



## LAKE O'HARA ROAD VEHICLE OPERATING GUIDELINES

These guidelines are designed to apply to all users of the Lake O'Hara road. It shall be the responsibility of the principle users of the road; Parks Canada; Lake O'Hara Attendants; Lake O'Hara Lodge and the public bus service provider; to ensure that the guidelines are distributed within their respective organizations and to ensure that individuals, organizations and companies providing services at their request, are also informed of the guidelines as follows:

The principle users of the road agree that:

1. The road may be used at any and all times in response to operational demands.
2. All reasonable steps will be taken to limit their respective use of the road in order to protect the wilderness character of the area. This is of particular importance for campsite occupants while "quiet" hours are in effect.
3. It is accepted that operational and environmental emergencies and medical emergencies may occur from time to time, and that the appropriate response to an event may over ride the requirement for strict adherence to the guidelines. Where possible notification of traffic responding to emergencies will be provided.
4. A common radio frequency shall be established that will allow the principle users to notify each other of over size vehicles as well as road and other hazards that may occur from time to time.
5. Bus drivers from public bus service and the Lodge will routinely make radio contact with each other when schedules require that they meet on the road. They will indicate their location and confirm the location where the "pass" will occur.
6. Over size vehicles are of particular concern for all road users on the road. Respective organizations are responsible to ensure that the operators of over size vehicle using the road to perform services on their behalf, understand that they are required to start in before 8:15 AM or after 7 PM, or plan their use of the road to coincide with scheduled bus departures. Use of the road by over size vehicles may vary from this requirement with notification of the principle users.
7. Reasonable steps shall be taken to ensure that all traffic, including the principle as well as casual user shall be aware of the safe driving practices that have been developed for the Lake O'Hara road.

### GUIDELINES FOR "CASUAL USERS"

In the interest of safety, casual users of the road are requested to read and heed the following guidelines:

1. **BE AWARE** someone else may be on the road at the same time as you. There are a number of blind corners and tight spots which limit ones ability to see another vehicle in advance or allow you to pass at the last moment.



2. The access road is Steep, Narrow and Twisting especially the last 3 kms before the lake. **REDUCE YOUR SPEED AND DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY**. There is a speed limit of 40 km on the road. This speed limit is a maximum, however many spots on the road require that you drive at a substantially slower speed.
3. Many people access the O'Hara area by walking in on the road. Expect to meet people on your trip in and out of the area. Please **SLOW DOWN WHEN PASSING PEOPLE** and unless there is an emergency we ask that you do not pick-up anyone walking on the road.
4. If you need to stop on the road for any reason **PLEASE PULL OVER** to the side to allow other vehicles to safely pass.
5. A scheduled bus service operates on the road from mid June through the first weekend in October. Extreme caution should be exercised while driving on the road during this period of time. It is recommended that you either start in before 8:15 AM or after 7 PM or plan your use of road to coincide with bus departure times. **TRAVEL EITHER JUST AHEAD OR BEHIND THE BUS.**

## KNOW THE BUS SCHEDULE

Bus will depart the bottom of the road at:	Bus will depart from the lake at:
8:30 am	<b>9:15 AM lodge</b>
<b>9:45 AM lodge</b>	9:30 AM
10:30 AM	11:30 AM
	2:30 PM
3:30 PM	<b>4:00 PM lodge</b>
<b>4:45 PM lodge</b>	4:30 PM
5:30 PM	6:30 PM

Remember there can be unscheduled traffic on the road at any time.  
**PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION!**

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