



COUNTY OF
NEWELL

Emerson Bridge Park FAQ

When will Emerson Bridge Park Campground be open for the 2026 Camping season?

Seasonal campers will be allowed to move in at 12:00 pm on May 11/2026, the park will open for all other campers at 8:00 am on May 14/2026 and will be closing for all at 2:00pm on Sept 21/26.

Day to day camping (first-come first-serve) will start May14, 2026 until the park closes for the season.

See below for After Season Camping

What's new at Emerson Bridge Park this year?

If you haven't been to the park for a while, we have made some changes in 2023. 12 full-service sites have been added, along with a new tenting area and with underground irrigation. A new cellular repeater system has been added to the park which should help to improve cell service. With the new construction, comes a new site numbering system; Your favorite site is still there, it just has a new number now.

(Please see park map for new site numbers)

Will there be seasonal and monthly sites available this year?

Emerson Bridge Park will have designated seasonal sites to choose from for seasonal bookings. This is the list of the sites that are available for Seasonal bookings.

(6) Full-Service Sites – 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 26

(8) Power Sites - 30, 35, 43, 52, 62, 68, 69, 75 (Remember: New Site Numbers Throughout the Park).

Month-long rentals (first-come first-serve). Any site that you are camped in may be booked for a month at a time until Aug 21/25. This may be done at the registration office.

How will we book seasonal sites for the 2026 camping season?

We will be accepting Seasonal Campsite Use Agreements starting on Mar 2, 2026, at 8:00 am, first come first serve. These agreements may be e-mailed to entzj@newellmail.ca or dropped off at the County of Newell office.

The agreements will be processed in order received.

If your preferred designated site has been selected by another camper, you will have the option of choosing a different designated site. Once you have been selected, a deposit of 25% will be required (with the remainder due prior to move in).

Agreements may be downloaded from this site or contact entzj@newellmail.ca to have a copy sent to you

Any agreements received before Mar 2, 2025 at 8:00 am will not be accepted.

If I have a Campsite Agreement, can my friends and family use it when I am not using it?

The Campsite Agreement is not transferable. Only the one camping unit will be registered to the site. Any changes (bought a new camper) to this camping unit will need to be cleared with park supervisors. Family and friends may use your camper or if there is room for family and friends to park another camper or tent on this site, they are more than welcome too. They would be responsible to pay regular overnight camping fees. Max occupancy per site is 2 family units with 8 people total.

Do I have to park my camping unit on the site at time of registration?

If you are staying for daily or weekend use, yes, your camping unit must be on the site.

Monthly permit holders will also be required to be on site upon original registration.

For seasonal permit holders, you will not have to park your camper on the site for the entirety of the permit nor will you have to have it with you when you arrive.

Seasonal and Monthly permit holders can come and go as they please with their campers.

No other campers may use these sites. As per our seasonal and monthly agreements.

Can I use a tent at Emerson this season?

We have had some changes to the tenting areas as some of the original tent sites were used in our full-service upgrade.

We have sites classified as non-Power sites, some of these may be used for campers and some would be designated as tenting only. Single tents or the first tent of max (3) occupying a power site will pay power site rates, the remaining tents will be at a tenting rate.

We do have underground irrigation within the park, use caution when inserting tent pegs. (Please stay on designated sites).

Can I visit my Friends/Family that has a site at Emerson Bridge Park?

Family and friends are welcome.

Please do not park or drive on grassed areas, or in other campsites. Please use designated parking areas.

Is Emerson Bridge Park open for Day Use?

Yes, Day use area is available from 10:00am till 8:00pm. Please respect our registered guests and follow the rules posted at the Shelter/Day use area. Register your group at the registration office as we need to know who is in the park should emergencies arise. For larger groups, please call the park ahead of time at **403-362-1702**.

Do not park or drive on grassed areas, or in campsites. Please use designated parking areas.

Can I still go for a walk at Emerson?

Yes, you can. If you are not camping at the park, you will need to leave your vehicle in one of the designated parking areas. We continue to add to our walking trails. Enjoy.

Is the canoe launch open?

Yes, the canoe launch area will be available for leisure boaters. Use at your own risk, you are welcome to drop off and/or pick up at this designated area.

We have added a couple of campsites at the launch area for those that are boating the river and need a place to stay. We just ask that you check in at the registration office (short walk from launch area). Please inform our park supervisors if you are planning to leave a vehicle in the parking area for an extended period of time.

Is camping available once the park closes for the season?

Yes, we do allow after-season camping in the park until Dec 1st of that camping season. You would be required to complete an After Season Camping Agreement with us. Contact entzi@newellmail.ca for more information. We have had snow before Dec 1st. The County of Newell will not be responsible for any campers that get snowed in.

More questions?

Please call **403-362-1702** and talk with our Park Supervisors throughout the camping season or call 403-362-3266 in the off season.