



POINT ABINO CAMPING CHECKLIST AND GUIDEBOOK

What better way to enjoy the great outdoors (on land) in the summertime than to pitch a tent and sleep under the stars? We encourage members to camp behind the Big House, where a limited number of tent platforms are available for use. There is no fee for use - simply "check-in" with Tearria in advance of your stay, so we know to expect you.

Please be sure that all tents used are in good repair and that minimal personal belongings are visible to other members during the daytime (we need to keep the joint respectable, after all). Also, we ask that you please be courteous of other members and respect our quiet hours beginning at 11pm. No fires are allowed on the grounds (although you are welcome to have a campfire in the Big House fireplace).

In this Guide you will find some helpful tips to make your stay enjoyable! If you think of any additional tips that other members might find valuable, please email them to Tearria so we can update this form regularly.

SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT TO PACK

- Tent Tarp/Ground Cloth Sleeping Bags Pillows Air Mattress Beer/Wine
- Rain Gear Swim Suit Laundry Bag Towels Toiletries Sunscreen
- Insect Repellant Lantern/Flashlights Books Radio First Aid Kit Hammock
- Pocket Knife Camp Chairs Smores Supplies Travel Alarm Laundry Detergent
- Corkscrew/Bottle Opener Board Games Bikes/Roller Blades, etc.

Helpful Tip: *If you are coming from the States be sure your cell phone is turned off so you do not incur insane roaming charges.*

Helpful Tip: *All cyclists age 17 and under are required to wear a helmet in Ontario.*

Helpful Tip: In most Canadian provinces, alcohol may be consumed on board a recreational boat **only** if the boat meets all of the following conditions: (1) the vessel has permanent sleeping facilities, (2) the vessel has permanent cooking facilities, (3) the vessel has a permanent toilet and (4) the vessel is anchored or secured alongside a dock. Check the Transport Canada website for more information: www.tc.gc.ca

SUGGESTED DAY TRIPS

Pt. Abino Lighthouse

The lighthouse (located approximately 1 mile south of the BYC) marks a dangerous rock shelf which juts from Point Abino. The point was first marked by fixed buoys in the late 1800's. US Lightship 82 marked the area from 1912-1913. During a tremendous storm of November 1913 (referred to by some as a "freshwater hurricane"), the lightship was lost with all hands. In 1918 the Canadian government completed the current ornate lighthouse to mark the rockshelf from shore. The keeper's residence was completed in 1921. Since the lighthouse is nearly surrounded by water, and the land surrounded by private property, keepers had to wade through water to reach the lighthouse. The light was automated in 1989, and disestablished in 1995. In 1998, the lighthouse was declared a National Historic Site. The town of Fort Erie purchased the lighthouse in 2003, and offers tours to the lighthouse.

Since summer 2011, the lighthouse has undergone a dramatic restoration. Much of the restoration is expected to be complete by summer 2012. Tours of the Point Abino Lightstation take place every second and fourth Saturday of June, July, August and September. Tour times: 10:00am - 11:15am; 11:15am - 12:30pm; 12:30pm - 1:45pm; 1:45pm - 3:00pm. Tickets: Adults 16 and over - \$6.00; Youth 12 to 16 - \$3.00; Children under 12 free. Reservations are recommended. To book ahead, please visit the Town of Fort Erie website www.town.forterie.ca Unsold tickets may be purchased at the departure site, located at the Bertie Boat Club, Point Abino Road.

Friendship Trail

Chances are good that you crossed *The Friendship Trail* on your way to Point Abino. It's the paved "bike path" that crosses Pt. Abino Road between Neigh and Michener Roads. The Friendship Trail extends 16 kilometers from Port Colborne to Fort Erie. This relaxing and picturesque trail is a level and smoothly paved path located on an abandoned rail line. Perfect for walkers, hikers, cyclists and rollerbladers (and cross-country skiers in the winter), it takes visitors through lush farmland, quaint villages, pristine watersheds, and quiet residential areas. It's about a 2.5 mile 'warm-up' from the BYC facility. Alternatively, free parking is available in municipal parking lots off Ridge Road, Crescent Road and Lakeshore Road in the Village of Ridgeway. For more information, visit: www.friendshiptrail.forterie.ca

Marineland

Marineland Canada is one magical moment after another. Marineland Canada is the world's largest whale habitat, Friendship Cove, is surrounded by walkways for above water and underwater viewing of our amazing marine mammals. Drive Time – 20 Minutes. Location - 7885 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON. See www.marinelandcanada.com for more information.

Safari Niagara (ZOOZ)

Safari Niagara is a 110 acre privately owned and operated nature-park. It is home to more than 500 species of mammals, reptiles and birds. Safari Niagara also offers a petting zoo so the children can touch and interact with a variety of animals. The children will also enjoy the children's play area, splash pad, paddle boats and fishing. Drive Time – 15 minutes. Location - 2821 Stevensville Road, Stevensville, ON. See www.safariniagara.com for more information.

Niagara Helicopters

Niagara Helicopters Limited, combine adventure and spectacular views for family vacation memories to last a lifetime. As the helicopter gently lifts off from their Victoria Avenue location, the awe-inspiring views of the Niagara Region begin to appear below. Drive Time – 45 Minutes Location - 3731 Victoria Ave, Niagara Falls, ON. See www.niagarahelicopters.com for more information.

Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory

The Butterfly Conservatory is home to over 2000 colorful, free-flying tropical butterflies in a rainforest setting. It is a self-guided tour. Drive Time – 45 minutes Location - 2565 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls, ON. See www.niagaraparks.com for more information.

Maid of the Mist

The world-famous Maid of the Mist is an historical boat ride. It is a half hour thrill of a lifetime ride where water rushes all around you as you “soak” in the excitement of the roar of the Falls. Drive Time – 30 minutes Location - 5920 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls, ON. See www.maidofthemist.com for more information.

Special Events Commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812

See www.visit1812.com for special bicentennial event listings throughout the year

June 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2012 - Bicentennial Grand Opening Celebrations

DECLARATION OF WAR! - Military Ball on the eve of the declaration of the War of 1812 dinner with British and American officers put on by the Niagara-on-the-Lake Historical Society and Museum. Many events planned for three days in Niagara-on-the-Lake including special events over the weekend at Fort George.

July 13, 14, 15, 2012 The Navy of 1812: Sailors on the Lakes

Naval encampment on the grounds of Navy Hall, Niagara-on-the-Lake, with 5 tall ships (4 Brigantines and a schooner-1812 Squadron) and 22 longboats with 200 naval re-enactors. Plans call for a Longboat Processional Row Saturday morning July 14 and an Assault landing exercise on Saturday afternoon at Queens Royal Park featuring Defense Force marines and a "sham battle". Events will include theatrical performances by the Loyalist Theatre. "The Sailors' World in 1812" encampment features period music of "Gin Lane" and dancing demonstrations by the Fort York Regency Dancers. This is a Parks Canada/Royal Canadian Navy partnered event. Contact: Peter Martin, Parks Canada: peter.martin@pc.gc.ca