

## Updated Regional District of Nanaimo Park Use Permit Process

Park use permits are needed for special uses outside typical recreational activities in all Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) parks. Updates have been made to RDN Park Use Regulations Bylaw 1801 to improve the permit application process for residents, organizations and businesses. Changes include streamlined permit categories and a new fee structure that is now in effect. With increasing usage of RDN parks and facilities, park use permits help protect the environment, manage shared spaces and ensure the needs of all groups are considered.

### Park Use Permit Categories

The permit categories have been streamlined from eight to the following four categories:

- Special events/programs
- Construction access
- Research
- Commercial filming

### Park Use Permit Fee Structure

Permit fees help cover park operation and maintenance costs and are reinvested in the parks. The regional park fees go to the regional park budget. Community park fees go to the respective electoral area park budget. Fees typically range from free to \$500 or more depending on the size and type of event e.g., public or private, commercial or non-profit. The updated fee structure provides fairer, more flexible fees with damage deposits adjusted to match each event's scale and potential impact.

### Special Use Activities

Examples of special use activities that require a permit include, but are not limited to:


- Events e.g., weddings, group celebrations
- Reserved facilities e.g., exclusive use of picnic shelters, sports courts
- Programs and classes e.g., sports tournaments, dog training classes
- Commercial activities e.g., guided tours, fitness classes
- Research
- Filming
- Construction access

For more information on park permits and other park use regulations, visit [rdn.bc.ca/general-information-and-regulations](https://rdn.bc.ca/general-information-and-regulations).

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