

Volunteer Park Host Opportunity – Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Provincial Park

The Volunteer Park Host Program provides a hospitality service to park visitors. The role of the host is to assist BC Parks by enhancing visitor services and creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for park users. By greeting park visitors and providing them with information about things to do in the park and surrounding area, volunteer park hosts offer an important service.

Cold Fish Lake Camp is a historic camp, nestled on the lakeshore in the heart of Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Provincial Park, in northwestern BC. There are 6 visitor cabins, a host cabin, a communal cookhouse, showerhouse, and several outbuildings in the camp, which is the hub of a trail network. Woodstoves with firewood, propane cooking, running water, and basic solar facilities make the backcountry experience glamorous! There are three volunteer host positions available annually; each for a four-week term in July, August, or September. BC Parks asks that hosts apply in pairs of capable candidates. Read on for more information about this excellent opportunity to spend time living in the remote backcountry.

The Park Host is responsible for the following:

- Greet visitors to the Cold Fish Lake Camp and provide park information to park users
- Ensure the camp remains tidy, and that park users clean-up after themselves
- Maintain a park host journal (a record of weather, duties) and a visitor records journal
- Record and report any conflicts with wildlife, contraventions of the Park Act and Regulations, accidents or near misses that occur, and any other notable or strange occurrences
- Provide Nature Trust envelopes and instructions to park visitors for cabin fee submissions
- Minor cleaning and maintenance as required on appliances and buildings
- Run a fire pump if necessary
- A \$500.00 portion of the cost of their flight to camp

In exchange for the duties listed above, BC Parks will:

- Cover the remaining cost of the floatplane flights in and out of the park
- Provide a fully-equipped accommodation cabin, free of charge, at Cold Fish Lake Camp
- Provide use of a BC Parks boat, motor, and canoe on Cold Fish Lake

An orientation is provided for the hosts, instructing them on the use and maintenance of the water system, propane fridge and stove, fire pump, the satellite phone, check in/out system, woodstoves, and all other duties or equipment included in the hosting role.

Qualifications:

- Available to commit to a 4-week term for dates in either July, August, or September;

- Must be in good health and physical condition in order to perform the duties required, some of which involve physical exertion in mountainous terrain;
- Comfortable living in an isolated location without access to immediate medical aid;
- First aid training and current certification at OFA Level 1, and CPR or higher;
- Pleasure Craft Operators certificate;
- Experience in back country travel and boating;
- Hosts must sign a volunteer agreement and abide by all BC Park policies and regulations;
- A satisfactory Criminal Record Check is mandatory for all Hosts;
- Pets are not allowed in the public structures at Cold Fish Lake Camp, and must be under direct control at all times – please find alternate accommodation for your pets.

Supplies:

Park Hosts must supply the following items for their stay:

- Food
- Bug spray
- Clothing (suitable to all weather conditions from snow to heat)
- Sleeping bag, sleeping pad
- Fishing gear, cameras and other leisure time equipment
- Bear spray and knowledge of how to use it

A more comprehensive list of suggested items to pack is included in the planning package once hosts are selected.

If you wish to apply to this opportunity, please visit <https://bcparks.ca/get-involved/volunteer/> to download and complete the Cold Fish Lake Camp host application form. Instructions for submission can be found on the application form. Please ensure you indicate your available dates when you apply.

Applications are evaluated and the season schedules established in March of each year.

Thank you for your interest!