



## A Message from our Superintendents **COVID-19 Update #1 - 2021: Seasonal Campers** April 13, 2021

**We know our campers are excited for the 2021 season to begin and have many questions about the recent Stay at Home Order. Following are answers to the questions we're hearing the most.**

### **What does the Stay at Home Order mean?**

At 12:01 am on Thursday, April 8, 2021, the provincial government initiated a Stay at Home Order (O/Reg 11/21) that will last for at least four weeks. This Order replaced the province-wide shutdown that came into effect on April 3, 2021.

The Stay at Home Order requires people to not leave their home except for essential reasons. These reasons include but are not limited to:

- Attending work if the role is deemed essential
- Attending school or attending/obtaining child care services
- Purchasing essential items (food, medication, personal care items)
- Helping others that require assistance
- Exercising

Indoor gatherings are limited to within the same household.

### **Will seasonal camping start on May 1st?**

No, at this time it appears that **seasonal camping opening day will be delayed until the Stay at Home Order is lifted**. The Order is currently scheduled to be lifted on May 6, 2021 but it could be extended by the Province.

### **When do I register?**

#### **Do I register using the procedure outlined in the seasonal camper letter I received?**

No, all seasonal camping registration appointments scheduled to begin on April 19 at Wildwood and Fanshawe Conservation Areas are cancelled.

Pittock Conservation Area registration dates identified in the seasonal camper letter are also cancelled.

### **When can we register for the 2021 season?**

Staff are still working through the logistics, but **seasonal camping registration is tentatively scheduled to take place May 6 to May 17** at all three conservation areas. You must register for the season by 4 pm on May 17.

This schedule assumes that the Stay at Home Order is lifted on May 6 and provincial and local health unit directives permit this type of activity.

### **Can I stay at my trailer between May 6 to May 17 during the registration period?**

Normally, you would not be permitted to stay at your trailer until the registration process is complete, but we all know things are still far from normal. This spring, we will permit people to stay at their site during the registration period.

### **What about fees?**

#### **Will the 2021 fees be adjusted to reflect the delay in opening?**

Yes, similar to 2020, fees will be changed to reflect the shorter season length. This adjustment will also apply to the docking system at Wildwood.

#### **When do late fees start?**

If payment in full has not been completed by 4 pm on May 17, late fees will be applied and you will not be permitted to occupy the site.

### **What is permitted during the Stay at Home Order?**

#### **Will our Winter Storage Agreement be extended?**

Yes, the Winter Storage Agreement will be extended and the terms and conditions will apply, until seasonal camping begins.

#### **Can I come out and check my trailer?**

While the Stay at Home Order is clear about only leaving our residences for essential reasons, it also recognizes the need for exercise and fresh air. You are welcome to come and check your trailer during daylight hours. Access gates will remain closed but you can walk in.

#### **Can I start to set up my site for the season?**

At this time, the Winter Storage Agreement is still in effect and you are not permitted to set up for the season. This includes not setting up chairs, bbqs, decks, etc. Please limit your visits to brief site checks.

### **Can I use the water tap before opening day?**

No, staff are working on bringing the water systems on line for the season. Testing and sampling need to be completed to ensure the water is safe to use. Please do not turn on taps or hook into the water system until opening day.

### **Please keep the following in mind while on UTRCA lands**

- If you are sick or feel unwell, stay home. Wait until you are better before visiting.
- If you have recently returned from outside of Canada, stay home for 14 days. Please do not visit our CAs until your quarantine period is over.
- Park in designated parking areas only.
- Always maintain social distance – at least 2 metres (6 feet) from other people.
- Please stay away from the reservoirs and streams in our CAs, especially during high water periods.
- Please keep your pets on leash at all times, and stoop and scoop to keep our parks clean and healthy.
- Fires are not permitted at any time when the park is closed.
- UTRCA Regulations and Policies are applicable and must be adhered to.

### **Communication is key**

Over the next few weeks, staff will continue to keep you apprised of updates or changes to the operations of our campgrounds via email. For those of you that don't have email, we would ask that you stay in touch fellow campers that do to ensure you are receiving the most up to date information.

### **What if I need to speak with park staff?**

This is one thing that hasn't changed; please call the park directly and leave a message. Staff are checking these messages daily.

- Fanshawe CA: 519-951-6181 ext 367
- Pittock CA: 519-539-5088 ext 1
- Wildwood CA: 519-284-2292 ext 1434

### **How else can I stay informed about COVID-19 impacts on UTRCA programs and services?**

- [fanshaweconservationarea.ca](http://fanshaweconservationarea.ca)
- [pittockconservationarea.ca](http://pittockconservationarea.ca)
- [wildwoodconservationarea.ca](http://wildwoodconservationarea.ca)

**Stay Home, Stay Safe.**