



2026 Spring Guides Exchange Information Camp Caillet, Nanaimo

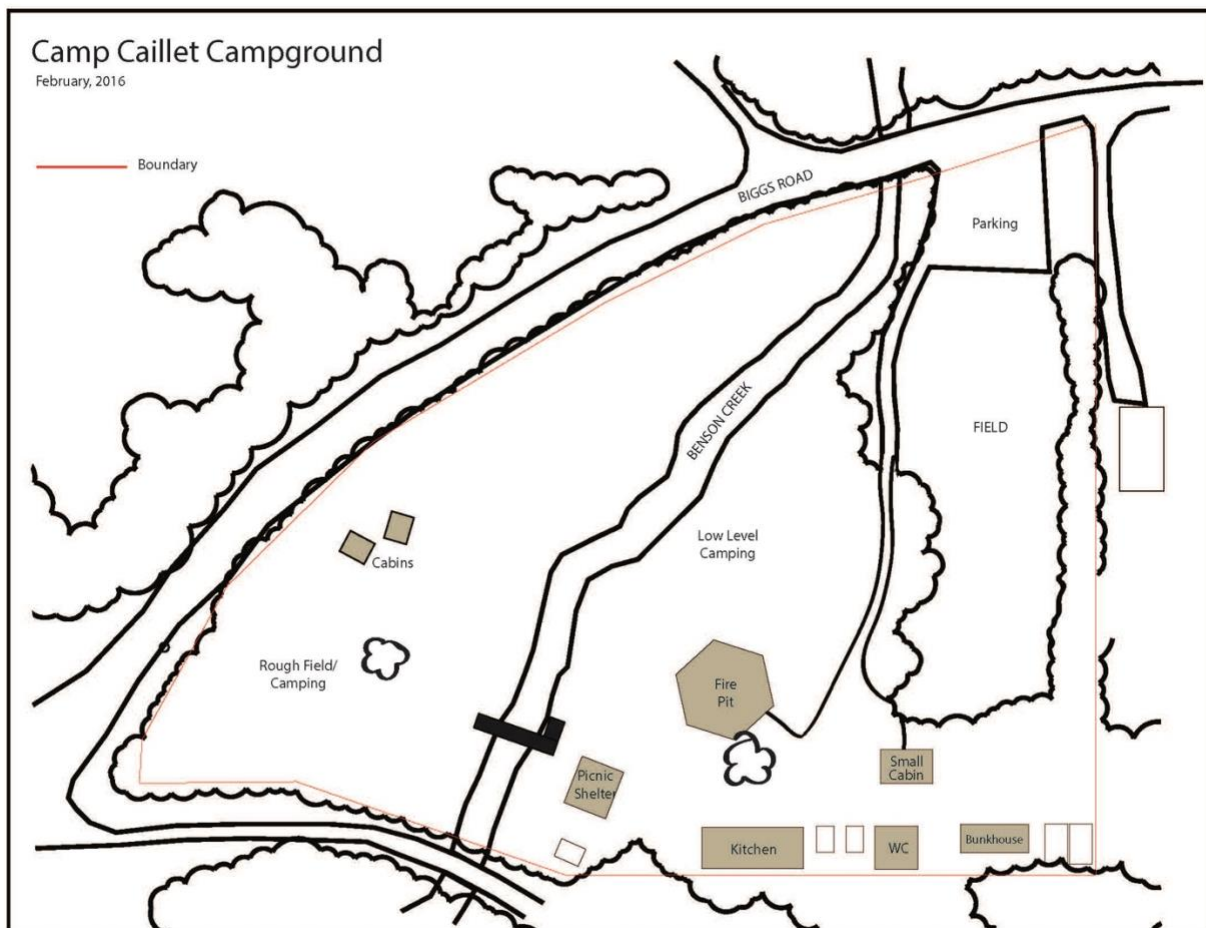
We're excited to have you join us for the weekend and look forward to learning and celebrating our kayaking passion with you!

Please read over the information below to help make your weekend more enjoyable.

You can find a copy of the [schedule here](#). And information about the [workshop leaders here](#).

