

WELCOME VISITORS & RECREATIONALISTS TO SANDON

More and more people are coming to Sandon in all seasons to enjoy the great outdoors and our fabulous history. Our families are the primary private land owners in Sandon and it is our desire to share the greatness with everyone that appreciates it. We welcome the use of our land by others provided that safety, kindness and consideration are practiced.



The use of our land is at your own risk. We cannot be responsible or liable for your conduct or any natural or unnatural safety hazards. For example, numerous avalanches exist in the Sandon area. Travelling through their paths requires extreme caution, knowledge and care. We advise that the Carpenter Creek valley (toward Cody and beyond) is the most concentrated area of avalanches and should be considered very dangerous. The roads up to Idaho and Payne peaks are relatively safe although avalanche hazards can be encountered during high risk conditions and in the high basins. It is a really good idea to know the hazards before you venture out into the back country. Check the government avalanche reports.

The Sandon townsite is a reasonably safe place to enjoy the outdoors and the history. Winter activities include snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing, tobogganing, etc. You can also enjoy a walk throughout the plowed roads maintained by our diligent highway's maintenance crews (YRB) and our family. Summer activities include hiking, mountain biking, ATVing, 4x4ing, hang-gliding, exploration, photography, wildlife viewing and of course enjoying our fabulous history.



We welcome people to park on our land. We have surveillance cameras that assist in the security and safety of your possessions although we cannot accept liability. Take sensible precautions. We ask that if parking is required overnight that you let us know your basic plans and expected return times so that we can look out for your safety. For example, one vehicle was parked in Sandon for 4-days last winter without any sign of its occupants returning. There was no note and nobody had informed us of their intentions. We contacted the RCMP who traced the license number only to find that the owners had gone winter camping for 4 days without notifying anyone here. This causes anxiety and it wastes the time and resources of the police and search and rescue people. Please leave a note in your window or let one of us know your plans and your anticipated date/time of return (250.358.2247). This is essential back country etiquette.



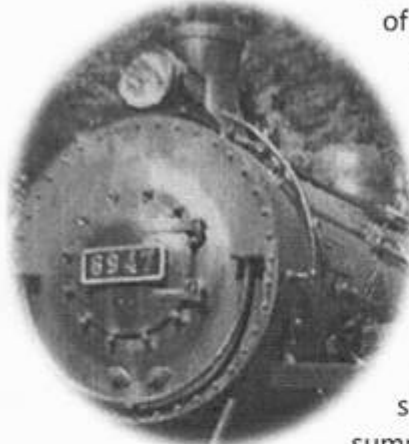
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Sandon shares a unique place in world history. Our family is dedicated to preserving this history for the enjoyment and education of everyone and for future generations. Use of our land requires respect and consideration for the land, the history, our family, residents and visitors alike. Damaging or removing any historical assets is strictly forbidden and will result in prosecution. Digging for artifacts is NOT permitted.

Sandon's primary value is heritage. Our recreational activities need to respect this and must not compromise it. Respect and consideration of everyone is all important. Discrimination is not tolerated on our land; there is room here for everyone to co-exist in a respectful way. Recently our son, born and raised in Sandon, and a regular contributor to preserving



Sandon's history, was accosted by a group of skiers who demanded that he stay off the K&S railway grade with his snowmobile. This kind of selfish behaviour is both unacceptable in our community and on our land. The K&S rail grade is big enough to have accommodated trains. It is certainly big enough to accommodate skiers, snowmobilers, snowshoers, bird watchers, etc. If your attitude involves exclusive use of our land for your own pleasure and you are incapable of sharing, please go somewhere else. We ask that snowmobilers conduct themselves in a way that leaves undisturbed snow for the use of others and we ask that pedestrian traffic including skiers are polite and respectful to motorized users and their needs. In the summer, please do not damage the trail surfaces with insensitive use of mountain bikes, ATV's, horses or 4x4's. People who are unwilling to share the use of the land in a respectful manner are asked to recreate somewhere other than Sandon.



For your pleasure (and warmth) we have provided a burning barrel (patterned on Coleman's beautiful creations in Nakusp) for a warm-up fire at the base of the Idaho Peak Road. Please bring firewood and kindling that will fit in a 45-gallon drum. Please clean up your fire when done. Also, we and the highways maintenance contractor (YRB) keep the public toilet plowed out in the winter for your convenience. Our family furnishes the toilet paper during the winter months.

We also have electrical plug-ins (120 & 240 volts) available for winter and summer camping plus an electric car charger (bring your own adapter) for your convenience. Off season tours of the historic generating station can be arranged on request. Please call 250.358.2247 or email sandoninthekootenays@gmail.com with your enquiries or constructive comments.



Once again, we are happy for people to come and enjoy our land. This welcome remains open to all of you that are respectful. Violators will be subject to loss of privileges and if bad behaviour persists, legal or criminal consequences will result.

We look forward to sharing wonderful experiences with you in this great historic home of ours. We hope you appreciate our desire to share with everyone.

Respectfully,
The Wright, Pellowski & Turok families of Sandon