

2026 Conservation Area Policies and Regulations: Overnight Camping

Fanshawe Conservation Area	Wildwood Conservation Area	Pittock Conservation Area
1424 Clarke Road London, Ontario N5V 5B9 519-951-6181	3995 Line 9, RR #2 St. Marys, Ontario N4X 1C5 519-284-2922	221 Pittock Park Road Woodstock, Ontario N4S 7W2 519-539-5088

Note: All Conservation Area (CA) rules and regulations are subject to revision without notice at the discretion of the Superintendent/Designate. All times are in the Eastern Time Zone.

Conservation Area Activities

- All federal, provincial, and municipal laws apply while on UTRCA properties (Fanshawe CA, Pittock CA, and Wildwood CA). Contravention of these laws may result in fines and/or eviction.
- Excessive noise or disturbances are not permitted at any time. Quiet hours are from 11:00 pm to 8:00 am. No audio devices, musical instruments, etc. during quiet hours.
- Generators are prohibited.
- Excavations, alterations, additions, or modifications to CA property are not permitted. Any costs incurred to repair/remove such changes are at the expense of the camper.
- Removing or relocating firepits is prohibited.
- Possession or consumption of liquor is permitted on a registered campsite only.
- Smoking of tobacco and cannabis, including vaping and the use of a hookah is permitted in designated areas and on registered campsites only.
- No littering. Please clean up after your pets and dispose of waste at garbage/recycling areas.
- All pets must be on a leash and under control at all times. The leash cannot exceed 2 meters (6 feet).
- The use of drones is strictly prohibited.
- No individual shall, within a CA, sell or offer any item, product or service without a permit issued by the Superintendent/Designate.

Permits and Vehicles

- Permit holders must be at least 18 years of age for nightly campsites. The permit holder must be the primary campsite occupant. The permit holder is responsible for all occupants and visitors to the site.
- All vehicles must present a valid permit:
 - One vehicle permit is included with your seasonal campsite.
 - Altered or improper use will void the permit.
 - The permit holder is responsible for all associated costs for lost, stolen, or seized permits.
 - Season pass permits must be in an area visible to staff.
 - Failure to present a valid permit will result in a non-refundable vehicle day-use admission charge.
 - Access to the CA will be denied if the fee is not paid.
- Two vehicles are permitted to park on a registered campsite. Any additional vehicles are to be parked in designated areas. All motorized vehicles must be licensed and insured.
- All visitors are to park in designated parking areas.
- Campground visitors must vacate the property by 11:00 pm nightly. CA hours may be restricted as necessary.
- Overnight visitors must be registered to the campsite.
- Off road vehicles are prohibited (e.g., ATVs, riding lawnmowers, golf carts).

E-Bikes and E-Scooters

19. Use of e-bikes that resemble mopeds, motor scooters, or motorcycles are prohibited on any CA trail system.
20. E-bikes that are a traditional bicycle-style (pedal-driven with exposed fork and frame appearance) are permitted on the trail system.
21. E-bikes and e-scooters are permitted on Conservation Area roadways only.
22. Riders must be 16 years of age or older and must wear an approved bicycle or motorcycle helmet, in accordance with Ontario's Highway Traffic Act (HTA).
 - Helmets are mandatory for all ages when bicycling all UTRCA trails (including the Fanshawe and Wildwood Lake trails)
 - Helmets are also mandatory for all persons under the age of 16 on all CA lands.
23. All e-bikes and e-scooters must meet the provincial definitions and safety requirements outlined in the HTA and applicable City of London regulations.
24. Power-assisted bicycles (e-bikes) that do not exceed 32 km/h and have operable pedals do not require a driver's licence, vehicle registration, or insurance.
25. Motorized or modified e-bikes/e-scooters capable of speeds over 32 km/h are considered motor vehicles under the HTA and therefore require a valid driver's licence, registration, and insurance. Such vehicles are not permitted to operate within the Conservation Area.

Campsite Equipment

26. At no time may there be less than one or more than three pieces of sheltered equipment on an individual campsite unless approved by Superintendent/Designate. Only one piece of sheltered equipment can be a tent trailer, house trailer, or self-propelled camping unit.

