
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Skookum Park

Overnight Camping Policy

Day & Overnight Use Permit

Rules, Fees, and Reservation Procedures

Approved by Squaxin Island Tribal Council

Effective 2026

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Recreating on Squaxin Island Tribe property is a privilege. This policy governs overnight camping at Skookum Park by enrolled members of the Squaxin Island Tribe and establishes reservation procedures, fees, rules, and safety requirements. It is designed to preserve general daytime access for all tribal members while enabling limited overnight use during the spring and summer season.

RESERVATIONS & CONTACT

Malia Henry

Squaxin Island Tribe

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Work: (360) 432-3873

Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Site Map & Designated Use Areas

The map below shows the designated overnight use areas at Skookum Park. Tent camping is permitted only in the ballfield. The covered shelter (with provided picnic tables) is available as a separate rental. RV parking is permitted only in the designated lot at the marked angle; RVs are not permitted on the ballfield. All other tribal members retain daytime access to the park, including the beach.

RV Camping is Coming in 2028

SKOOKUM PARK

Site Map & Designated Use Areas — Squaxin Island Tribe



Coming in 2028

0 ~50 ft ~100 ft
Not to exact scale

Diagrammatic site map. Not to exact scale.

1. Purpose

Skookum Park is a tribally-owned and operated recreation area of the Squaxin Island Tribe. This policy establishes the terms under which enrolled members of the Tribe may reserve and use a designated portion of the park for overnight camping, and clarifies that overnight reservations do not displace general daytime access by other tribal members.

2. Eligibility & Shared Use

1. Overnight camping is available to enrolled members of the Squaxin Island Tribe in good standing, age 18 or older.
2. Reservation of an overnight camping area does not grant exclusive use of the park. All other tribal members retain full daytime access to Skookum Park during the reserved period, including access to portions of the park outside the reserved camping footprint.
3. The designated overnight camping area is limited to: (a) a reserved portion of the ballfield, and (b) optionally, the covered shelter. The remainder of the park remains open for day use.
4. The maximum number of people (Permittee plus family and guests) allowed at one time under an overnight permit is thirty (30). Larger groups, including weddings and family gatherings, require additional sanitation arrangements (see Section 4).

3. Season, Hours & Stay Limits

1. Overnight camping is permitted May 1 through September 30 only.
2. Check-in: 2:30 p.m. on the first reserved day. Check-out: 1:00 p.m. on the last reserved day.
3. Quiet hours are in effect from 10:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Generators, amplified music, and other noise-producing devices must be off during quiet hours.
4. Maximum consecutive stay: seven (7) nights. Maximum total nights per calendar year: fourteen (14) per Permittee household.
5. The Squaxin Island Tribe reserves the right to limit, suspend, or close the park or any portion of it due to safety concerns, fire hazard, extreme weather, cultural use, tribal operations, or other purposes, with or without notice and without refund obligation beyond pro-rated unused nights.

4. Fees & Payment

Item	Fee	Notes
Day-use permit (existing)	\$25 / day	<i>Daylight hours; May–September. Unchanged.</i>
Overnight camping — ballfield	\$25 / night	<i>Tent camping; 1 permit covers up to 30 people.</i>
Covered shelter add-on	\$25 / night	<i>Optional; reserved with camping permit.</i>
Porta-potty (1 unit, included)	Included in permit	<i>Tribe arranges delivery for all reservations.</i>
Additional porta-potty unit	\$150 per unit	<i>Required for groups over 30 people or events with high use (e.g., weddings, gatherings). Billed at time of booking.</i>
Excessive cleanup fee	Billed at cost	<i>Charged if site is left with exorbitant garbage or requires extraordinary cleanup.</i>
Lost permit replacement	Original fee	<i>Permit must be carried while on property.</i>
Cancellation — 7+ days prior	Full refund	
Cancellation — less than 7 days	50% refund	<i>Porta-potty fees non-refundable once unit ordered.</i>
Cancellation — less than 48 hours / no-show	No refund	

Sanitation - Porta-Potty Guidance

Skookum Park has one (1) porta-potty unit on-site, included with every permit. The Squaxin Island Tribe arranges delivery and service. Industry guidance is one unit per 50 people for a day event, and two units per 50 people for overnight or multi-day events.

An additional unit (\$150) is required when: (a) the permitted group exceeds 30 people, (b) the reservation is for a wedding, memorial, or other gathering anticipated to draw more than 30 people, or (c) the reservation spans three (3) or more consecutive nights. The Squaxin Island Tribe may require additional units at its discretion based on the nature of the event.

