

Para NB – Sport & Recreation

Campground Accessibility Checklist



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This checklist is designed by Para NB – Sport & Recreation to provide guidelines to assist parks in New Brunswick to provide a successful and enjoyable camping experience that is accessible and inclusive for all campers.

This tool recognizes areas of excellence in accessibility and also draws attention to several areas where accessibility can be improved by good design. A pen, writing pad, tape measure, level, a copy of the NB Barrier Free Design Building Code and a calculator are the only tools required to complete this review. The review tool was designed to have the reviewer start at entrance and travel step-by-step through the campground.

General Park Areas

Check off one the three buttons that apply.

	Yes	No	N/A
At entry gates, is the centerline of operating controls on ticket or payment machines located between 40 cm and 120 cm from the ground?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there is a service counter, do payment terminals have a cord long enough that it can be passed easily to the driver?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are accessible features (e.g. campsites, washrooms, trails) clearly marked with directional signage from the main gate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are wheelchair or power scooter users able to access all primary areas and amenities within the campground using accessible paths of travel of at least 150 cm wide?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are paths constructed of an accessible surface such as asphalt, concrete or crusher dust?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

General Park Area cont.

	Yes	No	N/A
Are paths level, well-drained and free of debris?			
Do all accessible trails have rest areas at interval of 60 m?			
Do the rest areas provide shade or protection from rainfall?			
Are the shoulders of the accessible trail cleared at a minimum of 50 cm wide with a slight slope away from the trail and a 2.5 m vertical clearance?			
If there are accessible power outlets to allow recharging of batteries for electric mobility aids or electric hookups for RVs, are they between 45 cm and 55 cm from the ground?			
Are there any adapted recreation equipment (e.g. pool wheelchairs, sit skis, accessible golf carts) available on site?			
Is the adapted recreation equipment location clearly marked with directional signage and easy to access?			
Are staff properly trained on proper maintenance, proper fit and use of the adapted recreation equipment?			
Are staff trained in first aid and CPR in case of medical emergency?			

Unserviced Campsites

	Yes	No	N/A
Are the accessible campsites visually equal in quality to other campsites while offering accessible or barrier-free options (no obvious modifications such as an entirely paved site, absence of vegetation or trees, segregated from other sites, etc.)?			
Are 15% of all campsites designed to be accessible camp sites?			
Are accessible campsites indicated on the campground layout maps?			
Does the living space have a minimum of 92 cm of clear space between fixed elements such as tent pads, fire pits, picnic tables and barbecue grills?			

Unserviced Campsites cont.

	Yes	No	N/A
Do accessible paths that connect the campsite to accessible parking, washrooms and other amenities continuous, have grade change no steeper than 1:20, and free of obstacles?			
Are camp sites located within 45 m to the nearest accessible washroom/showers?			
Are camp sites located within 60 m of other amenities such as laundry facilities?			
Are tent platforms on a natural-looking firm, level surface with a minimum of 4.3 m by 5 m in dimension?			
Are the platforms easily accessible with a sill or bump no more than 1.3 cm and a grade change no steeper than 1:20?			
Are the edges of the campsite well defined with a contrasting texture or colour change? *Vegetation and underbrush may provide an adequate texture or colour contrast.			
Is the designated parking space situated as close as possible to the accessible camp site? *The NB Barrier Free Building Code requires that the designated parking space must be located within 50 m of an accessible entrance of a building. However, lugging camping gear at this distance may prove difficult for most.			
Does the fire pit have a minimum of 120 cm width of clear access, have sides between 40-60 cm high and have a fire building surface no less than 20 cm from the ground?			
Do garbage bins have 120 cm width of clear access and have an operating height of no more than 100 cm high? *Please be aware that some bear-proof bins may be difficult to open. In some cases, safety overrides accessibility.			
If the bins are located on an elevated platform, is the platform easily accessible with a sill or bump no more than 1.3 cm and a grade change no steeper than 1:20?			
Do pedestal grills have a minimum of 120 cm width of clear access, have a cooking surface that is between 75 cm and 90 cm high and have a knee clearance of 68 cm high?			
Are there sheltered or shaded areas available near the tent platform?			
Does the campsite have a picnic table? If so, please refer to the Picnic Area section of this checklist.			

