

Living in the Future: Festival Survival Guide

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EVENT OVERVIEW

Future Forest is a music and arts festival in its seventh year of operation. In 2017, it relocated to Eighteen Road, Albright's Corner, north-east of Fredericton. The event is hosted by Future Forest Music & Arts Festival Inc., a company owned and operated by the Event Director, Tim Kukula. Future Forest has ZERO corporate sponsorship.

The health and safety of guests, staff, volunteers and contractors are of paramount importance to Future Forest Festival and it is the policy of the festival to comply with and promote all legislation, policies, and expert guidance in this area. If you have concerns, email us at info@futureforest.ca

THINKING OF JOINING?

From the beginning, Future Forest has been organized with the intention of providing a safe, clean, creative, and professional atmosphere in a natural setting. The location of the event is a 200-acre wilderness retreat on the side of Little River, north of Albright's Corner. The location is surrounded by crown land and is over 8kms from the nearest residence.

Come with an open mind. Come ready to learn. Come to be a part of the festival community. Future Forest is destined for connection. Connection with music, diverse humans, performance, art, and nature. Your comfort zone will be stretched. But we promise, it's worth it.

Do you have a Future Pass?

- benefits
- discounts
- process
- website

AGES:

18+ for entry, all guests MUST present a government ID at the gate for entry. Individuals under 18 years of age must be supervised at all times by their accompanying adult. Public nudity will not be tolerated.

DATES:

EARLY ENTRY (REQUIRING PURCHASE)

Thursday July 25th

GENERAL ENTRY

FRIDAY July 26th to Monday July 29th, 2019.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY PASS

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Capacity

2000 weekend passes are available in total, including early entry! We have sold out in all previous years. **Tickets are only available at the gate if not sold out.**

In addition there will be around 150 volunteers, 300-400 artists, and 50 future forest staff.

LOCATION

Address: Future Forest Festival, 15 18 Rd, Albrights Corner, NB E4B 1A4

-Closest Gas Station/Convenience Store: intersection of Route 10 and 18 Rd. (at the beginning of the road to the festival site)

-Closest Town: 20 minutes to Minto (small grocery store, hardware store, dollar store, NB Liquor store, Tim Horton's)

-60 minutes east of Fredericton (nearest airport, all amenities)

-32 minutes northeast of Oromocto

CARPOOL

We encourage carpooling in order to decrease the impact on both our global environment and the future forest grounds. Parking is limited and the less cars, the shorter the walk from free parking.

Check out the official [Future Forest 2019 Rideshare](#) group

GETTING THERE

Our location is rural and the dirt road can be rough. Whatever vehicle you are driving, ensure it is in good condition for the drive. Drive slow! Fill up your gas tank either along the highway, Fredericton, or at the gas station at the start of 18 Road. The road can be really dusty so consider getting your air filter cleaned or replaced after the weekend.

Watch for the Gas Station at the corner of Route 10 and 18 Road. Turn north on 18 Road. The festival site is 8 km from this intersection along a dirt road. You will come to a fork in the road, about 6 km GO LEFT.

Expect long lines of cars.

Keep as far to the right of the road as you can to allow for others to pass.

You may find that staff pass you occasionally.



ARRIVAL/ENTRY

Gates open at 12pm on Thursday for Early Entry. Only volunteers, vendors and staff will be allowed onsite prior to this time.

On Friday the gates open at 10am for weekend pass holders.

All vehicles will be searched by our security team. All banned items will be confiscated. Please read our Do Not Pack List to make sure this process runs smoothly!

Wait times to get into the festival are variable and difficult to predict. It could be as little as a few minutes or several hours. If you arrive for Early Entry, be prepared for long wait times (between 2 and 6 hours). Thursday and Friday are our highest volume entry days.

Come prepared for the heat of the day. We recommend having sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, appropriate clothing for day and night temperatures, lots of water (4L per person), at least one substantial meal, and snacks. For extra comfort, consider keeping a couple ice packs and a spray bottle (to mist yourself and others) in your cooler. Above all be patient!

ON SITE AMENITIES

Fresh Free Water from our well

Crisp, cold, UV treated, and tested for safety. Hydration Stations are located:

- on the road to Prism stage
- by first aid
- by the showers
- by the river near the Nest Stage

Hot Showers

- pay by donation
- accessible 24/7

-Lines can be long. Please be considerate of others and **limit shower time to 5 minutes.**

- biodegradable soaps and shampoos only please!

