

## RESPONSIBLE VISITORS CHARTER

Here are some things you can do to be a responsible visitor and treat the earth lightly while still having a restful vacation .

1. Reduce Energy Consumption – Reduce energy by switching off lights/fans when not using or out exploring and closing windows if heating is on.
2. Choose Greener Transportation – Use bikes/ebikes, electric vehicles, car sharing, or public transport to get here and get around. Select low impact activities like hiking, paddling, cycling or snowshoeing for recreation or relaxation.
3. Shop Local – Local products give you a flavour of the area and help support local communities. We are fortunate to have some fantastic producers of food, drink, and arts and crafts in our region. Sechelt Farmers market runs April-Sept. Gibsons has a new full-time public market and Roberts Creek hosts a markets every Wednesday . Independent grocers carry many local and organic foods.
4. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – Our rural landfill has a very limited lifespan. Avoid overly packaged goods and say no to that extra wrap. Clean and sort your recyclables so as not to compromise our regional collection programs. Compost all your food waste and compostable takeout containers in the bins provided to keep organics out of the waste stream. See posted MMBC infographic in our orientation binders and other signage for acceptable materials.
5. Conserve water – Please use water wisely. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and adhere to towel policies or other water saving tips & initiatives. The Sunshine Coast has had several drought years to challenge our temperate rain forest ecosystem and water resource capacity. Every drop counts!
6. Respect Nature – Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by not littering, picking up after your pet and obeying leash laws, securing garbage, being responsible with beach fires and staying on designated trails. Avoid wildlife during sensitive times to reduce potential conflicts. Enjoy the sounds of nature.
7. Visit During the Quieter Seasons - Any time of year is beautiful on the Coast and the slower pace will allow you the time to recharge and not tax local resources in the busy season.
8. Support Green Tourism Businesses – Hundreds of businesses are trying to reduce their environmental impacts through sustainable, measurable and scalable initiatives for the triple bottom line: People, Planet, Profits. Contribute to the Collective.