



General Information Handout

This short handout is being provided to Dark Sky Festival (DSF) attendees as an overview and to add clarity on some matters. This is intended to make the DSF a fun event for everyone.

🔥 Festival Registration & Welcome Bag

Your “Welcome Bag” has several items that we are providing as keepsakes of your experience at the DSF and in Fort Smith. You will also be asked to sign-off the DSF liability waiver.

Bags can be picked up at scheduled activities at the site information table.

- Saturday (Aug 19)
 - Admin building at Salt River site.

🔥 Festival Host Attendants

During the festival if you have any questions or need assistance, ask one of our friendly Hosting Attendants who may be wearing a “yellow t-shirt” or any of the Parks Canada staff.

🔥 Dogs

If you bring your dog, **it must always be on a leash and under control.**

We ask that you do not bring your dog to the common area. We have equipment setup and there is a likelihood of leashes getting tangled in the tripods. Some people get anxious near dogs and we want all participants to feel safe.

At Salt River (WBNP) this requirement is part of the Canada National Parks Act.

🔥 No Cell-Phone Coverage at Pine Lake

There is no cell-phone coverage at Salt River. Festival organizers have a satellite phone in the case of a serious emergency.

🔥 Campfires (currently fire ban in place)

~~Campfires are not permitted in the camping area of DSF site. There are fire-pits at the general assembly area near the cabins. They are there for everyone to use and enjoy.~~

🔥 First Aid

Salt River is about 26 Km from a medical facility. There is a basic First Aid kit in the Admin Cabin and WBNP staff have basic First Aid training.

If you have a medical condition or allergy that we should know about, let us know (tell the Host Attendant know when you arrive).

🔥 Dinner and Breakfast servings

We provide the basic necessities for your meal consumption (re-usable plates, cutlery, drinking device, etc.)

After your meal place them in the collection bins. We will clean them later for use next year. This is our contribution to being “green”.

To ensure everyone receives a proper 1st portion for their dinner we ask that you wait before going for seconds. Once everyone has been served 1st we will announce that second servings are up for grabs.

🔥 Arriving at Salt River

On arrival at Salt River we ask that you check-in with the attendant at the Admin cabin who will help with;

- Directions to a camping spot, parking, etc.
- Updated activity schedule and other info.

🔥 Arriving / Leaving Salt River late Saturday

The main road to Festival Site will be barricaded after 9:00 pm on Saturday. Access the festival site after 9pm on Saturday is by walking in from the Pine Lake Road access road.

We ask if you plan to arrive or leave the Festival Site after 9:00 pm on Saturday, that you park on along the main road (Pine Lake access road).

🔥 Parent Responsibilities

Parents are responsible for supervision of their children during the festival and must remain at Festival Site.

Parents allowing kid(s) to cause a disturbance to other participants will be asked to correct the situation immediately.

◆ Flashlights and Laser Pointers

Do not use white-lights after dusk when you are in the common areas. It will ruin the night vision of those wanting to see stars or use telescopes. It can take up to 30 minutes to regain full night vision.

We have red plastic film to cover your flashlight, just ask.

Laser pointers may cause permanent eye injury up to 5 km away. Be cautious when you turn one on.

Do not give them to young kids.

◆ Water Safety at Salt River

Children are not to be left unattended near the river or cliff edge at the upper site.

◆ Bear and Bison Awareness

In your information package we have included details on "Bear Safety". Everyone in your group should be aware of its details and instructions.

If you spot a bear or bison in the festival area, let out a loud shout to let everyone know it is there.

DO NOT attempt to chase it off yourself. One of the festival attendants will deal with it.

◆ Generator Use

To ensure everyone has an peaceful camping experience, we ask that any generators be used only between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm.

◆ Garbage Disposal

We ask that you contribute to "*Pack-It-In / Pack-It-Out*" principles for your garbage and non bio-degradable materials.

There is a garbage disposal bin at the entrance of the site access road. It has limited capacity and may fill-up by the end of the festival.

⇒ Some Camping Gear Suggestions

ESSENTIALS

- Drinking water
- Snacks, munchies
- Bug repellent

CAMPING and SLEEPING

- Tent
- Ground sheet or tarp,
- Air mattress (and pump) or sleeping pad
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket
- Pillow

TOILETRIES

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap, hand sanitizer
- Hairbrush, small mirror
- Towel, washcloth

OTHER STUFF

- Repair kit (duct tape & string), rope or twine
- Cooler
- Flashlight
- Plastic bags (garbage, re-useable)
- Camp chair
- Pocket knife
- Camera, batteries, etc.
- Mugs, bowls, plates, cutlery
- Paper towels

FOR KIDS

- Favourite toy
- Special blankets/ pillow
- Games or deck of cards
- Storybooks
- Extra clothing