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RENTAL INFORMATION

What does Camp Douglas have to offer?

Camp Douglas is located on a beautiful ten-acre site near Roberts Creek, between Gibsons and Sechelt on the Sunshine Coast. The property includes both a private waterfront and a large patch of old growth rainforest. It's a 20-minute drive from the Langdale BC Ferries terminal.

The camp is ideal for your church retreat – we offer a unique atmosphere that allows your congregation, youth group or other groups to enjoy the natural surroundings of God's beauty. Our site offers many locations for private meditation as well as both indoor and outdoor meeting spaces. The peace and tranquility will allow you and your group to experience the Lord's creation in one of its purest forms.

Although Camp Douglas is quiet and feels very secluded, it is located just a short drive (five or six minutes away by car) from Wilson Creek, in the direction of Sechelt (turn left at the top of Flume Road onto Highway 101), where IGA, Canadian Tire, a pizza restaurant, pharmacy and coffee shop may be found. Roberts Creek General Store is a lovely walk (even shorter drive) from Camp. "Downtown" Roberts Creek (the area around the store) also boasts a library, a post office, and the excellent Gumboot Garden Café.

RENTAL AVAILABILITY

Camp Douglas is used almost continuously for summer camping programs during July and August. The camp is available for rental in the off-season use by Presbytery and other Christian groups for Christian education, retreats and meetings, for day use and overnight use. The most popular months for retreats are April, May, June, and September and especially long weekends.

Camp Douglas comfortably accommodates groups of 65, and up to 95 for day use or when all cabins & rooms are used to capacity.

Please note these general rules before booking:

- Alcohol, illegal drugs, and gambling are absolutely forbidden within the Camp.
- Animals (pets), except for certified service dogs, are not allowed on Camp Douglas premises.
- Camp Douglas is a <u>non-smoking camp</u> and as such no smoking is allowed on the premises (this includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vaping,

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cannabis). Smoking "off-site" must take place only on the road and never in the forest due to the risk of fire.

- Fires are allowed only in the campfire pits, and are subject to additional fire restrictions from time to time. Candles or other open flame are not allowed.
- Quiet time is between 10:00 pm and 8:00 am (we have lovely neighbours around the camp property, and we ask that you show respect by adhering to this request). No loud noises during these times.

Rules apply to all user groups with no exceptions. The Camp Committee's representative reserves the right to terminate a use of the property &/or refuse a future booking if the group is not acting in a safe and responsible manner or if there is flagrant rule-breaking.

BUILDINGS & FACILITIES

Areas of the camp that are available for retreat use are:

- the **main building** with a kitchen, dining hall, two large meeting/activity rooms and two washrooms with showers;
- the **retreat centre** with a large meeting room with washrooms on the lower floor, and six bedrooms and two washrooms with showers/bathtub on the upper floor;
- six sleeping cabins;
- the first-aid cabin with washrooms (available in warm weather months only);
- the **schoolroom**, a single room building suitable for meetings.

All buildings at the camp have heat and electricity. The facilities are regularly inspected for fire safety, food safety, and compliance with BCCA accreditation standards. Although some ramps are provided, the site is fairly rustic and not really wheelchair accessible.

Main Building

- The main building is a single-level building with the kitchen and sunken dining hall for the whole camp.
- Washrooms with showers are accessed a few steps up from a central courtyard.
- There are also two meeting / activity rooms.

Retreat Centre

- The upper floor of the Retreat Centre is accessible by stairs or a ramp and has six bedrooms, each sleeping up to 3 (sometimes 4) people. There are two undesignated washrooms located on the sleeping level.
- The main floor has a medium-sized meeting room, and two single room washrooms.

Accommodations

Camp Douglas offers comfortable sleeping accommodations in a beautiful forest setting; all you need is your own bedding and towels.

- Retreat Centre: The upper floor of the Retreat Centre is accessible by stairs or a ramp
 and has six bedrooms, each with three beds. These rooms have one set of bunk beds
 and one single bed (sometimes a double bed) each. There are two undesignated
 washrooms located on the same floor: one with two toilets, two sinks and two showers,
 and the other with accessible toilet, sink and bathtub.
- Cabins: Six cabins, each of which has five bunk beds plus one single bed: sleeping accommodations for eleven. Bunks are supplied with vinyl-covered mattresses. The cabins are located across the creek from the main building, facing the playing field.
- First-aid cabin: We also have a building with washroom facilities that sleeps four people. This cabin has bunk beds for sleeping, and two single stall washrooms with one

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- sink. Water is turned off during the winter, so this building is only available during the warmer months.
- RV's, trailers, and tents: RVs & Trailers can be parked and set up in the parking lot near
 the cabins. Electrical and sewage hookups are not available. There are many great
 spots for tents around the property.

