



Free Outdoor Gear Rentals

While many outdoor activities can be done without equipment, there are some that require some technical gear, which can quickly become expensive. Renting equipment is a great option to try a new sport at a more affordable price. There are many places that rent gear for a fee, but we've compiled a list of places that rent outdoor equipment completely for free. These organizations are organized by province/territory from west to east coast. We recognize that not everyone can use typical outdoor gear, so where available we have also listed organizations that rent adaptive outdoor recreational gear free of charge.

If there aren't any free lending libraries near you, be sure to check your local library as they may have equipment available to rent that is not listed online. Additionally, if you are aware of organizations offering free outdoor gear loans not listed here, [please contact us](#).

British Columbia

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact
Colour the Trails	Colour the trails works with brand partners, businesses, and organizations to break barriers and create accessibility in the outdoors.			Contact form
Go Fish BC! Rod Loan Program	This program will be offered through visitor centres in Terrace, Prince George, Williams Lake and Quesnel.		Rods Tackle Fishing information	Corporate Office 80 Regatta Landing, Suite 101 Victoria, BC 888-601-4200 fish@gofishbc.com

Alberta

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact
Cochrane Public Library Outdoor Equipment Lending Program	Cochrane Public Library card holders can borrow outdoor equipment for a 7-day loan period. Items are subject to regular library overdue policies and fees.	Snowshoes Hiking poles Ice traction cleats	Camping gear: *Director's chair *Portable highchair *Water jug *Utility wagon *8-person tent *3-person tent *Tarp *Hatchet *Backpacker medical kit *Family first aid kit *LED lantern *Flashlight and lantern *Bungee cord set *Extendable hot dog forks *Camp table *Compasses *Geocaching tools of the trade set *Garmin GPS	405 Railway Street West Cochrane, AB T4C 2E2 403-932-4353 info@cochranepubliclibrary.ca
Pincher Creek Municipal Library	Information gathered from Read Alberta .		Classic camping equipment: *Tent *Foam sleeping mats *Camp stove *Free voucher for a spot at one of two Alberta Parks' first come, first serve campsites	899 Main Street Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 403-627-3813 help@pinchercreeklibrary.ca
Okotoks Public Library	Information gathered from Read Alberta . Equipment can be borrowed for up to a week.	Snowshoes Poles		23 Riverside Drive West Okotoks, AB T1S 1A6 403-938-2220 info@okotokslibrary.ca

Saskatchewan

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact
SaskOutdoors Lending Library	A variety of outdoor equipment is available to members only, with the exception of the Nature Detective Backpacks.		Air horn Bamboo poles Binoculars (x10) and bird books (x10) Carving kit Compasses Earth ball Nature Detective Backpacks Solar oven Stove kit (no fuel provided) 2 burner propane stove (no fuel provided) Symphony of the Soil film Tarp kit MEC 3-person tent MEC 4-person tent (x2) To Make a Farm film Large blue water jugs (x2) MSR Mini-works water pump and filter Water Rangers Explorer Water Testing Kit	RR1 Box 59 Lumsden, SK S0G 3C0 Contact form

Manitoba

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact
Winterpeg	This is a mobile ski library that travels to different parks across Winnipeg. They also rent adaptive equipment, see below.	Skis Skates		

The Icicle Garden	This is a winter pop up at the Plain Bicycle storefront with a lending library of winter activity equipment.	Skis Skates Sleds More		
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Adaptive Recreation Equipment

Program	About	Equipment	Contact
Winterpeg	This is a mobile ski library that travels to different parks across Winnipeg.	Wheelchair skates Kicksleds	

Ontario

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact
Ottawa Outdoor Gear Library	The OOGL offers outdoor equipment loans free of charge. They are always taking equipment donations, check their website for Wishlist items.			877a Boyd Avenue Ottawa, ON K2A 2E2 oogl.librarycoordinator@gmail.com
BIPOC Outdoor Gear Library	Coming soon to Guelph.			
TackleShare	Available at many locations across the province including Ontario provincial parks, conservation authorities, and libraries. Follow fishing rules, a license is required except for specific dates (Family Fishing Weekend in February, Mother's Day Weekend, Father's Day Weekend, and		Fishing rods and reels	

