

## APPENDIX 5 – Parks Canada Business Parameters

### Columbia District Tourism Opportunity Strategy - Yoho National Park

Tourism operators in Yoho National Park are expected to respect the integrity of the natural environment and provide visitors with an immersion in the natural and cultural heritage of the park. Operators need to support the 'Heritage Tourism' approach which means that they will raise awareness about the park; promote sustainable tourism by encouraging environmental stewardship; deliver products and services that are appropriate and consistent with heritage and environmental protection; and finally, they will train employees' so they can share an understanding of the Park's natural and cultural heritage with visitors.

Parks Canada is supportive of appropriate businesses in Yoho National Park. However, a moratorium on issuing business licenses to new "outdoor activities" business is in place at the time of writing. In addition, the business opportunities in this study are subject to limits and conditions.

Readers who wish to provide services in Yoho National Park are urged to first contact the **Municipal and Realty Officer at 250-343-6324** regarding the latest on business license requirements. The 'Business License Application for an Outdoor Activities Business License' provides specific information on the process and limitations that apply. The Park Management Plan for Yoho National Park is a second essential source of information. It will help you develop a business that is relevant and appropriate to Yoho National Park. The plan is available on the website at: <http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca/yoho>. In addition, the management plan on CD (\$5.00), or paper copies (\$20.00), can be purchased by calling Kootenay National Park at: 1-250-347-9615. Park brochures are another source, which provides basic information about the park.

Nine of the ten activities in this 'Tourism Opportunity Study' are allowed in Yoho National Park. The park applies 'Appropriate Use Criterion' to determine the type and amount of an activity allowed. In order to achieve ecological and visitor experience objectives, the park has been subdivided into units called Landscape Management Units. Relatively low levels of use are planned in three of six landscape units (<100 people/groups per month). High volume commercial operations are inconsistent with this low use objective, and are therefore not encouraged in these areas of the park. The park encourages opportunities for third party interpretation in the Kicking Horse landscape unit. The Yoho/Emerald landscape unit is being managed as 'the park's major destination area known for its premier hiking and skiing opportunities'. These landscape units presently have high visitor use and access. High levels of summer use can result in crowded conditions at the trailheads and viewpoints. However, there are exceptional opportunities for viewing natural and cultural features.

Some general information

- Environmental Assessments are required as part of the application for each new outdoor activity business.
- Backcountry groups are currently limited to 10 persons including the guide.
- No new commercial facilities are allowed in the backcountry.

- Helicopters may not transport visitors, their equipment or supplies to backcountry destinations.
- All of the activities in this study require that operators have a National Park business license.

**This Chart presents the general situation in Yoho National Park with respect to the studied tourism opportunities.**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Opportunity</b>	<b>Use Criterion *</b>	<b>Environmental Assessment</b>
Snowmobiling	no	<b>not</b> permitted in the park	N/A
Ski Touring	yes	limits will apply	required
Cross Country Skiing	yes, limited number of track set trails	limits will apply	required
Mountaineering	yes	limits will apply	required
Rock Climbing	classic alpine rock routes for experienced or guided climbing parties	limits will apply	required
Canoeing/Kayaking	No commercial opportunity	limits currently apply	N/A
Fishing	limited opportunity, the level of guided fishing is restricted as per section 5.6.3.3.8 of the park management plan	limits will apply,	required
Mountain Biking	No commercial opportunity, cycling restricted to individual use on easy trails	limits currently apply	N/A
Hiking	yes - extensive trail system	limits will apply	required
Natural and Cultural Features Viewing	yes - system of viewing opportunities	limits may apply	presently not required

**Use Criterion \***

It is essential that heritage tourism businesses remain sustainable. Overuse damages the resources Parks Canada has been charged to protect and reduces visitor and client

satisfaction. **Use Criterion and limits** on certain business activities are therefore appropriate. Examples of requirements/ limits include but are not limited to: bivouac permit, wilderness pass, group size limits, trails used, facilities used, number of trips, frequency of trips and timing of trips.

