

Portable Camp on Ice: Operating Guidelines | 2024-25

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Commercial Overnight Accommodations	Commercial use and rental of overnight accommodation on ice-covered waters must be associated with an outfitting service and must be authorized under a Resource Tourism Operators Licence and Portable Camp Permit approved and issued annually by the Administrator of Resource Tourism pursuant to The Resource Tourism Operators Act.
Eligibility	<p><u>Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg</u></p> <p>Eligibility is open to all applicants to offer angling and/or ecotourism activities.</p> <p><u>Other Waterbodies</u></p> <p>On the following waterbodies, eligibility is limited to applicants with a 2024 Resource Tourism Operators Licence in good standing and existing authorization to offer angling or ecotourism services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Athapapuskow Lake · Cedar Lake · Cormorant Lake · Joey Lake · Kississing Lake · Lac du Bonnet · Lake of the Prairies · Lake of the Woods (Buffalo Bay) · Lake Wahtopanah · Oak Lake · Ospawagan Lake · Partridge Crop · Pelican Lake · Rock Lake · Rocky Lake · Tramping Lake · Upper Ospawagan Lake · Wekusko Lake
Resource Tourism Operators Licence	<p>Operators must hold a Resource Tourism Operators Licence in good standing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Licence application fee: \$100 · Annual licence fee: \$100 <p>Resource Tourism Program Coordinator: Brendan.Smyth@gov.mb.ca</p>
Resource Tourism Operators Permit	Operators must apply for authorization to establish a portable camp facility:

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Crown Land General Permit	<p>Ice-covered waters are Crown land. Operators must obtain a Crown Land General Permit from Real Estate Services Branch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Application fee: \$52.50 · Commercial lot permit: \$210 <p>Crown Land Management Specialists:</p> <p>Central Region: Sheldon.Kowalchuk@gov.mb.ca Eastern Region: Shaun.Klassen@gov.mb.ca Northeast Region: David.Hastman@gov.mb.ca Northwest Region: Trine.Nes@gov.mb.ca Western Region: Chris.Reynolds@gov.mb.ca</p>										
Fisheries Authorization	<p>Operators intending to offer angling services must contact the local Regional Fisheries Manager to discuss operating plans and secure authorization for angling services prior to applying.</p> <p>Regional Fisheries Managers:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Central Region (Gimli):</td> <td style="text-align: right;">204-642-2240</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eastern Region (Lac du Bonnet):</td> <td style="text-align: right;">204-345-1450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northeast Region (Thompson):</td> <td style="text-align: right;">204-677-6650</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northwest Region (The Pas):</td> <td style="text-align: right;">204-620-1538</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western Region (Brandon):</td> <td style="text-align: right;">204-734-3429</td> </tr> </table>	Central Region (Gimli):	204-642-2240	Eastern Region (Lac du Bonnet):	204-345-1450	Northeast Region (Thompson):	204-677-6650	Northwest Region (The Pas):	204-620-1538	Western Region (Brandon):	204-734-3429
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Conservation Officer Approval	<p>All operations must be completed to the approval of the local Conservation Officer. Corrective action can be ordered at any time during or after the operation. Should the operation require unusual activities or something not clearly identified by the permit, consult the local Conservation Officer.</p>										
Location	<p>The overnight accommodation must be located on the waterbody indicated on the Resource Tourism Operators Permit, as authorized by the Administrator of Resource Tourism.</p>										

