

Backcountry Information

Park Office

The Park Office at Otter Lake is open daily from early May to October. It is also open most days during November through April. The Park Office is where you pick up your permits and information on trip planning, as well as a gathering place for the Wilderness Skills Training Programme. To register for a program and all inquiries, please contact the Park Office at (613) 376-3489.

Camping

Frontenac has 13 campsite clusters which are open for camping year round. The clusters are indicated by triangles on the Park Boundaries and Facilities Map (page 7), and by orange campsite signs at the sites themselves. Most clusters have four tent pads and a privy toilet. **Camping is permitted at your designated campsite cluster, only on the tent pad, with a valid permit.**

Each campsite cluster can accommodate up to 24 people (**6 persons per site**), with the exception of campsite clusters 5 (max 12 persons), 2 (max. 18 persons), and 13 (18 persons). You may stay at any given campsite cluster for a maximum of **three consecutive nights**. Each person must be registered. Maximum of two small tents per tent site. Checkout time is 2:00 pm off your site.

The beach and waterfront area at each campsite is for the use of the registered campers only. Camping permits must be purchased at the Park Office, prior to entering the Park. **There is no car or trailer camping at Frontenac Park.**

Reservations

If you plan to camp at Frontenac in the period from May to October you should make a reservation. Weekdays as well as spring and fall are more quiet, however, weekends always tend to get busy. For reservations, call **1-888-668-7275**.

Please phone the Park weekdays at (613) 376-3489 for information and for route planning assistance. Also please note that a maximum of **three consecutive nights** is permitted at any one campsite cluster location. For additional information write:

**The Park Superintendent,
Frontenac Provincial Park,
P.O. Box 11, 1090 Salmon Lake Rd.,
Sydenham, Ontario. K0H 2T0**

Registration

Before heading into the backcountry, you must register all persons and vehicles. When you obtain your permits, leave your name, address, vehicle licence number, route of travel, and the colour of your tents and canoe with the Park staff at the office. This safety precaution will help our Park staff locate you should an emergency occur. Advise a friend or relative of your planned trip itinerary.

Preplan your outing and know where you can obtain emergency assistance before setting out. Cell phones do not always work in Frontenac Park.

Youth Group Camping

Although there are no group campsites at Frontenac, a limited number of qualifying youth groups may camp at designated interior campsite clusters. The maximum party size is **sixteen (16)**, depending on the campsite cluster to be occupied and campsite availability. (four persons per tent pad.) 2 small tents per site. Please call for further

information about **school or youth group reservations** (613) 376-3489.

Self-Serve Registration

When the Park Office is closed, the Park operates on a self-serve registration system for day use (and for camping only during the off season). You will find registration envelopes, instructions, and a deposit box in the Kiosk adjacent to the Park Office.

Trip Planning

The success of any canoeing, hiking or camping trip depends entirely upon the planning, resourcefulness and experience of those involved.

***Night travel and travel across ice is not recommended! Stay on the trails.**

If you wish to travel extensively in the interior of Frontenac, then the Park Office should be your first stop. Here, you will find a wall-sized aerial map of the Park and the surrounding area. Ensure that you **arrive at the Park Office before office closing** to purchase your permits and obtain directions, so that you are travelling by daylight. If you are arriving late, call the Park Office to make alternate camping arrangements. For Park Office hours, see the Campsite Reservation Service. **During the peak season, interior permits are not issued after 8:00 p.m. or after 7:00 p.m. after Labour Day.**

If you have never been to Frontenac, call the office for trip planning advice and route selection, before you make your reservation. Also visit the Friends' web site www.frontenacpark.ca

Drinking Water

Treated drinking water is available at the Park Office. *Giardia lamblia*, a microscopic organism carried in the feces of humans and some domestic and wild animals, may be present in untreated water in this area. To guard against contracting Giardiasis, be sure to carry treated water from domestic sources or **boil untreated water** for 10 minutes prior to use. Chemical purifiers can be added as well, but these alone will not always kill the giardia parasite. A pamphlet entitled, **What is giardia?** is available at the Park Office. (Dogs can pick up Giardia as well.)

Campfires

Campfires are allowed only at **designated campsite clusters**, in the fireplaces. **Shore and trailside fires are not permitted.** Firewood can be purchased at the Park Office. Only the gathering of downed dead wood is permitted.

