

Due to ongoing issues of non-compliance with the *Park Act* and its regulations within Tweedsmuir (North) Provincial Park, BC Parks is using a proactive approach to educate hunters about park rules. The main issues encountered are the cutting of standing trees (both live and dead) and the abandonment of equipment and materials following hunting trips, both of which are offences under the *Park, Conservancy and Recreation Area Regulation*.

Within the park, we encourage you to follow these “leave-no-trace” ethics when camping and hunting:

- When constructing camps, minimize disturbance to the surrounding vegetation and limit the limbing of trees. We recommend that hunters use previously disturbed sites for camps. At these regularly used sites, a single meat hanging pole may be left in place.
- If wooden poles are needed for tent frames, meat hangs, or other furniture, they should be collected from dead wood already on the ground. If they need to be secured to standing trees they should be tied in place, not nailed. When your hunt is finished, untie all poles, scatter them back in the bush, and remove all rope from trees.
- If tree stands or hunting blinds are needed, they should be constructed and dismantled in the same manner. Portable stands or blinds that are subsequently removed from the park are preferred.
- If additional measures are needed to protect hanging meat from bears, we encourage non-destructive measures such as bear alarms or electric fences.
- Once your fire is completely extinguished and cool to the touch, scatter the rocks from the fire ring and bury the ashes.
- For toilets, please dig a small hole well away from water sources and refill the hole before departing.
- Remove all equipment, boats, supplies, and flagging tape used from the park.

If you plan to fly into the park via a commercial air charter company, the company must hold a valid Park Use Permit. If you plan to use a private aircraft to access the park, please be aware that a letter of permission is required to land on Fenton Lake. This permission is already in place for members of the BC Floatplane Association. All other lakes in Wildlife Management Unit 6-02b are open for floatplane landing.

For further information please contact us at 250-847-7260. We appreciate any feedback or observations that you may be able to pass along after your trip.