### **B.C. Tourism Opportunity Study - Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks**

Tourism operators in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks are expected to respect the integrity of the natural environment and provide visitors with an immersion in the natural and cultural heritage of the park. Operators need to support the 'Heritage Tourism' approach which means that they will raise awareness about the park; promote sustainable tourism by encouraging environmental stewardship; deliver products and services that are appropriate and consistent with heritage and environmental protection; and finally, they will train employees' so they can share an understanding of the Parks' natural and cultural heritage with visitors.

Parks Canada is supportive of appropriate businesses in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks. However, the business opportunities in this study are subject to certain limits and conditions.

Readers who wish to provide services in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks are urged to first contact the **Park Administrative Officer at 250-837-7537** regarding the latest on business license requirements. The '[Business License Application for an Outdoor Activities Business License](#)' provides specific information on the process and limitations that apply. The Park Management Plan for Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks is a second essential source of information. It will help you develop a business that is relevant and appropriate to Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks. The plan can be ordered by calling Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks at: 1-250-837-7500. Park brochures are another source which provide basic information about the parks.

Nine of the ten activities in this 'Tourism Opportunity Study' are allowed in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks. The park applies 'Appropriate Use Criterion' to determine the type and amount of an activity allowed. In order to achieve ecological and visitor experience objectives, the park has been subdivided into units called Landscape Management Units. Relatively low levels of use are planned in three of the parks' five landscape units, with less than 100 visitor/groups per month. High volume commercial operations are inconsistent with this low use objective, and are therefore not encouraged in these areas of the park.

Opportunities for third party interpretation are available in the Meadows in the Sky Parkway and Trans-Canada Highway Corridor units. The Meadows in the Sky Parkway is managed as Mount Revelstoke National Park's major destination area, known for its premier hiking and walking opportunities. The Highway Corridor includes all of Glacier National Park's principal frontcountry destinations, including the Illecillewaet Campground and trail complex. The Meadows in the Sky Parkway and the Trans-Canada Highway Corridor presently have high visitor use and many access points. High levels of summer and autumn use can result in crowded conditions at the trailheads, picnic areas and viewpoints. However, there are exceptional opportunities for viewing natural and cultural features.

Some general information

- Environmental Assessments are required as part of the application for each new outdoor activity business.
- Backcountry groups are currently limited to 10 persons including the guide.
- No new commercial facilities are allowed in the backcountry.
- Helicopters may not transport visitors, their equipment or supplies to backcountry destinations.
- All of the activities in this study require that operators have a National Park business license.
- Motorized or mechanized access to the backcountry is not permitted.

**This Chart presents the general situation in Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks with respect to the studied tourism opportunities.**

Activity	Opportunity	Use Criterion *	Environmental Assessment
Snowmobiling	no	<b>not</b> permitted in the park	N/A
Ski Touring	yes	limits currently apply	required
Cross Country Skiing	yes, one track set trail	limits not expected to apply	required
Mountaineering	yes	limits may apply in future	required
Rock Climbing	classic alpine rock routes for experienced or guided climbing parties	limits may apply in future	required
Canoeing/Kayaking	very limited opportunity, best opportunities outside of park boundaries	limits may apply in future	required
Fishing	very limited opportunity, lake fishery only, ban on all stream fishing to protect bull trout	limits currently apply	required
Mountain Biking	no commercial opportunity, cycling restricted to individual use on three trails only	limits currently apply	N/A
Hiking	yes - extensive trail system	limits may apply in future	required

Natural and Cultural Features Viewing	yes - system of viewing opportunities	limits may apply in future	presently not required
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**Use Criterion \***

It is essential that heritage tourism businesses remain sustainable. Overuse damages the resources Parks Canada has been charged to protect and reduces visitor and client satisfaction. Use Criterion and limits on certain business activities are therefore appropriate. Examples of requirements/limits include but are not limited to: wilderness pass, ski-touring closure areas, group size limits, trails used, facilities used, number of trips, frequency of trips, timing of trips and wildlife management closures.