibited by legislation.

Appropriate Activity:

An allowable activity that is consistent with Government direction¹; is consistent with Ministry and BC Parks principles and policies, including impact assessment and this Recreation Service Model; is consistent with protection and management of the values, risks and issues in the specific protected area, with emphasis on protection of the natural and cultural values; fits with role, category, objectives, zones & portion of the risk control spectrum of the specific protected area; is perceived as providing the means to appreciate, understand and enjoy the natural and cultural heritage diversity of British Columbia; and is conducted in a reasonable manner (reasonable person test).

Not Allowable Within Operating Areas:

An activity, business recreation opportunity or facility that is precluded in all cases in Operating Areas.

Recreational Activities That Are Generally Appropriate Within Operating Areas:

A recreational activity that would be allowed to occur in most cases. It does not contravene legislation, including that under which the land was designated (e.g. Environment and Land Use Committee Act [ELUC]) and are consistent with BC Parks principles and policies. However, there may still be some instances where it would not be appropriate on a site-specific basis based on the legislated park purpose and category

¹ Examples of government direction are policies, regulations, principles, and cabinet-endorsed planning table decisions .

and existing management plans and negative impacts on ecological integrity or visitor enjoyment.

Recreational Activities That May be Appropriate in Some Circumstances Within Operating Areas but Require Management Review and Approval on a Site Specific Basis:

A recreational activity that may, in special circumstances, be allowed in some operating areas, but would be subject to a management review process, which may include public input, prior to approval.

Business recreation Opportunities That Are Generally Appropriate Within Operating Areas:

A business recreation opportunity that would be allowed to occur in most cases. It does not contravene legislation, including Section 20 of the Park Act and that under which the land was designated (e.g. ELUC). However, there may still be some instances where it would not be appropriate on a site-specific basis based on the legislated park purpose and category and existing management plans.

Business recreation Opportunities That May be Appropriate in Some Circumstances Within Operating Areas but Require Management Review and Approval on a Site Specific Basis:

A business recreation opportunity that may, in special circumstances, be allowable in some operating areas, but would be subject to Section 20 of the Park Act and a management review process, which may include public input, prior to approval.

Caveats

- Subject to ongoing impact assessment, existing appropriate Recreational Activities and Business Recreation Opportunities within an Operating Area continue to be appropriate and will not require additional management review and approval.
- Business Recreation Opportunities referred to in the Agreement are limited to those that are based within the Operating Area and do not include those that are based outside of the Operating Area. i.e. The business recreation opportunity to rent kayaks from within the Operating Area is within the rights given to the park Facility Operator. Where as a service that brings kayakers to the Operating Area for a day use or camping experience may be authorized under another Disposition by BC Parks to another Permittee.
- BC Parks has used considerable effort to ensure the accuracy of this information. It is supplied solely as a guideline for the proponent. The accuracy or completeness if this information is not guaranteed or warranted by BC Parks.

Allowable and Appropriate Recreational Activities

Recreational Activities	Not Allowable Within Operating Areas	Activities That Are Generally Appropriate Within Operating Areas	Activities That May be Considered Appropriate Under Some Circumstances Within Operating Areas but Require Management Review and Approval on a Site Specific Basis	Comments
ACCESS				
aircraft			X	e.g. float plane landings
foot		X		
road		X		
trail/road (hiking/cycling)		X		
motor vehicle		X		
motorized water		X		
off-road mechanized	X			
all-terrain vehicle	X			
snowmobile			X	
off-road non-mechanized (e.g. dog sled)			X	
bus tours		X		
AIR SPORTS / ACTIVITIES				
Paragliding/parasailing			X	
skydiving			X	
heli-hiking			X	
heli-sightseeing			X	
ANIMAL				
dog sledding			X	
pack animals - "exotic"			X	
horse riding			X	
CAMPING				
group		X		
hike in / walk in		X		
auto access		X		
CANOEING / KAYAKING				
day canoeing/kayaking		X		
tripping		X		
whitewater		X		
coastal paddling		X		

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CLIMBING				
mountaineering		X		
technical climbing		X		
rappelling		X		
bouldering/scrambling		X		
CYCLING				
day cycling		X		
road touring		X		
road racing			X	
trail [mountain] biking			X	
trail/downhill racing; freeriding			X	
EDUCATION				
educational activities e.g. nature appreciation, interpretation and school trips		X		
EVENTS				
passive audience			X	e.g. static display/classic car shows
participatory audience			X	e.g. music festivals/concerts
FIELD SPORTS				
field sports (bocce, net sports)		X		
golfing	X			
FISHING / HUNTING				
fishing		X		
fishing derbies			X	
guided fishing			X	
hunting			X	
guided hunting			X	
GATHERING / COLLECTING ACTIVITIES				
beach combing	X			
berry picking	X			
fossil hunting	X			
mineral panning	X			
mushroom picking	X			
rock hounding	X			

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NATURE DISCOVERY / APPRECIATION				
gold panning/rock hounding	X			
art activities/bird watching/photography		X		
astronomical / meteorological viewing		X		
scenic / wildlife viewing/sightseeing/experiencing resources		X		
SNOW / ICE SPORTS				
ice skating		X		
downhill skiing	X			
nordic x-c track skiing			X	
snowboarding			X	
x-c backcountry ski touring		X		
snowshoeing		X		
snow sliding/snow play		X		
WALKING / HIKING / BACKPACKING				
backpacking – casual		X		
backpacking – expeditionary		X		
hiking/walking		X		
Orienteering		X		
running/race walking (competitive)			X	
running/race walking (non-competitive)		X		

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WATER SPORTS / BOATING				
day trip boating		X		
boating - touring		X		
specialized (water ski)		X		
powerboat		X		
personal watercraft use			X	e.g. jet skis
river rafting		X		
day sailing		X		
cruising		X		
sail boarding		X		
SCUBA		X		
snorkeling		X		
surfing		X		
tubing		X		
swimming		X		
canoeing/kayaking		X		
OTHER				
picnicking		X		
playground activity		X		
roller sports		X		
sandcastle competitions			X	
caving or spelunking			X	
survival games	X			
paintball games	X			

Allowable and Appropriate Business Opportunities

Business Opportunity	Not Allowable in Operating Areas	Business Opportunities That Are Generally Appropriate Within Operating Areas	Activities That May be Considered Appropriate Under Some Circumstances Within Operating Areas but Require Management Review and Approval on a Site Specific Basis	Comments
interpretation programs		X		
temporary, on-site structure for rental and sale of gear associated with any <u>Appropriate Activity</u>		X		
weddings		X		
banquets/ seminars/conferences			X	
music concerts			X	
special events			X	e.g. outdoor show
training and workshops associated with any <u>Appropriate Activity</u>		X		
base for any commercial tours associated with any <u>Appropriate Activity</u>		X		
long term site occupancy			X	
rental of entire day use and/or campground			X	
recreation tour booking and packaging		X		
stores and retail sales	X			
temporary frontcountry roofed accommodation e.g. Yurts		X		
resorts	X			
marinas	X			
permanent lodges/cabins	X			
in-site rental of tents and recreational vehicles		X		
seasonal food/souvenir sales less than 200 sq. ft.			X	
education related accommodation (environmental education centers, rediscovery camps)			X	
laundromat			X	
electric/sewer hook-ups			X	
coin operated showers		X		