



BCParks

PURCELL WILDERNESS CONSERVANCY

PROVINCIAL PARK HORSE USE GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

The following are guidelines regarding horse use by private (non-commercial) parties in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park. Horses are permitted on the east side of the park only as defined by the height of land. Commercial operators must have a valid Park Use Permit, which is a separate requirement.

In the interest of minimal impact camping and ethical horsemanship, the following conditions must be adhered to in all areas of the Park:

- Camp at pre-existing sites only and pack out what you packed in.
- Use light freestanding camps and stoves. Your pack animals will appreciate it.
- Use deadwood poles if needed for a tent frame, use rope to lash together, no nails.
- Use concentrated feed pellets to supplement grazing, do not use hay as this could introduce invasive plants into the park.
- Maximum of (14) horses per party. Use the least number as possible.
- Use a rope tether when horses are tied for long periods of time and tethers must be at least 50m away from any water source.
- Do not tie horses or tethers to trees smaller than 10cm in diameter. Limit the time horses are tied to trees to minimize root damage.
- Hobbles are preferred to tying up horses at night.
- Deadfall that is blocking the trail should be cut out with an axe or Swede saw to prevent trail braiding.

The continued traditional use of horses in the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy depends on ethical, responsible, and respectful users of the Park. Please minimize your footprint by following these guidelines and using common sense. Leave no trace, and “Pack out what you packed in”. **Enjoy your trip.**