Location:

Camp Caillet is in the north part of Nanaimo, near junction 24 on Highway 19. To get there, use the directions below or click the link for a Google map.



Driving Directions:

From Junction 24, Highway 19, turn west onto Jingle Pot Road and take the immediate right onto Biggs Road. Follow Biggs Road for approximately 2 kilometres past the prison and Brannen Lake. Camp Caillet is on the left-hand side of the road, marked by a large parking area. The Camp is signposted on your arrival.

<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/Biggs+Rd,+Nanaimo,+BC/@49.2057965,-124.0464883,16z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x54889882a77b6a59:0xf42ef57759760263>

Vancouver: Tsawwassen – Horseshoe Bay to Duke Point (Nanaimo). For schedules, see www.bcferries.com.

Carpool with other guides to save on travel costs, protect the environment, and have fun too! Carpooling threads on the [SKGABC Guide Private Facebook Group Page](#)

What to Bring:

Please bring your own kayak and gear, and make sure everything meets Coast Guard requirements. For rolling and rescue courses, you'll need full immersion gear such as a drysuit or wetsuit. The Exchange is a great opportunity to tune up your guiding kit and practice your skills, so plan to bring your usual setup—VHF, charts, compass, first aid kit, flares, rewarming gear, and anything else you typically carry.

If you like to have snacks throughout the day, feel free to bring your favourites to enjoy between meals. We also ask that you bring your own mug, dishware, utensils, and containers for packing lunches.

Parking

There is a designated parking lot. You will also be able to drive and unload or park next to your camping site depending upon the area you choose. Most of our workshops take place off camp so please keep that in mind when parking and try to carpool with your fellow guides for workshops.

Arrival and Registration

Check-in and workshop sign up starts at 1700 hrs on Friday. Everyone needs to sign a waiver.

Wifi Internet

Camp Caillet has high-speed wireless Internet available. Wifi Password and connection details will be available at check in

Camping

Your registration includes group tent camping in any of the three areas shown on the map: rough field camping (Memorial Field), low-level camping, and the field area. Please remember to bring all your own camping gear, as we won't have extra equipment available to lend.

Toilets

Both sides of the camp have portable toilets

Workshops

We have a variety of interesting and valuable workshops. Please make sure that you have an opportunity over the weekend to practice your rescue skills.

We will be keeping our workshops small to allow for lots of one-on-one time and for our workshop leaders to meet their requirements for their ongoing training.

For lake-based sessions, we'll be using Brannen Lake and the [Brannen Lake Beach & Boat Launch \(5500 Dunster Rd\)](#), which is about a 10-minute drive from camp.

For our ocean-based sessions, we'll be heading to a few nearby launch sites. Most sessions will use the public access at [Brechin Boat Ramp \(1890 Zorkin Road\)](#) and [Charlaine Boat Ramp \(R.O.W. Hammond Bay Rd.\)](#), both about a 15-minute drive from camp. We may also use [Cedar Boat Ramp at 3070 Nelson Rd](#), which is about a 25-minute drive away. Your workshop leader will share the exact location with you when you meet up.

Camp Rules

To maintain the camp and ensure continued enjoyment, Camp Caillet has camp rules that all groups must abide by they are listed below

General Camp Rules

- Camp Caillet is rural, but they have neighbours! Please make sure that quiet time is no later than 11pm, and noise is minimal until 7am.
- Please respect the property, the stream is a fish bearing stream and at no time should anything be taken from or put into the stream.
- Do not cut any live trees or plants.
- Please use the outhouses provided and replace toilet paper as required, new rolls of toilet paper can be found in the log cabin in a green tote.
- Any pioneering projects or structures erected should be taken apart and the area cleaned up prior to leaving the camp.
- The well water from the outside taps and the kitchen is filtered. It is tested and is certified potable (drinkable).
- Please keep the flame height in the Gazebo fire pit to a reasonable level. Any other fires on the property must be in a fire ring or suitable containment mechanism.
- For safety reasons please do not let anyone climb on the walls and roof structure of the gazebo or the base (exposed root area) of the large Maple/Cedar tree adjacent to the fire pit structure.
- Please stay off the bridge handrails. (No Climbing or sitting upon)