Never leave your campfire unattended. Before going to bed or leaving camp, make sure your fire is dead out. There is only one safe way to put out a fire - drown it with water, stir thoroughly, and drown it again. Drown your campfire whenever you leave your campsite. **During the fire season (April 1 to October 31), please exercise extreme caution when building campfires in the interior of Frontenac Park.**

Fire Ban

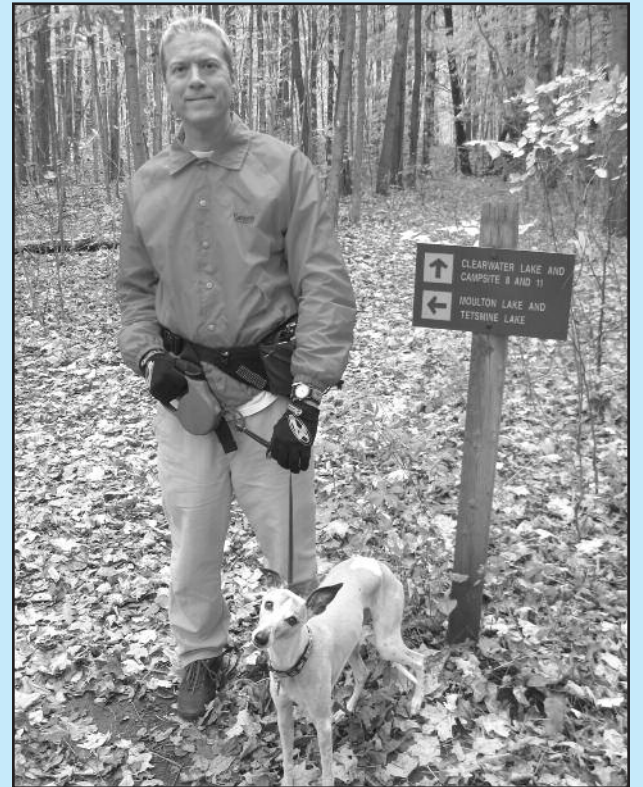
In the event of a fire ban, NO fires are permitted. Be prepared with a camp stove. If you detect a fire, report it immediately to the Park Office (613) 376-3489 or call 1-888-239-4565

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Pet Owners Must Heed Rules

- Pets must be kept on a leash at all times - not exceeding 2 metres.
- Pets must not disturb any other Park visitor or make excessive noise at any time.
- The pet must not chase any wild animals or damage any property.
- Pets are not permitted on any beach or in any swimming area, as per health regulations. No dogs are permitted in the water at the campsites.
- You must always clean up after your pet and dispose of the "doggie bag" in a garbage can. (not down the privy). *Free doggie bags are available at the Park Office
- Dogs must be kept under control at all times.

Register Your Pet - Please advise the Park staff of your pet and register the name and breed on your camping permit.



Ontario Parks Campsite Reservation Service



Call toll-free **1-888-ONT-PARK (1-888-668-7275)**
(7 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST, seven days a week)

HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION READY, WHEN MAKING A RESERVATION

- Park name and type of site required eg. interior / backcountry
- Arrival and departure dates
- Name, address, postal code, phone number
- The campsites you wish to reserve, (have an alternate route, in the event that your first choice of campsites is not available)
- The number of people in your party (**maximum 6 persons and two small backpack tents per tent site**) and (a maximum of three consecutive nights are permitted per campsite cluster)
- Method of payment (credit card number and expiry date)
- no online reservations can be made for Frontenac.

MORE ABOUT RESERVATIONS

- If you have never been to Frontenac, contact the Park Office at (613) 376-3489 for route planning assistance and for a Park information package.
- Allow yourself enough time to register all persons and vehicles at the Park Office prior to entry into the backcountry
- When planning your route, keep in mind sunset times, weather and wind conditions and registration time. Travel at night is not recommended.
- Ensure that you arrive at the Park Office before the office closes, to register, pay for and pick up your interior camping permits and your vehicle permits. **No person may enter the backcountry or occupy a campsite without a valid permit.**
- **Park Office hours:** May to Labour Day (8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.); after Labour Day to Thanksgiving weekend, Fri. & Sat. (8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.), all other days 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.); after Thanksgiving weekend to May – Reservations are not available.
- Reserving interior campsites at Frontenac, is site specific. eg. 3b; 9c; 13a; 8d

- When you arrive at the Park Office, you will need to pay for the campsite fees, which is per person per night.
- Our interior campsites can be reserved between May 03 and October 11.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of \$9.00 for each reservation, plus a campsite deposit based on the number of nights of your trip, is charged to your credit card when you make the reservation
- There is a 5 month reservation window. eg. for June reservations you can call in January.
- **Youth Group and School Group reservations call the park (613) 376-3489**
- Reservation payment is by VISA, AMEX, or MasterCard.
- To change a reservation, call 1-888-668-7275. A \$7.00 fee will be charged.
- To cancel a reservation call 1-888-668-7275. The \$7.00 fee plus a percentage of the camping fees will apply.
- Campsite reservations are held until 8:00 a.m. the day following your scheduled arrival date. A "no show" fee will be billed to you if you fail to cancel or not show up.
- At Frontenac a campsite can be reserved for a maximum of **3 consecutive nights** at any one tent site cluster.
- Parking spaces for additional campers' vehicles cannot be reserved, however valid permits for additional vehicles apply and vehicles must be parked where directed.

Fees and prices are subject to change. Costs are accurate at the time of printing. Obtain your free 2010 Ontario Parks Guide at provincial parks, MNR offices, Ontario Travel Information Centres and MNR Information Centres.

For information www.ontarioparks.com