

## Crown Land Camping Reminders

Camping on Crown land is generally allowed, however there are instances where special restrictions and designations may apply that limit the use of particular Crown land sites for camping purposes.

Please pay attention and adhere to the rules and restrictions posted on Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) signs that limit camping activities (e.g. Closed campsite, No overnight camping permitted). These sites have been excluded for specific reasons, and non-compliance with the posted rules and restrictions could result in charges under the applicable legislation (i.e. Public Lands Act, Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act). Check in advance if camping is allowed at a conservation reserve.



Example of signage posted at Bass Lake, Galway Twp

Crown land is generally unmaintained, remote and should be used at your own risk. To ensure natural areas are available for the enjoyment and use of present and future generations, please act responsibly to help protect the natural environment around you.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind when camping on Crown land:

- Keep it clean – pick up and pack out litter. Do not leave or burn garbage in fire-pits.
- Observe all fire restrictions, never leave a campfire unattended and ensure campfires are completely extinguished.
- Limit your impact - camp on durable surfaces and place tents on a non-vegetated area. Avoid sensitive features such as wetlands, streams and wildlife habitat.
- Respect other users of Crown land and stay on existing trails.
- Do not harm, kill, take or collect plants, trees, habitat or wildlife protected under provincial law.
- Following a trip, wash your gear and off-road vehicle to reduce the spread of invasive species.

Access to Crown land may also be controlled, restricted or limited for various reasons (e.g. to protect public safety or natural resources). In some areas, motorized vehicles cannot be used to access Crown land.

Campers are also reminded it is their responsibility to ensure they do not trespass on private land.

For more details about camping and other recreational activities on Ontario's Crown land (excluding provincial parks), please visit this link at [Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/page/camping-crown-land) (https://www.ontario.ca/page/camping-crown-land).

Additional resources are available at:

[Crown Land Use Policy Atlas](http://www.giscoeapp.lrc.gov.on.ca/CLUPA/Index.html?site=CLUPA&viewer=CLUPA&ocale=en-US) - view Crown land use area and conservation reserve boundaries, find out permitted activities, and create maps.  
(http://www.giscoeapp.lrc.gov.on.ca/CLUPA/Index.html?site=CLUPA&viewer=CLUPA&ocale=en-US)

[OntarioParks.ca](http://ontarioparks.ca/learntocamp/campingresources/green) - information on camping etiquette.  
(http://ontarioparks.ca/learntocamp/campingresources/green)

[TreadLightly.org](https://www.treadlightly.org/education/learn/recreation-tips/) - tips on ways to minimize your impact when recreating in the outdoors.  
(https://www.treadlightly.org/education/learn/recreation-tips/)

[Invasive Species](http://www.invadingspecies.com/stop-the-spread/look-before-you-leave/) – tips on cleaning equipment to stop the spread of invasive species.  
(http://www.invadingspecies.com/stop-the-spread/look-before-you-leave/)