

UPPER FRENCH RIVER COTTAGERS' ASSOCIATION

ADOPT-A-CAMPSITE REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Province/State _____

Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ e-mail _____

Cottage Address / Location _____

Cottage Phone _____

Campsite(s) selected # _____ (optional) # _____ # _____ **(SEE MAP)**

Comments or suggestions

Are you sharing this with another cottage? Please give details.

Please complete) and mail to:

**Dave Minden
977 Lake Nosbonsing Road
Astorville, Ontario
P0H 1B0**

Or e-mail to: admin@ufrca.com

Note: A group Volunteer Project Agreement has been signed by the UFRCA and the MNR. This provides liability insurance for volunteers under a Provincial Government insurance plan.

RELEASE CLAUSE I hereby release the Upper French River Cottagers' Association (UFRCA), its Executive or Committee Members or any person connected with the UFRCA and the Adopt-a-Campsite program, from all liability for any injuries, damages, or losses arising from my participation in the Adopt-a-Campsite program.

Signature _____

UFRCA ADOPT-A-CAMPSITE STARTED 2003

How does it work?

At the August 4, 2002 AGM, the membership approved a motion to establish an *Adopt-a-Campsite* system on the Upper French River area of French River Provincial Park. Participating cottagers volunteer (as many have already done for years on an informal basis) to periodically clean up a campsite or campsites of their choice. If you can add your name to this venture, it will be greatly appreciated by all Park users, including our fellow cottagers. This is an open and flexible system with many variations. Two or more cottages can get together and share the maintenance of one or more campsites. Or one cottage can volunteer to clean up just one, or more campsites.

What do I do to adopt a campsite?

In consultation with Ed Chavrette, Assistant Park Superintendent and Conservation Officer for the Park, and Park Superintendent Chuck Miller, the following guidelines and requirements should be followed.

1. Complete and return the attached UFRCA Adopt-a-Campsite form. See map to choose yours.
2. For garbage pick-up, wear gloves and use caution when handling sharp objects. Watch for the little things: bottle caps, twist ties, bread wrapper tabs, pop and beer can tabs, cigarette butts.
3. Only one fire ring should exist on a campsite. If necessary, dismantle all but the best (on rock or mineral soil). Clean out and re-build the fire-pit; separate actual garbage (tin foil, glass, etc.) from ashes. Collect ashes in a bucket and disperse in the bush a good distance from the campsite, under Juniper or similar bushes.
4. Cover with dirt any human waste, toilet paper, etc. Do not pick up. Under a light layer of soil, decomposition will occur quickly.
5. Remove any signs of human activity (tent trenching, ropes and wires, nails in trees, constructed artifacts, etc.)
6. For assistance in removing large objects or excessive garbage, contact Dave Minden who will then contact Park staff.
7. Garbage bags will be supplied if necessary. Some method of distribution will be devised.
8. If some obvious offence is being committed, attempt to identify the boat (licence number, colour, etc.) and persons involved. Contact Park Staff (1-705-857-3228) and leave a message. There may be a Park Office commencing 2006. Or contact the OPP (1-888-310-1122). Starting in 2007, there may be a bottle ban in effect.
9. Take with you: work gloves, shovel, bucket, hammer, and garbage bags.

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF THE FRENCH RIVER HERITAGE PARK WHO DONATED OVER \$800 FOR THE PRINTING OF DISTINCTIVE CAMPSITE SIGNS, AND TO ED CHAVRETTE, ASSISTANT PARK SUPERINTENDENT, WHO HAS POSTED THE SIGNS ON CAMPSITES FROM NIPSSING DOWN TO GEORGIAN BAY.

THE SIGNS NOT ONLY ENCOURAGE CAMPERS TO LEAVE THEIR CAMPSITES CLEAN BUT ALSO RECOGNIZE AND ADVERTISE THE VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION AND PRESENCE OF THE UFRCA.

To date, about 35% of the campsites between Dokis First Nation and Lake Nipissing have been adopted.

Thank you for choosing to volunteer to "Adopt A Campsite".

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