

Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society COVID Safety Protocols

June 10th, 2020

The health and safety of our staff, volunteers and visitors is of utmost importance. The Fintry site and activities will follow a measured and phased approach, based on BC's restart plan and safe operations in accordance with WorkSafe BC.

Phase 3: June to September

Fintry Provincial Park open for camping June 1st/2020, with restrictions.

June 1st to July 24th - The Manor House and Octagonal Dairy Barn are closed to the public. Outdoor, disposable Self-Guided Walking Tour brochures are available to the public near the Octagonal Dairy Barn and at the Manor House and are available online as a downloadable pdf. Virtual Tours of the Manor House, Trophy Room and a 'Dun-Waters' Dream' history video are available to the public online through the www.fintry.ca website.

July 24th – The Manor House will open with limited or no access to some rooms, with capacity and distancing requirements and safety measures and protocols.

July 31st – The Octagonal Dairy Barn will open with limited public access, capacity and distancing requirements and safety measures and protocols.

Phase 4: Conditional on at least one of the following; wide vaccination, “community” immunity, broad successful treatments. The Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society will resume regular tours and events after Phase 4, with an anticipated full reopening of May 2021.

Phase 3 Safety and Procedures

Priorities for reopening:

- Keeping the buildings clean and sanitized
- Keeping staff and volunteers healthy
- Giving our visitors a sense of security
- Keeping our visitors healthy
- Adjusting tours and events
- Adjusting donation policies

Keeping sites clean and sanitized

- Surfaces that visitors may touch such as handrails on the outdoor stairs and all door frames will be sanitized regularly and between tour groups. Surfaces that staff and volunteers touch, such as light switches, reception area and doorknobs will be sanitized daily. Contact touching of exhibit items will not be permitted and access to gift shop items will be limited.
- Exterior entrance/exit doors will remain open and all interior doors will be propped open. All lights will be on prior to opening.
- Sanitizer will be provided at the entrance and exit doors of the Manor House and Octagonal Dairy Barn.

- Masks and gloves will be available to staff and volunteers and visitors are encouraged to use their own personal PPE according to their comfort level.
- The Manor House downstairs washroom will be closed to the public, with visitors encouraged to use the Park washroom facilities just outside the Manor House.
- Precautionary signage will be placed throughout the Manor House and Octagonal Barn.

Visitors

- Visitors will have limited or no access to some spaces, with capacity and distancing requirements. Safety measures and protocols will be in place prior to each day's opening – signage, hand sanitizer, directional routing. Staff or volunteers will be on-site to answer questions from a distance and to discourage touching of and objects.
- The Visitor Guestbook will be removed and visitors will be recorded by staff or volunteers.
- Donation boxes will be placed in the Ben Lee Room and the Trophy Room at the Manor House and at the entrance to the Octagonal Barn. Donations will be removed with tongs and washed.
- Gift Shop purchases will be completed using Square whenever possible. Gift Shop items should not be handled or tried on unless the visitor is purchasing that item.

Tours

Tours will be primarily self-guided with staff or volunteers on-site to answers questions.

Virtual Tours of the Manor House, Trophy Room and a 'Dun-Waters' Dream history video are available to the public online through the www.fintry.ca website. Free public wifi is available outside the Manor House for a distance of approximately 20 metres.

Outdoor, disposable Self-Guided Walking Tour brochures are available to the public near the Octagonal Dairy Barn and at the Manor House and are available online as a downloadable pdf.

Manor House Tours

- The Manor House has 3200 sq ft of museum/public space and a normal maximum capacity of between 60 and 200 depending on the rooms included. Our restart capacity through Phase 3 will be 30 people in groups of 6 or less.
- The Ben Lee Room will have the 'Dun-Waters' Dream video running but with only 6 chairs in the viewing area. Visitors are encouraged to watch the video online either before they enter or at a time of their choosing.
- The Manor House will be a single direction self-guided tour beginning at the Ben Lee Room, through the Dining Room, Living Room, Dun-Waters' Dressing Room and exiting through the Trophy Room. Alice's Sitting Room/Bedroom and the Red Room/Study will be closed or roped off to the public. Staff or volunteers will be stationed in the Ben Lee Room, Living Room and Trophy Room. Entrance, exit and interior doors will be propped open to avoid contact and increase air circulation. Hand sanitizer will be available at entry and exit points. Outdoor stairway railings will be sanitized each day.

Tours 1pm to 4pm Thursdays through Sundays. By donation.

Octagonal Barn Tours

- The Octagonal Barn has 2784 sq ft of museum/public space and a normal maximum capacity of 60 people per floor. Our restart capacity through Phase 3 will be 18 people in groups of 6 or less. The Barn has only one entrance/exit point which will be manned by a staff person or volunteer who also will monitor the stairs. The self-guided tour will be a single-direction self-guided tour beginning counter clockwise through the ground level, up the stairs, counter clockwise through the second level, then back down the stairs to the exit. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance/exit. Stairway railings will be sanitized each day open.

Tours 10am to 12pm Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. By donation.

Events

All events with 50+ attendees have been cancelled. Mini-presentations have been adapted for safety measures and will include Curator Talks, student history presentations, musical presentations and the Friends of Fintry Annual General Meeting. All events are limited to a maximum of 50 people and will be by donation.

Donations

- Online donations through our website are encouraged.
- Donation boxes will be placed in the Ben Lee Room and the Trophy Room at the Manor House and at the entrance to the Octagonal Barn.
- Donations to the collections must be pre-arranged with the Curator. Staff and volunteers will not handle newly-donated objects for at least one week after they have been donated.

Staff and Volunteers

- Staff and volunteers will maintain physical distance and protective measures wherever possible.
- Staff and volunteers will work as pairs or triads to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Full rules and protocols are identified in the Fintry WorkSafe BC COVID-19 Safety Plan on-site.

Our goal is to make your visit to Fintry comfortable and safe. We encourage all visitors to use their own judgement in visiting the site, through safe distancing, hand sanitizing and use of personal protective equipment.

The safety of our visitors is our top priority. We are closely monitoring the situation and will determine if additional precautions are needed.