Serviced (Recreational Vehicle) Sites

	Yes	No	N/A
Are accessible camping sites at least 6 m wide x 6 m long to accommodate accessible RVs with a lift?			
Does the living space have a minimum of 92 cm of clear space between fixed elements such as tent pads, fire pits, picnic tables and barbecue grills?			
Are the edges of the campsite well defined with a contrasting texture or colour change? *Vegetation and underbrush may provide an adequate texture or colour contrast.			
Are accessible paths that connect the RV site to accessible parking, washrooms and other amenities continuous and free of obstacles?			
Do electrical and water hook-ups have a minimum of 120 cm width of clear access, are no more than 100 cm high and operable with one hand without tight grasping or twisting of the wrist?			
Do the water hook-ups have a drain that is flush with the grade to prevent water pooling?			
Does the fire pit have a minimum of 120cm width of clear access, have sides between 40-60 cm high and have a fire building surface no less than 20cm from the ground?			
Do garbage bins have 120 cm width of clear access and have an operating height of no more than 100 cm high? *Please be aware that some bear-proof bins may be difficult to open. In some cases, safety overrides accessibility.			
If the bins are located on an elevated platform, is the platform easily accessible with a sill or bump no more than 1.3 cm and a grade change no steeper than 1:12?			
Do pedestal grills have a minimum of 120 cm width of clear access, have a cooking surface that is between 75 cm and 90 cm high and have a knee clearance of 68 cm high?			
Do the paths that connect the campsite with the accessible parking, washrooms and other amenities have firm, level surfaces, have a grade change less than 1:20, and are at least 150 cm wide?			
Are accessible sites within 45 m of accessible washroom/shower?			
Are accessible sites within 60 m of other amenities such as laundry facilities?			
Are there sheltered or shaded areas available near the RV site?			

Does the campsite have a picnic table? If so, please refer to the Picnic Area section of this checklist.

Cabins/Yurts

Are accessible paths that connect the cabin site to accessible parking, washrooms and other amenities continuous, free of obstacles, and have grade changes less than 1:20?

Does the living space have a minimum of 92 cm of clear space between fixed elements such as cabin, fire pits, picnic tables and barbecue grills?

Are the edges of the campsite well defined with a contrasting texture or colour change?
*Vegetation and underbrush may provide an adequate texture or colour contrast.

Are all doorways at least 80 cm when in the open wide position with a transition strip of no more than 1.3 cm high?

Are all doorways operable with either a working power door opener, lever handles or push plate/pull handles at a height of 80cm to 120cm from the ground?

Is the main door lock operable with no pressure?

Does the interior of the doorways have a clear, level floor area of 150 cm by 150 cm?

Does the exterior of the doorways have a clear, level floor area of 120 cm by 120 cm?

Are the electrical outlets between 45 cm and 55 cm from the floor?

Are the light switches and thermostats no higher than 137cm from the floor and operable with no pressure?

Do the cabins and yurts have raised bunks to make it easier to transfer in and out of bed?

Does the kitchen conform to Clause 3.8.3.19 (4) of the NB Barrier-Free Building Design?

Does the washroom conform to Clause 3.8.3.11 of the NB Barrier-Free Building Design?

Are there sheltered or shaded areas available near the cabin site?

Does the campsite have a picnic table? If so, please refer to the Picnic Area section of this checklist.

Picnic Areas

Yes

No

N/A

In shared areas of the park, are 10% of picnic tables, never less than 2, wheelchair accessible?

Are picnic areas reachable by accessible paths of at least 150 cm wide and made of an accessible surface of asphalt, concrete or crusher dust and are level, well-drained, free of debris, have a grade change less than 1:20?

Are picnic tables on an accessible surface with a minimum 200 cm width of clear access from all sides?

Do picnic tables have 76 cm width of clear access with an overhanging edge that extends out at least 48 cm, that is no less than 68 cm from the ground to the underneath of the table and have a knee clearance of 48 cm deep?