Vendor Village

- open daily throughout the weekend
- Food Trucks featuring a variety of cuisines
- Local art, Handmade Clothing and Accessories
- Our Future Finds shop has official Future Forest Merchandise
- Picnic tables are available for your convenience

Info Booth

- Open daily in the heart of the festival
- General information, Schedules, and Maps

- Volunteer Shift Check-in
- Future Forest Merchandise
- Ice and coffee available for purchase
- General supplies for purchase (toothbrushes, aloe vera, etc)

- Guest Message board - leave notes for your friends!

ATM

- Located on the road, near First aid and the Event Management Center
- Hours of Operation:* 12 hours Daily from 10:00-22:00 (plan accordingly)
- If not functioning, tell the info booth

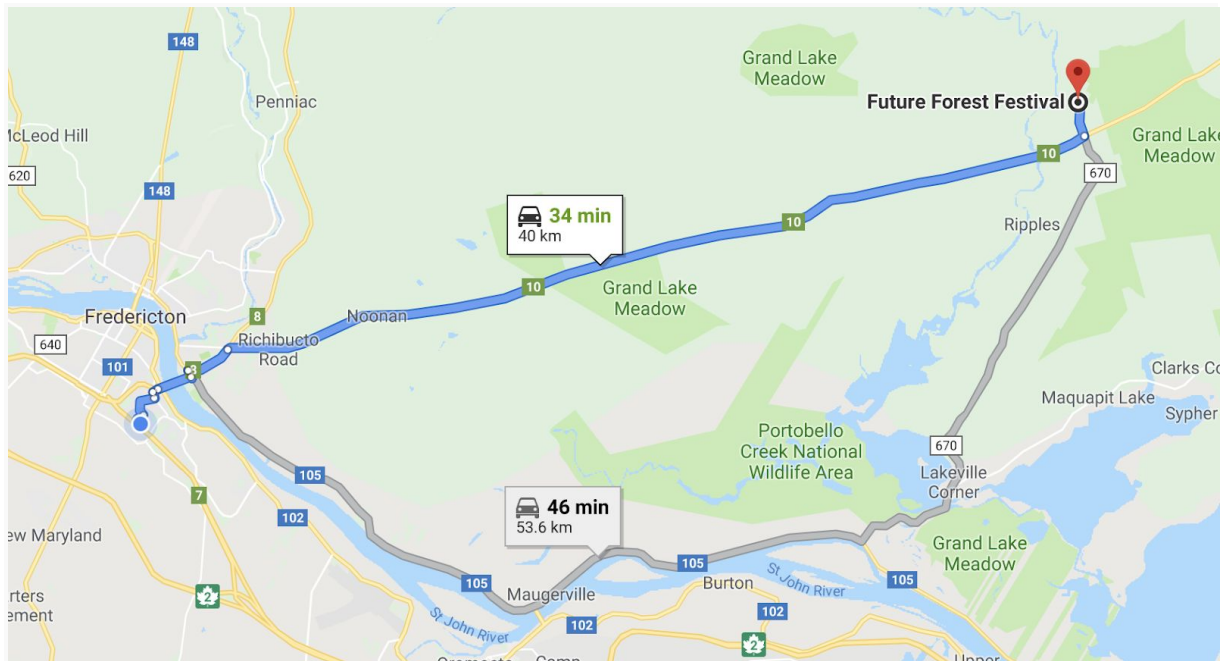
First Aid

- Refer to the map for our location (indicated by red and white cross)

- open 24/7, a team of nurses, medical students, paramedics, nursing students, and first aiders are always on site
- Band-aids, tampons, cold packs, ear plugs...anything you can think of
- Come say hi, especially if you have a medical condition we should be aware of!
- Please be prepared to wait outside if you are the friend of someone seeking first aid
- If you think you or a friend needs to go to hospital, **talk to security and first aid team** before leaving the festival site! We are here for you!

If you get sent to the Fredericton Hospital by ambulance...