	Family Fishing Weekend in July).			
Ontario Parks	Available at 70 parks across Ontario.		Personal flotation devices (PFDs)	
City of Burlington Lending Library	Borrow a wide-range of fun and unique play equipment, free of charge.			426 Brant Street PO Box 5013 Burlington, ON L7F 3Z6 905-335-7777
Pembroke Sport Equipment Lending Hub	Hours are 8am-10pm 7 days a week.		Adventure packs (birds & tree identification booklets, magnifying glass, binoculars, flashlight, note pad & first aid kit) Baseball bats Baseballs & tee balls Baseball gloves Bicycles (adult & children) Fishing rods (tackle not included) Footballs Kayaks Nordic walking poles Stand up paddle boards Soccer balls Volleyballs	Riverside Park 961 Pembroke Street W Pembroke, ON 613-735-6821 ext. 1504 recreation@pembroke.ca
Greater Sudbury Public Library – Snowshoe Lending Program	Available at 10 GSPL locations on a first-come, first-serve basis. They can be checked out for periods of one week with a CSPL card.	Snowshoes		

Greater Sudbury Public Library – Junior Gold Membership Lending Program	<p>Youth between the ages of 12 and 18 are able to participate. Checked out on a first-come, first-serve basis and may not be reserved in advance.</p>		<p>Set of five (5) golf clubs, right or left-handed Junior Membership pass for the Lively Golf Club</p>	<p>Lively Public Library & Citizen Services Centre 15 Kin Drive, Unit A Lively, ON P3Y 1M9 705-688-3959</p>
Greater Sudbury Public Library – Outdoor Games	<p>Can be borrowed for 3 weeks, available at multiple GSPL locations.</p>		<p>Shuffle bag Texas horseshoe Magnetic dart set Barrel bash 5 game combo Ring toss set Backyard bocce Backpack cornhole Spikeball</p>	
Greater Sudbury Public Library – Pickleball Lending Program	<p>Available at South End Library, Levack/Onaping Library and Valley Easy Library and Citizen Service Centre. Equipment must be returned to the same location you picked it up.</p>		<p>Pickleball bag that includes 4 paddles, 2 balls, and a portable net system</p>	
Greater Sudbury Public Library – Tennis Equipment Lending Program	<p>Available at Copper Clip Public Library, New Sudbury Public Library and Valley Easy Public Library.</p>		<p>Family sets of rackets (2 adults and 2 children) Adult rackets (2) Children’s rackets (2) Set of 1 adult/1 child racket Tennis balls</p>	
Greater Sudbury Public Library – TackleShare Program	<p>Available at Main Public Library and New Sudbury Library.</p>		<p>Rod and reel Assortment of tackle</p>	

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Parc national d'Oka	All children's equipment is available to rent for free for the day. Adult equipment \$9.50-\$36.50/day. Park entrance and parking fees not included.	X-Country skiing equipment Sled Fatbike Snowshoes		2020, chemin d'Oka Oka, QC 450-479-8365 park.oka@sepaq.com
Centre de prêt de matériel de plein air in Verdun	No monetary deposit required but the centre asks for a driver's license/Medicare card. No hourly limit but equipment must be returned by the same day by 5pm.		Bicycles in a variety of sizes Bicycle trailers that can be pulled or converted to a jogging stroller Inline skates Badminton nets Tennis equipment Slacklines Soccer balls Child carriers for hikes Lawn games Scooters	4400 LaSalle Boulevard Lasalle, QC H4G 2A8 centredepretppev@gmail.com
McGill Outdoors Club	Gear rental for 1 day use for MOC members. Listed gear is free, other equipment available to rent for low costs (\$1-\$15).	Ski poles X-Country skis X-Country ski boots X-Country ski poles Skates		3480 Rue McTavish Montreal, QC 514-398-4400 ext. 09581 info@mcgilloutdoorsclub.ca

New Brunswick

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact
Mount Carleton Provincial Park	Equipment provided by the Friends of Mount Carleton free for day use. First-come, first-serve.	Showshoes X-Country skis		7612 Route 385 Saint-Quentin, NB E8A 1N4 506-235-0793 mt.carleton@gnb.ca

