

Overnight Use

Overnight use of Rec Site cabins is not permitted, for a number of reasons.

Overnight use places extra strains on a cabin – heavy use of the outhouse and firewood supply, more wear and tear on the cabin and its surroundings, and possible conflicts between potential users. For these reasons, the Ministry of Forests requires an overnight cabin to have a removable outhouse barrel, a stove that does not rely on local firewood, special approval of the location, and a booking system. All of these things are beyond the capacity of our hard-working volunteers, so there are no cabins in the Rec Site that have Ministry of Forests authorization for overnight use. (They're authorized as Day-Use Shelters. The Ministry regards their main function as providing for the safety of day visitors.)

And our experience with the Rec Site cabins is that they can be subject to continual day use from early morning until well after midnight, with obvious potential to render an attempted overnight stay unpleasant.

Bottom line: Overnight use of the Rec Site cabins conflicts with the rules we agreed to in order to be allowed to have so many cabins throughout the Rec Site. (See Section 5.8.3 of the Management Plan, which addresses the purposes and uses of the shelters.) Overnight use thus creates the risk of having the cabins removed. We have to play fair to keep our unique Rec Site, and we need your help to do that. Please don't be an outlaw.