



## 2017 BioBlitz Canada 150 Camping Information Package

This package contains information on what to bring for this campsite, and the protocols that go along with camping at a BioBlitz event.

*Please see the 2017 BioBlitz 150 General Information Package for details regarding Schedules, Safety & Potential Hazards, Code of Conduct, Registration, Directions, and What to Bring.*

### WELCOME CAMPERS!

You have secured a camping spot for the 2017 BioBlitz Canada 150 event! This year, we have an outdoor campsite at the Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP) marked as “Tent City” that is directly north of the Registration/Parks Canada Welcome Area at Base Camp (1749 Meadowvale Road). We have special permission from Parks Canada and the Toronto Zoo to use the area as a campsite. **This area is not an actual campground**, and does not have amenities beyond porta-potties. Please plan your camping experience accordingly.

*As mentioned in the email associated with this document, please send a note to [ontariobioblitz@gmail.com](mailto:ontariobioblitz@gmail.com) with the subject heading “NO LONGER CAMPING” if you are opting out of camping.*

### What to Bring:

- **Clothing:** bring layers of clothes for a large range of weather conditions and a change of clothing if needed. We will blitz rain or shine. Check the weather report before you arrive.
- **Camping supplies:** bring a tent, sleeping bag/comforter, sleeping pad/blow-up mattress, and any other basic camping supplies you need. A mallet may be required to stake your tent into the ground.
- **Food:** a continental breakfast is available in the morning, and a BBQ for BioBlitz participants in the afternoon on Sunday June 25 at Base Camp. Campers are encouraged to bring non-perishable snacks and food, especially if there are specific dietary restrictions.
- **Reminder:** all food should be sealed and stored safely in a container or bag overnight in order to deter raccoons or other animals from entering the camp site. If you are bringing a vehicle, this would be a great place to store food overnight.
- **Bring refillable containers/water bottles with you**, as there will be potable water available at Base Camp.

## CAMPING PROTOCOLS:

- Have fun! ...Just remember you are sharing this space with intensive blitzers, BioBlitz staff, other guided session participants and volunteers. There may be others around you who will have a late night and/or an early morning. **Be respectful and keep noise levels to a minimum! There are endangered species (Vancouver Island Marmot and Loggerhead Shrike) who are breeding or caring for young next door at the Toronto Zoo, and sudden loud noises will disturb them – not to mention the birders who will be getting up before dawn for their morning surveys.**
- Parking is available on-site to all bioblitz participants indicated on the map on page 3
- We will have a campfire at the designated campfire pit area on Saturday June 24. This will be closely monitored by BioBlitz staff. ***There are no fires permitted in/near Tent City.***
- The campground is off-limits to the general public. ONLY those registered to camp (including staff, intensive blitzers, guided session participants and volunteers) may enter the campground. Those who wish to unload camping gear from a vehicle or park their cars near Tent City must do so before 8:30pm Saturday night. After that time the gates will be locked to permit only foot traffic into Tent City, and gear must be carried over from the main parking lot. This is for the safety of those who will be setting up their tents and those who are still walking around base camp for intensive and guided blitz explorations.
- There will be volunteers keeping an eye on the camp area for the duration of the Blitz. However, you are responsible for any valuables you bring. Do not leave valuables unattended at any time. ***Disclaimer: The Rouge National Urban Park BioBlitz team is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.***
- All camping supplies, materials and belongings must be removed from the campsite area by 12:30pm on Sunday. Volunteers will no longer be watching over the area beyond that time.
- Porta-Potties will be available on-site. There will be no running water overnight.
- Alcohol is not permitted at the BioBlitz campsite, at Base Camp, or any Satellite Locations.
- No-trace camping is required – be sure to dispose of any garbage and take all of your belongings home with you.

### ***PLEASE SEE PAGE 3 FOR THE CAMPSITE MAP***

*TIP: you can familiarize yourself with Base Camp via Google Maps street view prior to arrival*

**CAMPSITE MAP:**

*This is a Google satellite map view of Base Camp, with arrows indicating how you should enter the site via vehicle or foot traffic.*