Are there accessible picnic tables available in sheltered or shaded areas?

Do pedestal grills have a minimum of 120 cm width of clear access, have a cooking surface that is between 75 cm and 90 cm high and have a knee clearance of 68 cm high?

Do garbage bins have 120 cm width of clear access and have an operating height of no more than 100 cm high? *Please be aware that some bear-proof bins may be difficult to open. In some cases, safety overrides accessibility.

If the bins are located on an elevated platform, is the platform easily accessible with a sill or bump no more than 1.3 cm and a grade change no steeper than 1:12?

If a communal sink is available, does it have a knee clearance not less than (a) 76 cm wide, (b) 73.5 cm high at the front edge, (c) 68.5 cm high at a point 20.5 cm back from the front edge and (d) 23cm high over the distance from a point 28cm to a point 43 cm back from the front edge?

If the sink dispenses hot water, does it have insulated pipes to prevent a burn hazard?

Are the faucets operable with one hand without tight grasping (lever or hands-free/sensory) that are at least 7.5 cm long?

Picnic Areas cont.

	Yes	No	N/A
If communal drinking fountains are available, are they located along a barrier-free path of travel? Do they have a minimum clear floor space of 80 cm by 135 cm in front?			
If the drinking fountain has frontal access, does it provide a knee clearance not less than 76 cm wide, 73.5 cm high at the front edge, and 23 cm high over a point 28 cm to a point 43 cm back from the front edge?			
Is the drinking fountain spout located near the front of the unit at a height between 75 cm and 91.5 cm above the ground and directs water flow in a trajectory that is nearly parallel to the front of the unit, at a height of not less than 10 cm and equipped with controls that activate automatically or are located either on the front or on both sides?			
Are the controls of the drinking fountain located 40 cm to 120 cm above the ground and are operable with one hand in a closed fist position, without requiring tight grasping, pinching with fingers, or twisting of the wrist?			

Information lodges / Restaurants/ Canteens/ Kiosks/ Amphitheaters

 If you would like a Para NB Staff member to administer a complete Accessibility Review of any of your park's facilities, please contact the Ability NB office at 1.866.462.9555.

	Yes	No	N/A
EXTERIOR OF FACILITY			
Does the path of travel have a width not less than 110 cm or where adjacent to a curb ramp, not less than 120 cm?			
Is there a level pathway from the parking area to the accessible entrance?			
Are all curbs along the route cut?			
Is the path of travel to the ramp or the door barrier-free and clear of obstructions (e.g., steps, abrupt changes in level, hills, pot holes, snow, ice, garbage cans)?			
Is the surface of the route firm, slip resistant, continuous and well lit?			
Is there a level drop off area for those using public transportation (to allow other vehicles to circulate while loading/unloading)?			

ENTRANCE OF FACILITY

Is there a level pathway, or a ramp with a slope no more than 1:12 and a maximum length of 9 m to the primary entrance of the facility?

Does the ramp located in the barrier-free path of travel have a width of at least 106.7 cm between handrails?

Is the entrance doorway at least 106.7 cm wide when in the wide-open position?

Is there is a clear, firm, level area of 150 cm by 150 cm at the top and bottom of the entrance or ramp?
Are the mats at the entrance secure?

Does the entrance have no more than a sill or bump of 13 mm?

Does the accessible entrance door open by using low pressure (power door opener, lever handles, or push plate/pull handles)?

INTERIOR ROUTES OF FACILITY

Is there a minimum width of 106.7 cm clear pathway to all areas of the facility, including in aisles?

Do inside doors have a width of at least 106.7 cm when in the wide-open position?

Can a wheelchair or power scooter user access all areas and amenities within the facility (e.g., restaurants, pool, meeting rooms, activities, levels)?

Do all interior doors require low pressure to open or are operable with a power door opener, lever handles, or push plate/pull handles?

WASHROOMS

Please refer to **Para NB – Sport & Recreation’s Facility Accessibility Checklist**

Please refer to **Para NB – Sport & Recreation’s Playground Accessibility Checklist**



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