Mactaquac Provincial Park	Equipment provided by the Friends of Mactaquac Park group free for day use. First-come, first-serve.	Snowshoes X-Country skis		1256 NB-105 Mactaquac, NB E3G 7L7 mactaquaccamp@gnb.ca
Daly Point Nature Reserve	Rental is free but donations are appreciated.	Snowshoes		2105 Carron Drive Bathurst, NB E2A 5Z7 506-548-0778 dpnr@bathurst.ca
Chipman Public Library	Information pulled from Hiking NB Map . Rental is free with library card.	Snowshoes (children's and adult's sizes)		8 King Street Chipman, NB E4A 2H3 506-339-5852 chipman.publiclibrary@gnb.ca
Minto Public Library	Information pulled from Hiking NB Map . Rental is free with a library card.	Snowshoes (children's and adult's sizes)		420 Pleasant Drive, Unit 2 Minto, NB E4B 2T3 506-327-3220 minto.publiclibrary@gnb.ca
Nashwaaksis Middle School (Public Library)	Information pulled from Hiking NB Map . Rental is free with a library card.	Snowshoes (children's and adult's sizes)		324 Fulton Avenue Fredricton, NB E3A 5J4 506-453-3241 nashwaaksis.library@gnb.ca
Hanwell Recreation Department	Free rentals, returned the next business day. Hours 8am-4pm. One piece of ID must be provided and those under 18 must have a parent/guardian with them.	Snowshoes (x30) X-Country skis (x15)		18 Nature Park Drive Hanwell, NB E3E 0G7 506-460-1177 clerk@hanwell.nb.ca

Dieppe Refrigerated Skating Oval	Outdoor rink with free rentals on Fridays (6-9pm), Saturdays and Sundays (12:30-5pm) from November to March. They also have free hot chocolate on Fridays!	Skates and helmets		Place 1604 behind City Hall 243 Gauvin Road Dieppe, NB E1A 1M2
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Prince Edward Island

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact
Charlottetown Winter Active	In the winter months, showshoes are available for a daily sign-out from Monday-Friday between 8am-4pm.	Snowshoes		199 Queen Street Charlottetown, PE C1A 4B7 902-368-1025
Credit Union Place	Information taken from the Credit Union Place " Free Activities around Summerside ".	Snowshoes Ice skates Nordic poles		511 Notre Dame Street Summerside, PE C1N 1T2 902-432-1234

Nova Scotia

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact
Emera Oval	Outdoor ice skating rink with free rentals. *Currently, due to COVID-19, equipment rentals are unavailable.	Ice skates Helmets		5775 Cogswell Street Halifax, NS B3K 4B2 902-490-2347 skateHRM@halifax.ca
Cape Breton Regional Library - McConnell	Equipment available for free with CBRL card. Tennis rackets can be sent to other	Snowshoes Poles of various sizes	Tennis rackets (4 sizes – 3 youth and standard adult) Hiking/walking poles	50 Falmouth Street Sydney, NS B1P 6X9 902-562-3279

	branches by request.		Be Fit Kits Pedometers	info@cbrl.ca
Cape Breton Regional Library - Baddeck	Victoria County Active Gear Loan Program . Equipment available for free with CBRL card.	Snowshoes Poles of various sizes X-Country skis Boots Ice traction cleats	Hiking/walking poles Be Fit Kits Pedometers	526 Chebucto Street Baddeck, NS B0E 1B0 902-295-2055 baddeck@cbrl.ca
Cape Breton Regional Library – North Sydney	Equipment available for free with CBRL card.	Snowshoes Poles of various sizes	Be Fit Kits Pedometers	309 Commercial Street North Sydney, NS B2A 1B9 902-794-3272 northsydney@cbrl.ca
Cape Breton Regional Library – Glace Bay	Equipment available for free with CBRL card.	Snowshoes Poles of various sizes	Be Fit Kits Pedometers	143 Commercial Street Glace Bay, NS B1A 3B9 902-849-8657 glacebay@cbrl.ca
Cape Breton Regional Library – Victoria North	Equipment available for free with CBRL card.	Snowshoes Poles of various sizes	Hiking/walking poles Be Fit Kits	35243 Cabot Trail Road Ingonish, NS B0C 1K0 902-285-2544 ingonish@cbrl.ca
Cape Breton Regional Municipality Recreation		Snowshoes Trekking poles Snow cleats		320 Esplanade Sydney, NS B1P 7B9 902-563-5510 recreation@cbrm.ns.ca
St. Mary's Boat Club	July 1 – September 30 11am-6pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Maximum 1-hour rentals.		Stand-Up Paddleboards Canoes (fits 2 adults and 2 small children, or 3 adults)	1641 Fairfield Road Halifax, NS B3H 2A6 (Inside Conrose Park) 902-490-4688

