

Backcountry Camping in Tombstone Park, Yukon

Tombstone Park is operating a backcountry camping permit and registration system from **June 1 to September 30**.

Visitor numbers to Tombstone Park have been increasing for the past several years. The back country camping permit and registration system has been initiated to reduce impacts on the natural and cultural resources of vulnerable backcountry areas while enhancing visitor experiences in Tombstone Park.

Please obtain permits to camp at **GRIZZLY, DIVIDE** and **TALUS Lakes**.

Permits are **FREE** and available from the **Tombstone Interpretive Centre** (Km 71 Dempster Highway). Each permit allows the use of one tent pad per night. Camping at each lake is limited to **three consecutive nights**. Only **10 permits** will be available per night at each lake.

Visitors wanting to camp elsewhere in the back country are free to do so without a permit. Day hiking will not be affected by the permit system.

It is important that hikers use a **bear-proof food canister** for all overnight trips into these areas. Canisters are available from the Tombstone Interpretive Centre for a fully refundable deposit of \$40.00.

Booking of permits can be done in person at the Tombstone Interpretive Centre, no more than two days before the start of your hike. If your travel plans require an earlier confirmation please contact a Tombstone Park Ranger at tombstone@gov.yk.ca

For more information, please contact:

E-mail: tombstone@gov.yk.ca

Or visit: Tombstone Interpretive Centre, Km 71 Dempster Highway

Frequently asked questions

Re: Backcountry Camping in Tombstone Park, Yukon

Why permit the back country?

Answer: Tombstone Park is open access except for at the three main lakes. We have to permit these lakes because of over-use. The sensitive natural resources at the lakes are easily damaged and crowded campsites affects visitor satisfaction. By permitting the back country lakes we are restricting the number of visitors to the lakes at any given time and hopefully protecting the lakes while providing a wilderness experience for the visitors.

Will you come looking for me if I don't return?

Answer: No. The permit is purely for the protection of the back country lake it is assigned to. It has no relevance to search and rescue. You should leave your trip plan and dates for a reliable friend or family member to call authorities if you don't return.

We are planning a trip into Tombstone and want to hike in the back country for 5 days with our last night at Divide Lake. We have four people with two tents how many permits do we need?

Answer: You need 2 permits for Divide Lake for the date you anticipate camping there.

What happens if I can't make my permitted destination on the date my permit is for?

Answer: The permit becomes invalid. If you are unsure of making your destination when booking your permit you can book two permits for two consecutive nights just in case.

I want to stay more than three nights at one lake what can I do?

Answer: You cannot stay at one lake more than three consecutive nights. However you could move onto the next lake if you have a permit for that and then return the following day if you have a permit.

Is my permit transferable to other people?

Answer: Permits are Lake and Date specific so if you change your mind in the back country you can transfer permits between visitors.