



AGRI-TOURISM ACCOMODATION PROGRAM

Visitor Information

The Summerland Agri-Tourism Accommodation program is an opportunity for local Agri-tourism producers in the Summerland area to enhance their existing Agri-tourism experiences on their property by providing the addition of short term overnight accommodations.

Those businesses in the Summerland area that are zoned in A1 small acreage or A2 large acreage that currently provide an Agri-tourism activity (ex. Cherry picking, wine tasting, bee keeping, tours etc.) can now offer visitors the experience of staying on the land in designated camping sites. These sites can include non-permanent structures including yurts, glamping tents or recreation trailers.

Where can we stay? Who is participating?

Visit Summerland and the Summerland Chamber of Commerce are currently working on gathering the data of all local Agri-tourism providers who will be offering accommodations in the 2022/2023 season. The list of all Agri-Tourism accommodators and how to book reservations will be made available August 1st and updated monthly on the tourism website at www.visitsummerland.com

FOR AGRI-TOURISM PROVIDERS

FAQ: Agri-Tourism Accommodation

Do I qualify as an Agri-tourism accommodation operator?

To qualify to run an Agri-tourism accommodation on your property, there are a few criteria that must be met.

These criteria include:

- Must be located on land zoned either A1 Small Acreage Agriculture, or A2 Large Acreage Agriculture
- Must have an Agri-tourism activity occurring on-site (ex. cherry picking, wine tasting, bee keeping)
 - o This should be for visitor participation while staying on the property
- Must have proof of additional insurance

For more information on this program please email tourism@summerlandchamber.com

What regulations apply to Agri-tourism accommodation operators?

There are certain restrictions on Agri-tourism accommodation facilities. These are as follows:

- No permanent infrastructure can be built
- A maximum of three (3) camping stalls can be on site
- A maximum of 4 bedrooms can be an Agri-Tourism Accommodation building
 - o These must all be contained in one structure
- Agri-Tourism Accommodation can take up to a maximum of 5% of the total parcel area
- Must be sited within the Farm Home Plate

How do I apply for this program?

If you own property zoned A1 or A2 that is over 2.0 hectares, you may qualify for this temporary camping/bed-and-breakfast style accommodation. To proceed, you must also apply for the program-specific Agri-Tourism Accommodation Business License, sign a business operation agreement, and carry additional insurance.

What are the steps for approval?

1. Compile an application, which must include: proof of insurance, ownership, current zoning.
 - a. Adjacent landowners must also be notified of your application
2. Once approval is granted, a business operating agreement must be signed between the District of Summerland and the business operator
3. Apply for a program-specific business license
4. Once the license is paid and approved, you can begin your Agri-tourism accommodation

BUSINESS LICENCE APPLICATION FORM: https://www.summerland.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/agri-tourism-business-license-application46f59f5cf68d6e33909cff00007e7f94.pdf?sfvrsn=4978f1fb_0

Agri-Tourism Accommodation Operating Agreement

https://www.summerland.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/agri-tourism-operating-agreement55f59f5cf68d6e33909cff00007e7f94.pdf?sfvrsn=4678f1fb_0

Agri-Tourism Accommodation SCHEDULE A

https://www.summerland.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/agri-tourism-schedule-a64f59f5cf68d6e33909cff00007e7f94.pdf?sfvrsn=5678f1fb_0

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