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Recreational Vehicles	Recreational vehicles authorized under a Portable Camp Permit as overnight accommodation facilities must be safe and properly maintained, including propane systems, electrical systems, vehicle components, plumbing, fire safety, and egress.
Fire and Life Safety	Each unit must be equipped with a 10-lb fire extinguisher and battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Heating appliances must be installed according to manufacturer specifications.
Transporting Accommodation Facilities	Operators transporting recreational vehicles on Manitoba roadways must comply with requirements under The Highway Traffic Act.
Other Structures	Operators may include a storage structure on the portable camp application. No permanent structures (buildings, docks, etc.) are authorized.
Relocation and Removal	Upon structure relocation and/or removal, all materials must be removed from the site. Any overnight accommodations that have been removed from ice-covered waters must not be left on Crown land unless permit has been obtained.
End of Season	Unless informed by an officer that an overnight accommodation must be removed earlier due to imminent ice break-up, shelters must be removed on or before the dates specified for ice fishing shelters in the Manitoba Fishery Regulations.
Liability	The Department is not responsible for any loss or damage as a result of the operation.
Insurance	The operator must retain a certificate of insurance for minimum \$5,000,000 third party commercial general liability coverage, which names "The Province of Manitoba, its Ministers, officers, employees and agents" as additional insureds, and indemnifies and saves harmless the Province of Manitoba from all manner of claims and insures the Permittee for public and third party liabilities.

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Ownership Signage	An outfitter that establishes an overnight accommodation on any ice-covered waters shall clearly mark the person's name, outfitting company name and address on the outside of the shelter. These markings should be in block letters at least 5 cm in height.
Visibility	An outfitter that establishes an overnight accommodation on any ice-covered waters shall affix a multi-directional reflector on every corner of each unit within the portable camp.
Proximity to Parks and Protected Areas	<p>Overnight accommodations on ice-covered water are not permitted in areas designated as provincial parks or protected areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Grand Beach Lagoon, • those portions of Fisher Bay Provincial Park that extend into Lake Winnipeg, • those portions of Hecla/Grindstone Provincial Park that extend into Lake Winnipeg, • those portions of Asessippi Provincial Park that extend into Lake of the Prairies, or • those portions of Wekusko Falls Provincial Park that extend into Wekusko Lake (Taylor Bay).
Proximity to commercial and private lots	Overnight accommodations must not be located within 200 metres (656 feet) of the shoreline in front of a vacation home lot, commercial lot or private land lot, as defined by the extension of the side property lot line.
Proximity to designated snowmobile trails	Overnight accommodations must not be located on or within 50 metres (164.0 feet) of designated snowmobile trails.
Wastewater and Greywater	Wastewater and greywater must be disposed of in an approved manner and shall not be disposed of on the ice or in the water. Portable containers that are packed-out each day are recommended. Containers must be water-tight, washable and of a size capable of being removed and carried by hand.

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Garbage	All non-hazardous waste, litter and debris must be cleaned up in accordance with the requirements of the Litter Regulation (Manitoba Regulation 92/88R) respecting litter, and deposited at an approved waste disposal ground.
Fuel Storage	Fuel may be stored in overnight accommodations in portable metal or plastic containers conforming to CSA B376 and not exceeding 30 litres capacity.
Fuel Spills	Operator is required to supply a fuel spill kit for each structure. All spills must be recovered and the recovered material (with snow and ice) must be transported in a spill-proof container for proper disposal at a Licensed Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.
Environmental Accidents	All environmental accidents such as fuel spills, leaks, or fires involving chemicals and hazardous materials must be reported to Manitoba Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, the local Conservation Officer, and the RCMP. Immediate cleanup is required and is the responsibility of the Permittee.
Drinking Water	Operators must provide bottled water or water from a municipal drinking water system.
Food Preparation	If you will be preparing and providing meals, other than field lunches, approval is required from the Regional Public Health Inspector.
Liquor	Open liquor is prohibited in public places including in and around overnight accommodations installed on Crown land, including ice-covered water.
Emergency Communication	Operator must provide a means of emergency telecommunication. Operator must post GPS coordinates and the nearest land access point inside the accommodation for emergency service and search and rescue purposes.
Emergency Preparedness	Wilderness survival training and emergency preparedness, including adequate clothing, personal medication, fuel, survival equipment, and satellite phone are recommended for every

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