27. All trailers must be professionally manufactured by a trailer manufacturing company for the purpose of camping. All trailers must have permanent wheel carriage that is in good working condition and road worthy.
28. Trailer size is limited to 45 feet long and 12 feet wide (based on manufacturer's specifications).
29. A minimum 2-foot-wide easement must remain clear adjacent to water lines and a minimum 6 feet from roadways. Trailer units, awnings, and all overhead equipment such as antennae must be 10 feet radius from any overhead power lines.
30. Hot tubs, wading pools, saunas, outdoor spas, and water features are not permitted.
31. Large recreational equipment (e.g., trampolines, personal playground equipment) is not allowed.
32. Firewood must be cut to a maximum 18 inches before entering the CA.
 - A maximum of 32 cubic feet with a maximum height of 4 feet of firewood may be stored and shall be stacked neatly on the campsite. Removal of growth or wood of any kind is prohibited.
33. Burning of construction materials is strictly prohibited. Skids and pallets are prohibited in the CA.
34. Every person using a campsite or other facility in the CA must maintain it in a clean and sanitary condition at all times and, when vacating, restore it as nearly as possible to its natural condition at the discretion of the Superintendent/Designate.
35. Removal or relocation of items on the site may be requested at any time by the Superintendent/Designate.
36. Items placed in or around garbage/recycling bins or left on vacated campsites become the property of the UTRCA and removal of these items is prohibited.
37. Only bagged household garbage and recycling is accepted. No metal, construction materials, oversized items, electronics, fire pit ash, appliances etc.

shall be permitted to be dumped or put inside the garbage bins or moloks.

Nightly and Group Camping Reservations

- 38.** Reservations can be made via the CA's website, by phone at 1-866-ONT-CAMP (1-866-668-2267), or in-person at the CA. Maximum of 6 people, including children, are permitted per site.
- 39.** Payment in full is required at the time of booking for all site-specific reservations.
- 40.** A non-refundable \$16.00 reservation fee applies to all reservations. This fee covers administration costs and is in addition to camping fees.
- 41.** Site reservation start date is February 1st annually. Any changes to this date are posted on the CA websites.
- 42.** Once a reservation has been confirmed, changes and cancellations must be made by calling 1-866-ONT-CAMP (1-866-668-2267) or visiting the CA website.
 - A booking number is required when calling.
 - A \$16.00 fee applies for each change;
 - A \$35.00 fee applies for each cancellation.
- 43.** Cancellations for overnight camping must be made before 2 pm at minimum 7 days prior to the scheduled arrival date to qualify for a full refund (minus reservation and cancellation fees). Cancellations after 2 pm, within 7 days of the scheduled arrival date will forfeit all fees paid.
- 44.** Cancellations for group camping must be made before 2 pm at minimum 14 days prior to the scheduled arrival date to qualify for a 50% refund (minus reservation and cancellation fees). Cancellations after 2 pm, within 14 days of the scheduled arrival date will forfeit all fees paid.
- 45.** A 3-night minimum reservation that includes a Friday/Saturday or a Saturday/Sunday is required for the following:
 - Victoria Day long weekend
 - Canada Day long weekend when July 1st falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday

- Civic Holiday long weekend
- Labour Day long weekend
- Thanksgiving long weekend

- 46.** A 2-night minimum reservation is required on all other weekends from the third Friday in June up to the Labour Day weekend.
- 47.** For Group Camping, a 2-night minimum reservation is required between June 1st through to the Labour Day weekend. Reservations will be held until 11:00am of the day following your scheduled arrival date.
- 48.** For WCA backcountry campsites, a 2-night minimum reservation is required between June 1st through to the Labour Day weekend. Reservations will be held until 11:00 am of the day following your scheduled arrival date.

