



## LPS Overnight Campouts: At a Glance

**Facilitation:** Overnight campouts are organized and led by teachers. It is your responsibility to follow SD71 safety/risk management strategies. Day programs offered by LPS and/or third-parties are optional, and facilitation will vary according to program arrangements.

**Group Size:** maximum *one class* per night plus teachers/adult chaperones (Group Site maximum is 30 people total).

**Price:** \$225 per night for the Group Site *excluding* LPS-facilitated program costs (if you choose to book an LPS Activity block, such as Floating Classroom, this will be invoiced separately).

### **Timing: Arrival Day**

- Arrive at Park: 9:30 AM or later. Gear may be stored in vehicles or in the geodesic dome above group site until group site check-in.
- Access to Groupsite: 1:00 PM or later (max 3 vehicles with gear on group site road)
- Option to book LPS program(s) on day of arrival (between 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM)

### **Timing: Check-out Day**

- Check out of Groupsite: 11:00 AM or earlier - must have site cleared, gear out, vehicles moved
- Leave Park: 12:00 PM (noon) or earlier

### **Other requirements:**

- Please follow [Campground Rules](#) and **Uphold “Leave No Trace” (LNT)** ethics (see this [LNT resource](#) for details)

### **Paperwork Required by LPS:**

- LPS Waivers completed for all campers/participants upon arrival

# Frequently Asked Questions

**What dates are available for camping out?** We tentatively reserve the Group Site for overnight school bookings for dates in May and June. Please visit the “Overnight Campouts” portion of our [School Programs webpage](#) for bookings and details. If you wish to book the group site outside of the dates we can offer, you will need to follow the same booking procedure as the general public, located on the [Campground page](#).

**What is the deadline for booking my campsite?** School groups have a priority booking window to reserve the Group Site from February 1st to March 1st.

**What dates are available for LPS “Activity Blocks”?** LPS Activity Blocks are optional programs, such as the Floating Classroom, that may be reserved by a class *for the date of their arrival* for an overnight campout. For example, if you are staying the night of June 20th, the program will be available to your class on June 20th. However, activity blocks may not necessarily be available for the dates you wish.

**Can we do an LPS Activity Block on our check out day?** For single night stays, LPS Activity Blocks are not available on the day you check out, as we will be working with other groups. For multi-night stays, activity blocks are available on all other days, including your arrival day.

**What are the Campground Rules?** Campground rules and other requirements can be viewed on our [Terms of Service](#) page.

**Where can we put our stuff while we wait for access to the group site?** If you arrive before 1:00 pm, the check-in time for the Group Site, you can store gear in vehicles or in the geodesic dome directly above the group campsite.

**What time do we have to be out of the Group Site?** You are required to check out of Group Site by *11:00 AM or earlier*. This means that the site is cleared, gear is out, and all vehicles are moved back to the main parking lot.

**What time do we have to leave Cumberland Lake Park on our check-out day?** Your group is required to leave Cumberland Lake Park by noon of your check-out date to avoid congestion with subsequent classes and other park user groups.

**Is there potable drinking water at the campground?** Yes, but there is *not a potable water tap located at the Group Site*. The closest water tap is located at the Upper Campsite area, next to site 406. Please see the site map attached, and campground map for additional water/tap sites.

**Do you have any “Leave No Trace” (LNT) ethics** (see this [LNT resource](#) for details)

**What bathrooms are available?** At the Group Site, there is *one* single single-stall (wheelchair accessible and gender neutral) pit toilets (outhouses). There are more pit toilets located at other areas of the park/campground. Additionally, there is also a main bathroom building which includes a “men’s” and “women’s” multi-stall bathroom with flush toilets, sinks, and coin-operated showers; as well as one gender inclusive, wheelchair accessible bathroom.

**What time do the main bathrooms close?** During the campground season, the bathrooms are open 24/7, save for cleaning times or other circumstances that warrant temporary closure.

**Do we have access to all trails and beaches?** We will have day programs running that may be using nature classrooms, beach spaces, and/or trails during your stay. Campout groups are expected to give priority use of these spaces to LPS programs and/or other specified groups. These details will be discussed before your arrival. Generally, you are expected to use and share spaces at Cumberland Lake Park respectfully. Please be mindful of the potential impact of traveling in a large group, and do your best to minimize this impact (set clear expectations around noise level, respecting boundaries of campsites and nature classrooms, staying on trail in low-impact and/or revegetation areas, etc).

**Is there cell service at Cumberland Lake Park?** There is not reliable cell service at the campground, although the Rogers network seems to work better than the Telus network. The campground can be reached via the main office at (250) 702-8833 during office hours or via the Camp Hosts at (778)-992-0238 after hours.