	All safety equipment is provided. Book in advance by calling or online at www.halifax.ca/myrec			boatclub@halifax.ca 902-490-6666 for booking rentals
Dalhousie Outdoors Society (DOS) Gear Library	Free rental for Dal students with a \$20 deposit, which is returned upon return of the gear.	Camping gear *Tents *Tarps *Sleeping bags *Air mattresses Hiking backpacks Lanterns and headlamps Outdoor cooking equipment	Camping gear *Tents *Tarps *Sleeping bags *Air mattresses Hiking backpacks Lanterns and headlamps Outdoor cooking equipment	Dalhousie Student Union Building office #353 6136 University Avenue Halifax, NS B3H 4R2 daloutdoors@gmail.com
R.E.C. Van	Starting in July, the R.E.C. Van will visit public parks, municipal beaches, spray pads, playgrounds, and seniors homes throughout HRM and provide free recreational sports and activities to children, youth, families, and seniors.		Equipment for more than 50 activities including: *Baseball *Basketball *Soccer *Washer toss *Giant checkers *Archery *Skipping	recvan@halifax.ca
Kentville Parks and Recreation Equipment Loan Program	A driver's license master/ID number will be required at booking. All equipment is available year-round, free of charge.	Snowshoes Snow blocks Kick sleds and two dog harnesses Binoculars	Lawn games Scooters Skateboards Soccer balls Skipping ropes Yoga mats Hula hoops Binoculars Pylon Scoop ball Sidewalk chalk Frisbee Volleyballs Helmets	354 Main Street Kentville, NS B3N 1K6 902-679-2539 (Ashley) recreation@kentville.ca

			Walking poles Soft archery set KanJam Turnball Camping gear	
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg	4-day loan periods, Tuesday-Friday or Friday-Tuesday. Equipment is allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis and requests must be made 24 hours in advance. A refundable deposit may be required but renters will be notified in advance.	Snowshoes X-Country skis, boots and poles Nordic walking poles Rec @ Home Activity Kits *Winter Wonderland Kit *Loose Parts Kit	Rec @ Home Activity Kits *Sports Kit *Outdoor Games Kit *Garden/Nature Kit *Loose Parts Kit *Active Smarter Kids Kit *Backyard Games	10 Allée Champlain Drive Cookville, NS B4V 9E4 902-541-1343 recreation@modl.ca
Truro Equipment Loans Program	Equipment is available to borrow free of charge. Pickup is Thursdays between 9am-4pm for return Mondays between 9am-4pm; or pickup Fridays between 9am-4pm for return Tuesdays between 9am-4pm. They also rent adaptive recreation equipment, see below.	Classic X-Country skis Skate skis Snowshoes Sledges Snowcoaches Skates (sizes ranging from children's to adult – borrow from Colchester-East Hants Public Library)	Yard games (washer toss, bocce ball, etc.) Parachute Small pylons Flag rugby Ladder ball Giant badminton rackets Frisbees Flying ring golf	902-893-6078 recdept@truro.ca
Tallasee Recreation Centre	Free equipment rental.	Snowshoes	Tandem bicycle	168 Redoubt Way Eastern Passage, NS

				B3G 1E4 902-465-5267
Region of Queens Municipality Recreation Department	\$25-\$45 deposit required, returned upon inspection of the equipment.	Snowshoes (30-80lbs) Snowshoes (60-160lbs) Snowshoes (100-225lbs) Igloo making kit	Parachute GPS unit Flag football set	249 White Point Road Liverpool, NS B0T 1K0 902-354-5741 info@regionofqueens.com
Municipality of Pictou County Loan Equipment Program – Town of Pictou	People from throughout Pictou County can receive equipment from any municipal unit, including cottage renters. Can be loaned for a few days at a time. They also rent adaptive recreation equipment – see below.	Skis Snowshoes	Activity kit bag Adventure day pack Adult & youth bikes Canoe Kayak Paddleboards Nordic walking poles Roller blades Washer toss	40 Water Street Pictou, NS B0K 1H0 clare.steele@munpict.ca
Municipality of Pictou County Loan Equipment Program – Town of New Glasgow	People from throughout Pictou County can receive equipment from any municipal unit, including cottage renters.	Skis Snowshoes	Audible tennis sets Adult bike Bean bag toss Bocce ball Disc slam E-bike	111 Provost Street New Glasgow, NS B2H 5E1 clare.steele@munpict.ca
Municipality of Pictou County Loan Equipment Program – Municipality of Pictou County	People from throughout Pictou County can receive equipment from any municipal unit, including cottage renters. Can be loaned for a few days at a time.	Skis Snowshoes	Activity kit bag Camping equipment Inflatable paddle boards Audible tennis sets Adult bike	45 Municipal Drive Pictou, NS B0K 1H0 clare.steele@munpict.ca

