

# Rules to Guide You

There is one basic rule in Ontario Parks: Have respect and consideration for your fellow visitors and the park environment. The following table lists some of the more common laws enforced in the parks as well as the minimum fines that apply. The Provincial Parks Act and other legislation governing behaviour in provincial parks are available in the Park Office.

Park Wardens who are Peace Officers defined under the Criminal Code of Canada and have the authority of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police Force in a Provincial Park enforce these laws. There is a surcharge added to provincial fines, which is dependent upon the amount of the fine.

Offence	Minimum Fine	Explanation	
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	Have liquor in open container other than residence Consume liquor in other than residence (campsite) Have open container of liquor in vehicle	\$130.00 and /or eviction \$215.00	You are permitted to consume or possess an open alcoholic beverage on a registered campsite only.
<b>Alcohol Ban</b>	Possess alcohol during ban	eviction	Alcohol is prohibited in Bronte Creek Provincial Park from May 15- 25, 2003
<b>Campfires</b>	Start fire other than in fireplace	\$100.00	For safety reasons, fires are permitted in fireplaces only. Risk of forest fires is reduced.
<b>Camping equipment</b>	Place more than 3 pieces of shelter equipment (a tarp and/ dining shelter not included)	\$70.00	Without limits on number of trailers and tents, sites would soon deteriorate, becoming larger and larger, eventually destroying the surrounding vegetation.
<b>Camping permit</b>	Fail to vacate and remove property from campsite on permit expiry Unlawfully occupy campsite Camp over time limit	\$70.00 \$130.00 \$70.00	You are required to vacate and remove all property from your campsite by 2:00pm on the date your permit expires. The maximum length of stay in a provincial park is 23 days.
<b>Environmental protection</b>	Damage crown property Unlawfully remove natural or other object Unlawfully cut plant or tree	\$130.00 \$130.00 \$130.00	Removal of natural objects is not permitted. This includes removal of growth and gathering of dead wood for fires.
<b>Fireworks</b>	Possess fireworks Ignite fireworks	\$100.00 \$130.00	Possession or use of fireworks is prohibited at all times in provincial parks. They are a fire hazard and disturb other visitors.
<b>Hours of closing</b>	Unlawfully enter park after closing hours Unlawfully remain in park after closing	\$130.00 \$130.00	Only registered campers are allowed in a provincial park during hours of closing 10:00p.m. and 8:00a.m.
<b>Motorized vehicles</b>	Unlawfully take motor vehicle into park or possess or operate it  Operate vehicle off roadway	\$130.00  \$130.00	Licensed motor vehicles may be operated on roads only. All provisions of the Highway Traffic Act apply on all park roads. Each vehicle in the park must have a valid permit.
<b>Parking</b>	Fail to park in designated area Park vehicle in area not designated by additional vehicle permit Fail to display permit on parked vehicle	\$35.00 \$35.00 \$35.00	All vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Except for "two vehicle sites" only one vehicle may be parked on a campsite. An Additional Vehicle Permit only provides for a second vehicle to be parked in a specific additional parking area.
<b>Pets</b>	Unlawfully permit domestic animals at large Unlawfully permit domestic animals to be in swimming area or beach Permit domestic animals to make noise Failure to dispose of domestic animal excrement.	\$70.00 \$70.00 \$70.00 \$70.00	For health and safety purposes, all domestic animals must be kept under control, and on a leash not exceeding two metres at all times, except in designated leash free areas. Under the Public Health Act, pets are not allowed in swimming areas or on the beach at any time. You must clean up after your pet.
<b>Refuse or garbage</b>	Litter Fail to keep campsite clean	\$130.00 \$130.00	Deposit all garbage and litter in containers provided to discourage raccoons and other wildlife from becoming pests. Clean campsites eliminate potential hazards to visitors and wildlife.
<b>Rowdiness/ noise</b>	Use of abusive or insulting language Make excessive noise in park Disturb other persons in park	\$150.00 and/ or eviction	Rowdy behaviour, including excessive noise and obscene language, is not permitted. You are not allowed to disturb any other person or interfere with anyone else's enjoyment of the park at any time of the day or night.
<b>Speeding</b>	Exceeding speeds greater than 20km/h on campground roads Exceeding speeds greater than 40km/h on any park road Disobey Stop Sign	\$130.00 \$130.00 \$70.00	Speeding above the limits is illegal and poses a danger to wildlife, park visitors and the operator of the vehicle and therefore will not be tolerated.