**Who do we contact in case of emergency?** Please call 911 for emergencies and contact the above main office or camp host numbers for all other immediate issues.

# LPS Activity Options

Classes may choose one full-day activity block, or two half-day options. As mentioned above, these options will be available to your class *on your arrival date*. Please see [our website](#) for details about the "Floating Classroom Canoe Charter".

**Floating Classroom Canoe Charter** - half day (9:30 - 12:00 or 12:00 - 2:30)

- \$500 program cost, SD71 classes eligible for subsidized rate of \$300

**Floating Classroom Canoe Charter** - full day (9:30 - 2:30)

- \$750 program cost, SD71 classes eligible for subsidized rate of \$500

## Alternative Program Options

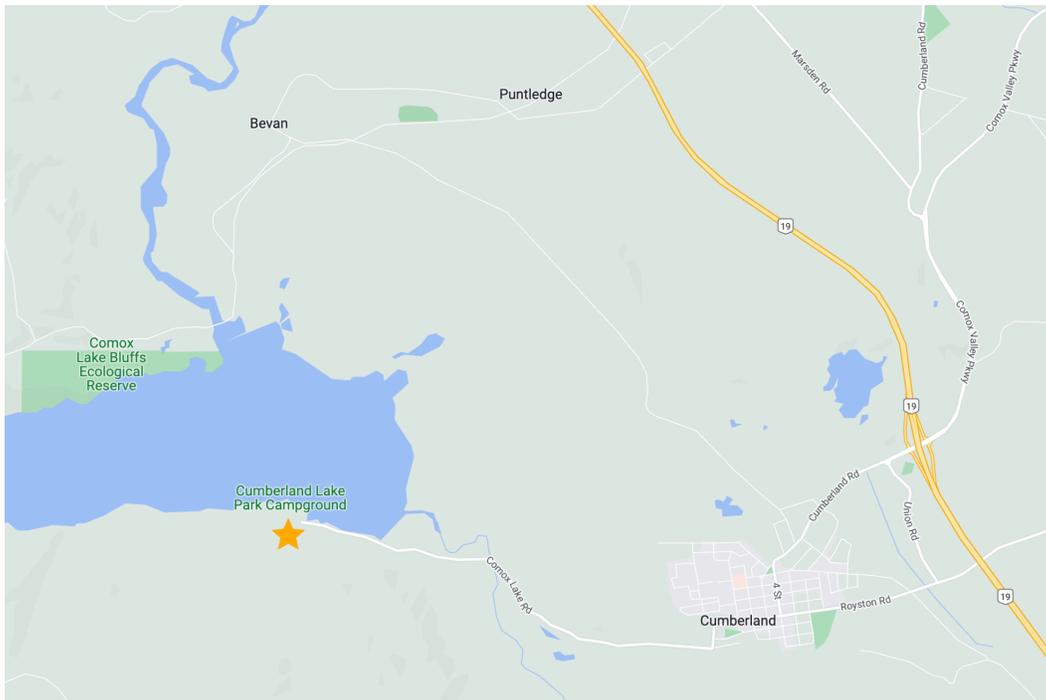
While LPS offers some day-program options for school groups, we acknowledge that our budget, resources, and scope of programs may not cater to all classes. If teachers/group leaders are keen to explore other options, there are local organizations that may be of interest. *LPS will not be responsible for coordination* with these organizations, this is to be done directly by the teacher/lead organizer. Having said that, agreements around sharing space must be respected.

Some ideas include:

- Vancouver Island Paddling (Dragon Boats)
- Cumberland Museum
- Courtenay Museum (geology tour)
- Island Alpine Guides (Rock Climbing)
- Courtenay Fish and Game Club
- CVRD's Connected by Water outreach team (Meaghan Cursons and Christina Willard-Stephan)

# Site Maps

Find us at Cumberland Lake Park, marked by the gold star below:



For a detailed **Campground Map**, please follow [this link](#) to our website.

# LPS Waivers

A completed informed consent form (for minors) or release form (for adults) must be provided for each participant upon arrival of your group. You may hand them in to the campground office upon check-in (during office hours). Waivers must be witnessed to be considered complete.

Links to our informed consent forms (for minors) and waivers (for adults) are included below, and are also available on the [Teacher Resources](#) page of our website. Please:

- Print the forms (double sided if possible),
- Send them home with your students to be reviewed and completed, and
- Bring completed forms for all participants on the morning of your program.

Waivers are attached in the following pages of this prep package. Alternatively, you may download and print them by following the links below:

[Informed Consent, Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk \(For Minors\)](#)

[Release Voluntary Assumption of Risk \(For Adults\)](#)