

Crown Land Camping Permits Red Lake District

What non-residents of Canada
should know about
camping on Crown land in
Northwestern Ontario

Visiting Northwestern Ontario to camp?

Ontario provides a range of camping opportunities on 'Crown' or public land, in provincial parks and commercially operated campgrounds. If you are a non-resident of Canada and you choose to camp on Crown land during a visit to Northwestern Ontario, you should know about regulations that affect you.

What constitutes Crown land 'camping'?

Camping is defined as possessing, occupying or being in control of a 'camping unit' placed, parked or erected on Crown land (includes Crown land covered by water or ice).

A 'camping unit' is equipment used for outdoor accommodation and includes tents, trailers, tent trailers, recreational vehicles and camper-back vehicles, or any watercraft equipped for overnight accommodation.

Where are Crown land camping permits required?

Permits are required on all Crown lands in northern Ontario with the exception of areas inside operating provincial parks. For the purpose of this program, northern Ontario is defined as that part of the province north of the French - Mattawa River systems. Red Lake District is entirely located within northern Ontario.

Important restrictions within regulated Crown land camping areas (*Green Zones*):

Crown land camping within Green Zones by non-residents of Canada is prohibited. Within *Green Zones* you are required to camp at commercial campgrounds or provincial parks.

Green zones in the Red Lake MNR District are as shown on the map here attached.

The purpose of *Green Zones* is to better regulate the number of campers in certain Crown land areas, to prevent crowding, and over-use of campsites, improve the quality of campers' outdoor experience and, in some cases, distribute anglers more widely to prevent over fishing on some waters.

Changes to *Green Zone* boundaries are under review. Please check with permit issuer for the most current map.

Who is required to obtain a Crown land camping permit?

Non-residents of Canada, 18 years or older must have a valid Crown land camping permit to camp on Crown land in northern Ontario.

'Residents' include Canadian citizens and those who have resided in Canada for a period of at least 7 months during the 12 months immediately preceding the camping experience.

Canadian residents may not camp or leave private camping equipment on Crown land for longer than 21 days.

Why are non-residents of Canada charged a fee to camp on Crown land?

Infrastructure such as public access roads, water access points, and waste disposal sites are constructed and maintained using allocated taxes regularly contributed by residents. Non-residents may choose to use commercial facilities and services for their camping experience.

Fishing while possessing a Crown land camping permit:

A non-resident of Canada camping on Crown land may fish, providing that they hold a valid non-Canadian fishing licence. However, if a 'camping unit' was not rented from a registered Ontario tourist outfitter, only a conservation catch and possession limit may be taken regardless of the type of fishing licence obtained. Please refer to the Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for details on fish limits and other fishing regulations.

Are there exceptions to the general non-resident of Canada requirement?

Yes, non-residents of Canada are not required to have permits to camp on Crown land if one of the following applies:

1. Tourists who are covered by a rental agreement with an Ontario based supplier of a camping unit.
2. Non-residents of Canada who own land in Ontario and members of their immediate families (spouse and children).
3. Members and supervisors of incorporated charitable or non-profit groups which have obtained appropriate authority from the local MNR District office to camp on Crown land.
4. Non-residents of Canada who are camping on Crown land in conjunction with their lawful employment (e.g. mining exploration industry in Canada).

Please note that the above exceptions do not apply within **Green Zones** where camping by non-residents of Canada is prohibited.

How long is a permit valid?

A permit is valid for one person for one night's camping, and is stamped with the purchase date. The permit expires at 12 noon on the day following the stamped date. At that time, the camper must vacate the campsite and remove their belongings. There are no weekly, seasonal or group permit options.

Where can I purchase Crown land camping permits?

Crown land camping permits can be purchased from Service Ontario offices in northern Ontario. For added convenience, Crown land camping permits are also sold by commercial 'outside licence issuers authorised to sell other MNR licences and permits (e.g. hunting and fishing licences). Issuers are typically operators of outdoor sporting stores or tourist establishments.

What is the fee for a Crown land camping permit?

The fee for each permit is \$10.57 (Canadian) per person per day/night. This includes:

Camping fee	\$ 8.85
Issuing fee	\$.50
HST	\$ 1.22
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Total fee	\$10.57

Can I return unused permits for a refund?

Yes, all but the original issuing fee can be refunded if permits are surrendered prior to their expiry date. Applications for refund must be made through a Service Ontario office.