Note: Backcountry campsite reservations must be registered by 6:00 pm and campers must have sufficient travel time to get to their site or they may be denied access for the night. The reservoirs and trails are closed to users from dusk to dawn.
- 49.** Peak camping rates will apply from the third Friday in June until the Labour Day long weekend. All statutory long weekends are peak rates. All other dates in the operating season are non-peak rates. Group camping does not have peak or non-peak rates.
- 50.** Check-in time for all campsites is after 2:00 pm. Check-out time for all campsites is prior to 11:00 am.
- 51.** One vehicle permit is included with a campsite. Any additional vehicles must purchase an additional vehicle permit at the time of campsite registration.
- 52.** The maximum reservation/stay duration on a campsite is as follows:
 - Regular overnight campsite: 14 consecutive nights
 - Backcountry campsite (Wildwood CA and Pittock CA): 7 consecutive nights

Campers wishing to extend their stay for longer may be required to relocate to another campsite, subject to the discretion of the Superintendent/Designate.

Group Camping

- 53.** When making a reservation online, the Group Camping daily fee includes 6 vehicles and a maximum of 6 trailers and 36 people, including children and infants. If you require accommodation for greater than 6 units, please contact the CA directly.
- 54.** A daily additional vehicle permit is required for all other vehicles over the 6 included.

Watercraft

- 55.** All watercraft and watercraft trailers are to be parked in the designated parking areas.
- 56.** Watercraft permits are not transferable. All power-driven watercraft, sailboats, and watercraft with a transom require a permit in the form of a motorboat/sailboat seasons pass (affixed to the watercraft) or day-use receipt. Non-power-driven watercraft, such as canoes, kayaks, SUPs, and pedal boats do not require a permit. All watercraft must be Transport Canada approved.
- 57.** At Fanshawe CA only: Maximum 10 hp motors permitted only. Watercraft with motors larger than 10 hp are not permitted. Watercraft with motors larger than 10 hp and smaller side motors of 10 hp are not permitted.
- 58.** No personal watercraft permitted on CA lands or reservoirs at any time (e.g., Jet Ski, Seadoo, Jet Board, etc.).
- 59.** No swim platforms or float rafts are permitted.
- 60.** Reservoirs are open from dawn until dusk during the operating season. Operation or use of watercraft outside this period is strictly prohibited.
- 61.** Watercraft operators must tie off or moor all watercraft in designated areas. Wet/dry dock rentals are available at Wildwood CA only. One watercraft is permitted per docking slip. All seasonal permits must be affixed to the hull and visible at all times including when tarped.
- 62.** At Wildwood CA only: All docks must be kept clear of obstructions at all times. Wet

dock permit holders are not to affix or attach any item or device to the dock or slip without permission of the Superintendent/Designate. Watercraft size may be restricted if it may pose a risk to dock users or other watercraft, at the discretion of the Superintendent/Designate.

Refunds

63. Overnight and Group Camping

Any requests for refunds prior to or during your visit may be requested online and reviewed at the discretion of the Superintendent/Designate. No refunds will be issued for shortened stays or inclement weather.

- Cancellation, change and reservation fees are non-refundable
- If evicted, there are no refunds for camping fees, associated vehicle, watercraft passes or permits.

64. Wet/Dry Docks

- Refunds will be given for dock fees paid minus the fee for time used.
- If evicted, there are no refunds for dock fees, associated vehicle/watercraft passes, or permits.

Reduced Admission Fee

- 65.** Reduced fee policies may not be used in conjunction with any other promotion.

Charitable Organization Discount

- 66.** Registered charitable organizations are eligible to request a 25% discount on:
- Regular day-use admission,
 - Electric camping sites from Monday to Thursday during May, September, and October, and
 - Non-electric sites for the entire camping season, with the exception of long weekends.

Camping sites are subject to availability and all requests must be approved by Superintendent/Designate.

- 67.** Eligible groups must comply with the following:
- Submit written request with registered charitable number to the CA, and
 - Contact the CA directly.

Note:

- Provincial Regulations are made under the Conservation Authorities Act and are available online at ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c27 or ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900136
- All watercraft operators must abide by regulations outlined in the Canada Shipping Act, available online at tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/acts-2001c26.htm
- The UTRCA is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged property.