

Application Requirements to Establish a Portable Camp on Ice-Covered Waters | 2024-25

For the 2024-2025 overnight-accommodations-on-ice operating season, Manitoba has established eligibility requirements as follows:

Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg

New and existing Resource Tourism Operators are eligible to apply for a portable camp on ice, for angling and/or ecotourism activities, on Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg for the 2024-25 season.

Other Waterbodies

Existing licensed Resource Tourism Operators that hold an authorization to offer angling or ecotourism services on the following lakes are eligible to apply for a permit for a portable camp on ice, for angling and/or ecotourism activities, for the 2024-25 season:

- Athapapuskow Lake
- Cedar Lake
- Cormorant Lake
- Joey Lake
- Kississing Lake
- Lac du Bonnet
- Lake of the Prairies
- Lake of the Woods (Buffalo Bay)
- Lake Wahtopannah
- Oak Lake
- Ospawagan Lake
- Partridge Crop
- Pelican Lake
- Rock Lake
- Rocky Lake
- Tramping Lake
- Upper Ospawagan Lake
- Wekusko Lake

Application requirements:

The following is a summary of the basic requirements for an application package to be reviewed and considered by the Licensing Advisory Committee (LAC). Complete the application as fully as your proposal warrants, providing as much information as possible to give reviewers and LAC members a clear understanding of your proposed operation.

1. Scan and email a completed application package, including a Resource Tourism Operators Licence application (not required for current operators with a 2024 Resource Tourism Operators Licence) and a Portable Camp Permit application, to the Resource Tourism Program Coordinator at Brendan.Smyth@gov.mb.ca. Once the Resource Tourism Program Coordinator has confirmed by email that the application package is complete, the non-refundable application fees of \$100.00 per licence and \$100.00 per permit are due. The fees may be paid by credit card over the phone (204-945-6784 or 1-800-214-6497) or by cheque or money order, payable to the Minister of Finance, mailed to the attention of the Resource

Tourism Program Coordinator at Room 315 – 1181 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3G 0T3.

2. Submit a Crown Land General Permit Application to Real Estate Services Branch. If you have questions about the General Permit application, contact your local Crown Land Management Specialist:
https://www.gov.mb.ca/nrnd/forest/pubs/forest_lands/land/lands_contact_list.pdf
3. If you will be providing angling services, contact the local Regional Fisheries Manager to discuss operating plans and secure authorization for angling services prior to applying.

Central Region (Gimli): 204-642-2240

Eastern Region (Lac du Bonnet): 204-345-1450

Northeast Region (Thompson): 204-677-6650

Northwest Region (The Pas): 204-620-1538

Western Region (Brandon): 204-734-3429

4. If you will be preparing and providing meals, other than field lunches, approval is required from the local Public Health Inspector:
<https://forms.gov.mb.ca/cmphi/>
5. Provide an operational plan indicating:
 - a. Site plan (hand drawn is acceptable) showing:
 - i. size of proposed site,
 - ii. the site in relation to highways, roads, lakes, or rivers,
 - iii. size and location of related facilities, and
 - iv. anything else that is relevant to the site, such as a beach, cliff, etc.
 - b. services and amenities to be provided,
 - c. current (daytime) and proposed (overnight) methods of operation on ice,
 - d. details regarding the number and type of accommodation facilities to be used, including staff and dining facilities,
 - e. occupancy capacity of each unit,
 - f. floor plans (hand-drawn is acceptable) showing room dimensions
 - g. interior and exterior photographs,
 - h. promotional strategy,
 - i. financial details, and
 - j. any other information you feel will assist the committee in reaching a recommendation.
6. That part of a 1:50,000 topographical map clearly identifying the intended area of operation.
7. An emergency response plan detailing equipment and protocols for emergency prevention and response.
8. Completed eligibility checklist.