



FIRE-SAFE CAMPING AT WICKED WOODS

Protect your camp, your neighbours and the land

NO CAMPFIRES OR UNAUTHORIZED OPEN FLAMES - FOLLOW POSTED FESTIVAL RULES

A single hot exhaust pipe, glowing cigarette butt or unattended stove can ignite dry grass and threaten an entire campground. Fire prevention is part of being a good festival neighbour: remove ignition sources, keep cooking controlled and report hazards early.

Know what is allowed

Wicked Woods prohibits campfires and unauthorized open flames at Ravens Nest Resort and Campground. Leave candles, fireworks, fire toys, tiki torches, BBQs, hibachi stoves, white-gas fuel, propane heaters and propane campfires at home. Use only festival-permitted cooking devices, such as a Jetboil or propane camp stove, and check the current rules and fire restrictions when you arrive.

Hot vehicles and tall grass

Park only where festival staff direct you. Never drive, park or idle a car, truck, motorcycle or ATV over tall or dry grass - catalytic converters, mufflers and brakes can remain hot enough to ignite vegetation. After parking, look underneath for trapped grass, leaks or anything smouldering. Secure trailer chains and hardware so nothing drags and throws sparks.

Build a safe cooking zone

Cook outdoors on a stable, level, non-combustible surface, never inside a tent or under a low tarp. Keep dry grass, leaves, paper, fuel and loose fabric out of the area. Place tents upwind and the stove downwind. Aim for 3 m (10 ft) of separation from tents, canopies, vehicles and dry vegetation whenever your assigned site allows. If you cannot create safe separation, do not light the stove - ask festival staff for direction. Keep the fuel canister upright, supervise the stove continuously and let it cool before packing it away.

Cigarettes, incense and smouldering items

Smoke only where festival staff permit. Fully extinguish every cigarette in a pocket ashtray or lidded metal container; make sure the butt is cold before disposal. Never flick, bury or drop a butt, even if it appears out. Incense has a glowing ember and should not be used in camp. Treat mosquito coils and similar smouldering products like any other open-flame hazard; choose battery-powered or non-burning alternatives instead.

Keep your camp ready

Keep exits and access lanes clear. Store fuel away from tents, direct sun and hot vehicles. Have water for cooling smoking materials and a small ABC extinguisher accessible from the safe side of the cooking area. Before sleeping or leaving camp, complete a quick heat check: stove off and cool, cigarettes cold, chargers and damaged batteries disconnected, and no smoke or unusual odour nearby.

If you see smoke or fire

Warn people nearby and immediately alert festival crew or security. Call 911 for an uncontrolled or spreading fire. If it is safe, shut off a stove's fuel supply and use an extinguisher, but never use water on a grease or fuel fire. Move people upwind, stay clear of vehicles and fuel, and do not try to fight a fire that is spreading through a tent, grass or trees.

Guidance: Wicked Woods Code of Conduct | BC Wildfire Service | Parks Canada. Festival rules and current restrictions always take priority.