

Kakwa Provincial Park Backcountry host Information

Thank you for your interest in volunteering in Kakwa Provincial Park. The backcountry host program is an excellent opportunity to witness true northern B.C. wilderness, as well as to complete important work within the park.

The role of the backcountry host is to greet visitors and provide information about the surrounding area, collect and record information, inform visitors of cabin use, to work on special projects determined by their skillset, collect conservation data, including: wildlife sighting, bird counts and noting changes in alpine, and to communicate with BC Parks staff regarding activities observed in the park area.

In choosing hosts, we look for a combination of wilderness experience, outdoor skills/training, an aptitude for manual labour, public relations, and previous hosting experience. We begin our planning for the season in February of each year.

Basic information on the program:

- Backcountry hosts are required to contribute towards the cost of their flight into Kakwa Provincial Park. Currently their portion is \$1,000.00, but this amount could change if the overall charges increase. BC Parks pays the balance of the cost of the flight (park staff and equipment may share the flight with the hosts) in order to assist with host changeovers, and to repair and maintain facilities as needed. There is limited weight for the Backcountry hosts to take in supplies. Supplies and personal weight capacity is limited to between 665lbs-800lbs. **There is one flight in and one flight out unless there is an emergency**
- Both members of the host party are required to have a valid Occupational First Aid (OFA) Level 1 First Aid Certificate or equivalent.
- Backcountry hosts must be available for a 5- 6-week hosting period. Hosting periods do not include travel time to get to/from the Prince George BC Parks Office. **Departure to Kakwa Provincial Park is from Prince George, B.C.**
- For safety reasons there must be two adults in the host party.
- All adults must consent to a Criminal Records Check.
- Hosts will be required to participate in an orientation session prior to hosting.



- Host parties are selected based on preferred experience and qualifications which include a combination of: wilderness hiking, camping, orienteering, canoeing, and use of fire pumps. Please list all applicable and relevant skills and certifications as this helps BC Parks in the selection process
- Hosts are expected to be in good health and capable of physical exertion in mountainous terrain including manual labour

Please fill out the Backcountry host Application form and submit it along with any questions via e-mail to Desire Mc Murray, Area Supervisor, Upper Fraser, Omineca Peace Region at Desirae.McMurray@gov.bc.ca

Applications for 2024 Backcountry hosts at Kakwa Provincial Park are accepted from January 27th, 2024 through to March 31st, 2024.

