

*This information is meant to answer most of your questions regarding access.*

If you have further questions, or would like additional information, please email Alina Cerminara at [alina@artsgabriola.ca](mailto:alina@artsgabriola.ca).

### **Site Description**

The Gabriola Music Festival is held on beautiful Gabriola Island. The Festival site is a thirty-minute walk from the Gabriola Ferry terminal, a twenty-minute walk from the Descanso Bay Campground, and a five-minute hill walk to the lovely Gabriola Sands beaches. The Festival site is a large open field with a couple of shaded tree areas. It has easy accessibility to portable toilets, and to the indoor stage.

### **Accessibility Services**

The Gabriola Music Festival is proud to provide services that allow for accessibility throughout the site for those individuals who might otherwise find the outdoor location difficult to negotiate. We provide assistance, information, and a variety of services to help facilitate ease of access for our patrons with disabilities or mobility issues. This assistance can be found at the information booth near the front gate.

### **Accessibility Services Include:**

- Limited designated parking for those with Provincial Access Parking Permits, located at the entrance to the Festival, on a first-come, first served basis.
- Easily accessible drop-off/pick-up area at the entrance to the Festival. Please note that the terrain up to the field is rocky and a gradual slope, but is navigable by wheelchair. There is a slight 4-foot slope incline to get onto the field.
- Guest Services Volunteers can assist with any questions, directions, or needs you may have while on site.
- One wheelchair accessible portable toilet provided in the outdoor Festival area, and one indoor wheelchair accessible washroom in the indoor stage.
- Service animals are welcome, and clean water stations are provided at locations throughout the site.

### **Parking**

Some parking will be available directly at the Festival site. Other road-side parking will be available which could be a 2-10 minute walk. All parking is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

The festival does not provide overnight RV parking. For those travelling in an RV please make sure you reserve your spot at the Descanso Bay Campground by emailing [gabrielamusicfest@artsgabriola.ca](mailto:gabrielamusicfest@artsgabriola.ca).

## **Washroom Facilities**

There is a wheelchair-accessible portable toilet, and one indoor wheelchair accessible washroom at the festival.

## **Taxi**

There is a Taxi service available on Gabriola that provides taxi service from 6am – 1am. Phone: 250-247-4900.

## **Cell Service**

The festival area should provide decent cell service.

## **Food**

Food vendors will be available at the festival.

## **Water**

Water stations will be available at the festival.

## **Alcohol**

There is no alcohol provided at the event and you may not bring outside alcohol to the festival. It is important to us that everyone feels comfortable, respected, and safe during their time at the Gabriola Music Festival. Intoxication and drug use are not acceptable on the festival site and underage drinking is illegal. We reserve the right to intervene with inappropriate behavior, and will ask people to leave the site if necessary.

## **ATM**

There are no ATMs available on the festival site. Please bring cash. Debit machines are available in the Folklife Village.

## **First Aid**

Alpine First Aid will be available during the event. Guest Services Volunteers will also be onsite and available at all times.

## **Trash, Recycling and Compost**

Please help us reduce our waste by following this simple request: if you bring it with you, take it home! There will be recycling stations which feature compost, plastic recycling, returnables, and landfill bins. Please sort accordingly. In the food vendor area you will find compost, recycling, and trash containers. We are also encouraging people to bring re-fillable water containers as there will be good drinking water available around the site, sponsored by Carol Martin.

### **Anti-Harassment Policy**

The Gabriola Music Festival is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, age, or religion. We do not tolerate harassment of festival participants in any form.

### **Pets**

Pets are not allowed at the festival. If you have a service animal, please contact us in advance to make arrangements.