5. Reservation Procedure

1. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and may be made up to sixty (60) days in advance.
2. Reservations may be submitted in person at the Squaxin Island Tribe administrative office or by contacting Malia Henry, Squaxin Island Tribe — email mrhenry@squaxin.us or phone (360) 432-3805 — during business hours (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).
3. Permittee must provide: (a) name and enrollment verification, (b) dates requested, (c) estimated number of people, (d) nature of the event (e.g., family camping, wedding, memorial), (e) contact phone number, and (f) payment in full at time of booking.
4. Reservations expected to exceed 30 people must be disclosed at time of booking so that an additional porta-potty unit can be ordered. Failure to disclose may result in permit revocation.
5. Only one active overnight reservation per household at a time.

6. Reservation Tracking & Recordkeeping

The park coordinator shall maintain a reservation log that includes the following for each overnight permit:

- Permit number (sequential, issued at booking)
- Permittee name and tribal enrollment number
- Dates and nights reserved; nature of event
- Areas reserved (ballfield camping, shelter, or both)
- Number of people anticipated and number of porta-potty units ordered
- Fees paid (including any additional sanitation charges) and payment method
- Check-in and check-out timestamps
- Any incidents, complaints, or rule violations during the stay

Logs shall be retained for not less than three (3) years and reviewed annually as part of park budget and policy review. Incident records may be shared with Tribal Council, Public Safety, and the Tribe's risk management or insurance carrier as needed.

7. Overnight Camping Rules

All day-use rules continue to apply during overnight stays. In addition:

⚠️ PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ⚠️

No alcohol • No drugs • No fires, open flame, or fireworks • No firearms or weapons • No charcoal grills • Year-round, regardless of burn ban status

Propane camp stoves are permitted when attended and used on non-combustible surfaces.

1. No alcohol. The possession or consumption of alcohol is prohibited at Skookum Park at all times, including within reserved camping areas. This applies to all permit holders, family members, and guests.
2. No drugs. Drug use (outside of properly prescribed medication) is prohibited on Squaxin Island Tribe property and will be reported to law enforcement.
3. No fires, open flame, fireworks, or charcoal of any kind. This includes campfires, charcoal grills, tiki torches, sparklers, and all pyrotechnics. Propane camp stoves are permitted only when attended and used on non-combustible surfaces. This restriction applies year-round regardless of county or state burn ban status.
4. No firearms, bows, crossbows, or other weapons, except as authorized by law for tribal law enforcement.
5. No commercial activity, tree or brush cutting, commercial harvesting, or emptying of RV or camper holding tanks on the property.
6. Trash receptacles are provided by the Squaxin Island Tribe. Permittees are responsible for ensuring their camping site is left clean and free of debris at check-out. No dumping of gray water, holding-tank contents, or other waste on the property. Permittees who leave behind an exorbitant amount of garbage or whose sites require extraordinary cleanup will be charged a cleanup fee billed at cost.
7. Tents and temporary camping equipment only. No permanent structures. RVs, trailers, and camper vans are permitted in designated parking only; occupants must sleep inside the RV or in tents staged within the reserved area.
8. All vehicles must use existing roads and park in designated parking only. The Squaxin Island Tribe will remove vehicles in violation at the owner's expense.
9. Dogs and other animals must be under the Permittee's control at all times and must not disturb other park users. Permittee is responsible for clean-up.

10. Gate access is managed by an outside security company contracted by the Squaxin Island Tribe. Permittees shall comply with all access procedures provided at the time of reservation and shall not tamper with, prop open, or share access credentials for the gate.
11. Permittees must have their permit and photo ID with them at all times while on Squaxin Island Tribe property and shall present them upon request of any law enforcement officer or Squaxin Island Tribe representative.
12. Permittees are responsible for the actions of their family members and guests at all times and shall ensure all members of their party are aware of and comply with these rules.
13. Daytime users of Skookum Park who are not part of the overnight permit retain full access to the park during reserved overnight dates and must not be denied access by the Permittee or their guests.

8. Safety, Camp-at-Your-Own-Risk & Emergency

1. Permittee acknowledges the inherent risks of outdoor recreation and overnight camping, including but not limited to: injury, illness, weather exposure, wildlife encounter, falling trees or branches, uneven terrain, water hazards, insect bites, allergic reactions, and the acts of third parties. Permittee camps at their own risk and assumes full responsibility for themselves, their family, and their guests.
2. In the event of an emergency, call 911.
3. The park is not continuously staffed overnight. Permittees should be prepared for self-sufficient camping, including first aid supplies, drinking water, and adequate shelter.
4. Report any hazardous conditions (downed trees, damaged facilities, suspicious activity) to Malia Henry at (360) 432-3805 or to Law Enforcement as soon as it is safe to do so.
5. Report illegal activity to law enforcement at 911.

9. Indemnification & Sovereign Immunity

1. Permittee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Squaxin Island Tribe, its subsidiaries, enterprises, and the officers, agents, and employees of each, from and against all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, that the Squaxin Island Tribe may incur due to the Permittee's use of Squaxin Island Tribe land, whether caused by the negligence of the Permittee, the Permittee's family, the Permittee's guests, or otherwise.

2. Any disputes arising from or related to this permit shall be resolved in the Squaxin Island Tribal Court, applying Squaxin Island Tribal law.