Meeting rooms

- Drama room in the main building (approx. 600sq.ft., fits ~30 for meetings or receptions)
- Shoes off room in the main building (approx. 450sq.ft., fits ~20 for meeting or reception)
- Lower Retreat Centre (approx. 500sq.ft., fits ~25 for meeting or reception use)
- School room beside the First Aid Cabin, off the main field (approx. 450sq.ft., fits ~20 for meeting or reception use)

Recreation

- Waterfront: Our scenic waterfront is a gateway to miles of shoreline exploration with a
 cobblestone beach facing the Strait of Georgia and Vancouver Island. Flume Creek
 meanders through the whole Camp Douglas property and opens out to the ocean at our
 beautiful waterfront. If your retreat will be staying during swimming season, those who
 wish to swim should bring snug water shoes or running shoes that they can wear in the
 water. Proper supervision is the responsibility of the rental group.
- Trails: Camp has a beautiful nature trail looping through the woods at the back of the property which more active groups use as part of traditional games such as Capture the Flag. Other groups use the easy walking trail for prayer walks and meditation. There are various bridges and lush foliage throughout the property.
- Fields: We have a large open field for your choice of activity, such as soccer, volleyball or badminton, and a secondary field surrounded by forest.
- Chapel: We have a natural setting, open air chapel that seats 65 people.
- Campfires: There are two outdoor campfire pits. The campfire near the beach seats 65 people. The campfire near the field seats fewer, but there is room to add your own chairs. Chopped firewood can be provided for your group's convenience.

WHAT TO BRING

Our facility is set up to make your retreat as easy as possible. All your group needs to bring is bedding, towels, food and someone to prepare it, and maybe a flashlight if you want to explore the beach or woods at night.

No onsite security is provided, so it is recommended that to cover emergencies, each cabin should have its own cell phone.

FIRST AID & MEDICAL SERVICES

Groups are responsible for providing their own first aid attendant and supplies. In case of emergency, the nearest hospital is Saint Mary's in Sechelt, which is approximately 10 km west. Turn left onto the Sunshine Coast Highway.

The beach is public property and Camp Douglas is not responsible for beach use. A lifeguard is recommended if your group will be going in the water.

RESPONSIBILITIES

At the present time, Camp Douglas is not staffed outside of the summer. This means that our retreat rental rates are very economical, but it also means that there are extra duties expected of the renters. Renters are responsible for supplying their own food and cooking their own

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meals, keeping the camp clean and leaving the premises as clean as they found them. Cleaning instructions will be provided. Please allow 2 hours for cleaning in the retreat schedule. If cleaning is not completed as requested, a cleaning fee will be charged. Cleaning services may be arranged through the Camp Caretaker at a rate of \$25/hr.

RATES, DEPOSIT, & PAYMENT

Check availability of Camp Douglas for your desired dates by emailing office@campdouglas.ca. Once availability is determined, a Rental Confirmation form will be emailed to you to fill in and return. All rental groups are required to submit a confirmation form and deposit to secure the rental once the date has been confirmed by the Camp Douglas Office.

A 50% deposit is required to hold the booking; there will be no refund of the deposit within 90 days of the start of the rental period unless a suitable replacement group is secured.

Rates: Rates are based on a flat rate per building opened for use. A minimum of 2 days is charged for weekends, with a 3-day minimum for select long weekends. Single day bookings are accepted for midweek. A day for rental purposes is overnight from ~5pm to ~3pm the following day (covers supper, breakfast, lunch), or all day (8am to 8pm when it doesn't conflict with overnight bookings) for day use.

- the basic site fee includes the Main Building (Dining Hall [capacity: 116], Kitchen, washrooms, 2 meeting rooms) and field: \$300/day
- sleeping areas:
 - Retreat Centre (upper) 6 rooms sleeping up to 3-4 people each, plus washrooms: \$50/room/day, with a minimum of \$200/day (\$300 for all 6 rooms)
 - o cabins typically sleep up to 11, or 6 on lower beds only: \$75/day
 - overflow:
 - First Aid cabin sleeps 4 plus additional washrooms, open only in warm months: \$50/day
 - Birch (small cabin) sleeps 6 (3 bunks): \$50/day
 - Tents / RVs: \$15/day no electrical or sewage hook-ups for RVs
- meeting rooms:
 - Retreat Centre (lower) day use only, includes meeting room and washrooms (capacity 25): \$150/day
 - schoolroom (capacity 20): \$75/day

For example, a group using 4 cabins (up to 24-44 people) and all 6 of the Retreat Centre bedrooms (12-18 people), for a 2-day weekend, would pay \$1800, calculated as: $2 \times ($300 + 4x$75 + $300)$. The deposit would be \$900, with the remainder payable after the rental.

At the start of your retreat, during your site orientation with the caretaker, fill in the Retreat Report: Buildings indicating which buildings you are using. At the conclusion of your retreat and before you leave camp, fill in the Retreat Report: Cleaning and have it signed by the caretaker as a final confirmation from caretaker of cleaning & deficiencies.

Following the retreat, send the Retreat Report along with final payment to Camp Douglas.

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