Municipality of Shelburne Equipment Loan Program	<p>The Recreation and Parks Department have a variety of sport and recreation equipment to borrow free of charge. They also rent adaptive recreation equipment – see below.</p>	<p>Snowshoes (children’s to adult sizes) Nordic walking poles</p>	<p>GPS units Compasses Camping gear (tents, sleeping pads) Hiking gear (day pack, headlamp, compass) Skateboards and helmets/protective equipment Beach volleyball set Basketballs Soccer balls Baseball equipment Ground hockey gear (sticks, helmets, goalie gear, nets) Spikeball Scooters Yard games</p>	<p>135 Hammond Street Shelburne, NS B0T 1W0</p> <p>902-875-3544 ext. 229</p>
West Hants Free Equipment Loan Program	<p>The Community Development Department has free equipment loan programs which allow residents to borrow equipment. They also accept donations of equipment in good working order to add to their inventory.</p>		<p>Kayaks Stand up paddle boards</p>	<p>78 Thomas Street Windsor, NS B0N 2T0</p> <p>902-790-9647 (Bekah) bcraik@westhants.ca</p>
Digby Area Recreation Equipment Loan Program	<p>Snowshoes are available for a 4-day loan from January through March. DARC seeks donations from the community</p>	<p>Snowshoes Skates</p>	<p>Bikes</p>	<p>27 Shreve Street Digby, NS B0V 1A0</p> <p>902-245-1949 (Cindy) darc@ns.aliantzin.ca</p>

	for new or used skates and bikes.			
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Adaptive Recreation Equipment

Program	About	Equipment	Contact
Truro Equipment Loans Program	This is a resource for those who experience physical challenges and/or individuals who would benefit from use.	Hippocampe (child and adult) Duet-cycle Sledges Snowcoaches Tomato seats Skate helper skate aids (while using the Colchester Legion Stadium)	902-893-6078 recdept@truro.ca
Municipality of Pictou County Loan Equipment Program – Town of Pictou	Equipment available through the Town of Pictou.	Adaptable life vest Sports wheelchair	40 Water Street Pictou, NS BOK 1H0 clare.steele@munpict.ca
Municipality of Shelburne Equipment Loan Program	Equipment available through the Municipality of Shelburne.	Hippocampe all-terrain wheelchair Hockey sledges	136 Hammond Street Shelburne, NS BOT 1W0 902-875-3544 ext. 229
Municipality of Cumberland Adapted Equipment Loan Program	Recreation equipment available for individuals with disabilities and their families.	Adapted life jackets Pool hippocampe Odyssey semi-recumbent bike Terrier trike Ice hockey sledges	Carolyn Bollwerk cbollwerk@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca

Newfoundland & Labrador

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact

Adaptive Recreation Equipment

Program	About	Equipment	Contact
Saint John's Adaptive Equipment Lending Program	Hiking, skiing, sliding and skating should be enjoyed by everyone	Small hippocampe (16" seat width & 23" leg length) with wheels or skis	Inclusive Services City of St. John's P.O. Box 908 Saint John's, NL

	and we have the equipment to help. Borrowing adaptive equipment removes financial and ability related barriers.	Large hippocampe (16" seat & 36" leg length) with wheels or skis Standard sledge (14" seat) with rear push bar or set of ice picks Large sledge (16" seat) with rear push bar or set of ice picks Snowcoach adapted slide Top-end ecelerator hand cycle trike	A1C 5M2 709-576-6972 inclusion@stjohns.ca
Easter Seals NL	Equipment is available free of charge as a short-term loan for any ESNL families and participants.	Trailriders Hippocampe (wheels or skis) Kicksled Ice sledges Snowcoach	Dayna Penney 709-754-1399 dayna@eastersealsnl.c a

Yukon

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact

Northwest Territories

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact

Nunavut

Program	About	Winter Gear	Summer Gear	Contact