10. Enforcement & Revocation

1. Violation of this policy or any rule of the Squaxin Island Tribe may result in immediate revocation of the permit without refund.
 2. Permittee and all family and guests may be required to leave Squaxin Island Tribe property immediately upon revocation.
 3. Repeat violations may result in suspension of future reservation privileges for a period determined by the Squaxin Island Tribe.
 4. Criminal activity will not be tolerated and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
 5. Permittee shall comply with any and all modifications to these rules.
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Questions or Non-Emergency Matters

For reservations, permit questions, lost items, concerns about park conditions, or any other matter that is not a 911 emergency, please contact:

<p>Malia Henry Squaxin Island Tribe mrhenry@squaxin.us 360-432-3873</p>	<p>Park Coordinator Squaxin Island Tribe</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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PERMIT # <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/>
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PERMIT TYPE (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Day Use Only (Shelter)	<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight — Ballfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight + Shelter
<i>\$25 / day</i>	<i>\$25 / night</i>	<i>\$50 / night</i>

PERMIT DETAILS

Date(s) of Permit (May–September only)	
Check-in Date / Time (2:30 p.m.)	
Check-out Date / Time (1:00 p.m.)	
Printed Name of Permittee	
Tribal Enrollment Number	
Phone Number	
Nature of Event (camping, wedding, etc.)	
Number of People (max 30 — disclose if more)	
Additional Porta-Potty Required? (Y/N)	
Permit Fee	
Additional Porta-Potty Fee (\$150/unit)	
Total Fees Paid	

RULES — ALL PERMITTEES MUST COMPLY

1. Permittees shall comply with all laws and regulations of the Squaxin Island Tribe, including all posted signs and the instructions of any employee or representative of the Squaxin Island Tribe.
2. This permit is valid only for the dates and use type specified above. Day-use permits are valid during daylight hours only. Overnight permits are valid from 2:30 p.m. check-in to 1:00 p.m. check-out on the specified dates.
3. Permittees must have their permit and photo ID with them at all times while on Squaxin Island Tribe property, and shall present them upon request. Lost permits can be replaced at the original purchase price.
4. Permittees are responsible for the actions of their family members and guests at all times. Maximum: thirty (30) people. Groups expected to exceed 30 people must be disclosed at booking; an additional porta-potty unit (\$150) will be required.
5. The Squaxin Island Tribe reserves the right to limit or prohibit access to any portion of Squaxin Island Tribe property and the permit area due to safety, fire hazard, extreme weather, operations, cultural use, or other purposes.
6. All vehicles must drive on existing roads and park in designated parking areas only. RVs must be in the designated RV parking lot at the marked angle; RVs are not permitted on the ballfield. Squaxin Island Tribe will remove vehicles in violation at the owner's expense.
7. Dogs and other animals must be under the Permittee's control at all times.
8. Trash receptacles are provided. Permittees are responsible for ensuring their site is clean at check-out. No dumping of gray water, holding-tank contents, or other waste. Permittees who leave behind exorbitant garbage or whose sites require extraordinary cleanup will be charged a cleanup fee billed at cost.
9. PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES: alcohol; drugs (outside of properly prescribed medication); fires, open flame, fireworks, or charcoal of any kind; firearms or other weapons (except tribal law enforcement); commercial harvesting; tree or brush cutting; emptying of holding tanks. Propane camp stoves permitted only when attended and on non-combustible surfaces.
10. For overnight permits: quiet hours 10:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.; maximum seven (7) consecutive nights; maximum fourteen (14) nights per calendar year per household.
11. Reservation of overnight camping does NOT grant exclusive use of the park. Other tribal members retain daytime access during reserved dates.

12. In the event of an emergency, call 911.
13. Permittee acknowledges the inherent risks of recreational and overnight camping activities and assumes full responsibility for such risks. Permittee camps at their own risk.
14. Permittee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Squaxin Island Tribe, its subsidiaries, and the officers, agents, and employees of each, from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, the Squaxin Island Tribe may incur due to the Permittee's use of Squaxin Island Tribe land, whether caused by the negligence of the Permittee, the Permittee's family, the Permittee's guests, or otherwise.
15. Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive the sovereign immunity of the Squaxin Island Tribe, or its enterprises, agents, or employees. Disputes shall be resolved in Squaxin Island Tribal Court.
16. Report illegal activity to law enforcement at 911. Report park concerns to Malia Henry at (360) 432-3805 or mrhenry@squaxin.us.
17. Permittee shall comply with any and all modifications to these rules.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the rules above. I accept that I camp and use this property at my own risk. I agree to the indemnification terms and acknowledge that the Squaxin Island Tribe's sovereign immunity is not waived. I accept responsibility for all members of my party.

SIGNATURES

Signature of Permittee

Date

Printed Name of Permittee

Phone

Squaxin Island Tribe Representative

Date