For further information regarding Crown land camping permits or regulations, please contact:

**Ministry of Natural Resources
Red Lake District Office
227 Howey Street
P.O. Box 5003
Red Lake, ON P0V 2M0**

**Phone: (807) 727-2253
Fax: (807) 727-2861**

**Report Resource Abuse:
1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)**

Report a Forest Fire: 310-FIRE (3473)

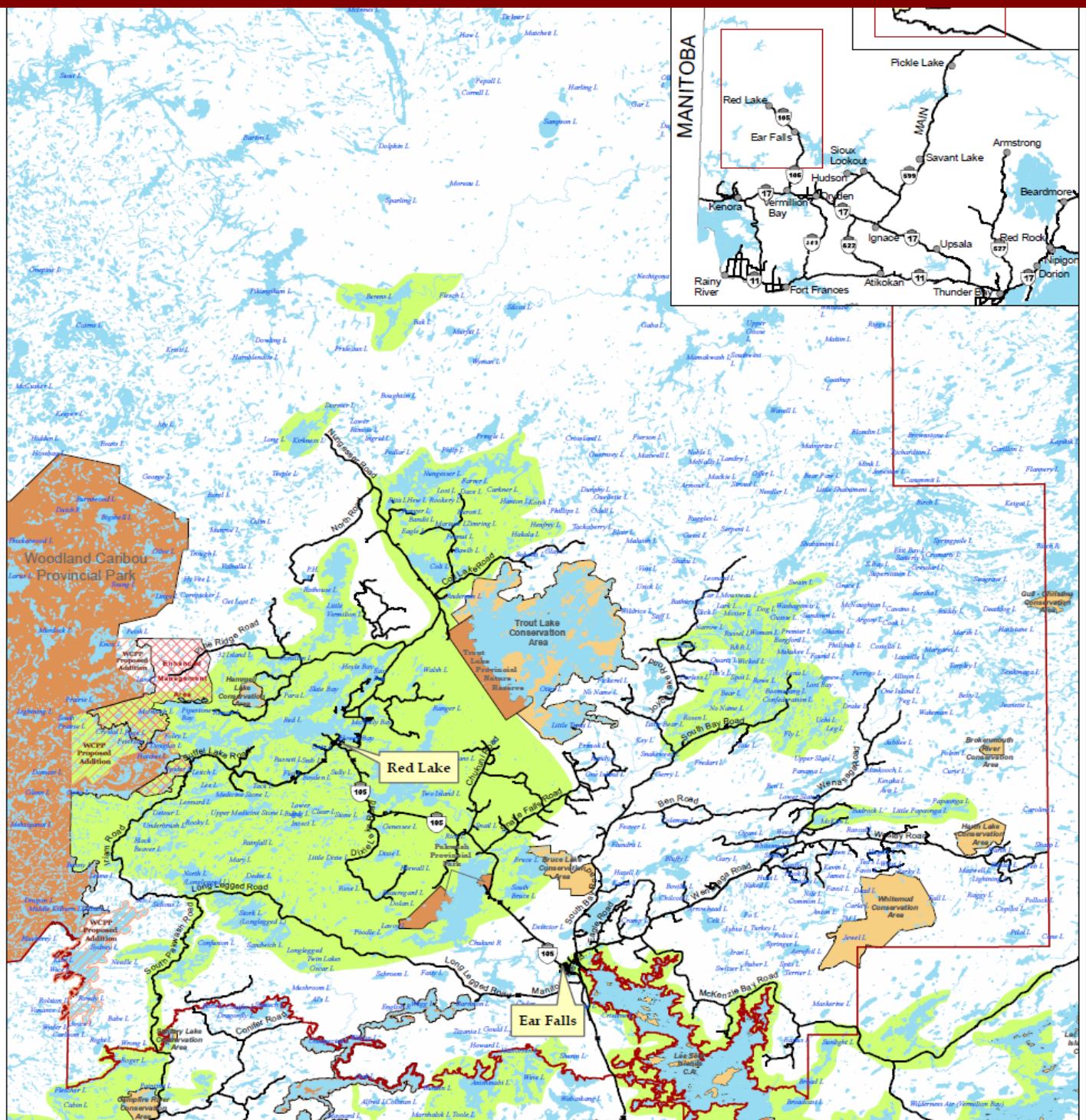
Current Forest Fire Conditions:
<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/AFFM/2ColumnSubPage/268862.html>

**Natural Resources Information Centre:
1-800-667-1940**

Service Ontario: (807) 727-2870

Crimestoppers: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

**Red Lake's Ontario Parks Office:
1-807-727-1329**



Ministry of Natural Resources

Regulated Crown Land Camping Areas

Legend

- Enhanced Management Area
- Proposed Park Addition
- Roads
- Red Lake MNR District
- Conservation Reserves
- Provincial Park / Nature Reserve
- Green Zones: Regulated Camping Areas in which Crown land camping by non-residents of Canada is prohibited. Valid Crown land camping permits are required in all areas outside of Green Zones by non-residents of Canada.

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Kilometers



Notes:

* Changes to Green Zone boundaries are expected for 2008. Please check with permit issuer for most current map.

This map is illustrative only. Do not rely on it as being a precise indicator of routes, location of features, nor as a guide for navigation.

For areas south of this map contact Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Kenora District.

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