- you must have your wallet, with medicare card
- you will need to arrange a way back, taxi prices and availability ranges, however the hospital is 40 km from the Future Forest Site
- you should discuss with the emergency room physician if it is safe for you to return
- please check in at first aid if you come back to the festival**



The Burrow

A comfortable, shaded communal chill space where all are welcome. Kitty corner from the Tea Hive, The Burrow has hammocks and cosy spaces where you can chill with friends, sip your tea if the Hive is buzzing, or have a snooze. Craft supplies are available if you are feeling creative as well as sensory toys if you need something to do with your hands. While harm reduction and safety volunteers will check in periodically, there will not be someone on site at all times. If you are feeling anxious, overwhelmed, or need a kind person to talk to, visit the Tea Hive. If you require medical attention, go to the first aid tent.

The Tea Hive

The Tea Hive is a harm reduction collective, offering a chill out space, free tea, and peer-support. We are open all hours of the festival!

Our volunteers are trained in harm reduction, psychedelic support, and space-holding, and can be a calm presence for anyone who might need so! We always have ear plugs and condoms available free of charge, as well as a diverse range of pamphlets and resources on safer sex, safe drug use, community care, and more. Our art supplies is always stocked, and we have blankets galore!

The hive is a cozy space that can give you a moment to relax and regroup before rejoining the festival feeling recharged and energized! Come visit us, warm up with a cup of tea or cool down with some home-made gatorade, and let's take care of each other!

The Consent Kitties

The Consent Kitties are a team of people committed to promoting consent and communication across dance floors, festivals, and everywhere!

Our slogan is JUST ASK, and that's just what we want you to do (and of course LISTEN)! If you wanna dance with someone, touch someone, or kiss someone, you've gotta ask first. If it isn't a

resounding “yes”, it’s a “no.” Communication is sexy, and Consent is Mandatory! We can all get weirder and happier together if we ask first, so let’s make consent and good communication a big part of Future Forest and our lives!

If you’re in a situation you don’t feel comfortable in, or see something going on that you don’t think is consensual, go find a kitty and let us know! The more people looking out for each other the safer we all are! We’ll have our classic ears and bandanas on, and be covered in LEDs so we shouldn’t be too hard to find! There will also be a Consent Kitty in the Tea Hive in the evenings so you can always find one there!

And if you just wanna talk, or have questions regarding consent, come say hey! Consent can be a complicated thing, and we’re all learning, so don’t be afraid to ask a kitty if you don’t know. We all know what a beautiful thing Future Forest is, and we just want to make it better, safer and weirder! So we’ve all gotta work together and make it the best that it can be!

Flying Safe

Flying Safe is a peer-based harm reduction organization that is currently in the process of registering as an NGO. We offer information, support, and comfort in rave and festival settings. Our aim is to encourage safer partying by providing party-goers with fact-based information and other services in order to give back to the community we all know and love!

Camping

- Please respect quiet hours between 0500-noon. Rest is a necessity.
- No power to campsites. No fires. Camping stoves are permitted but must be attended at all times when in use.
- Family camping available
- staff/volunteer/musician camping zones available
- RV campsites by prepaid ticket purchase only (via Future Forest website).
- Many campsites are in shaded areas between the trees, with ideal spots for hanging hammocks and tarps.
- Make sure you have all your tent pegs and poles before arriving to the festival site. Set your tent up in your yard before packing it up to make sure you have all necessary pieces. Nothing worse than discovering you are missing a pole!
- Please note, most camping sites are walk in only. Be prepared to carry all your gear!

How do I find the best camping?

- Arrive early! Camping is first come, first served.
- Having a flag/sign at your campsite is a great way to let your pals know where to find you.

-Please be considerate, do not rope off large areas for friends who will arrive at a later date. If you are arriving late, consider sending your tent with your friends to set up before your arrival.

Workshops

-Check out the schedule for a list of workshops. Past workshops have included yoga, relaxation, rope tying/bondage, and foraging for edible plants. Capacity for workshops is limited and is on a first come first served basis.

Stages

-3 different stages, each with its own unique atmosphere. Projection artists, performers, live painters and creators provide a feast for the eyes while our world class musicians, entertainers and sound systems will keep you moving until dawn.
-No smoking on the dancefloor please!! There will be designated smoking sections close to each stage. Fresher air = fresher moves ;)

-If you are feeling uncomfortable, speak to a Consent Kitty. This wonderful team of volunteers can be found on dance floors in their cat ears and kerchiefs. Consent Kitties are always happy to speak to other guests about appropriate dancing, touch and consent in a kind, non-judgmental way.

Prism Stage

- Striking geometric 2 story stage design with mind bending visual projections, flanked by two platforms for live performances .
- Hydration Station nearby
- Comfortable sand covered dance floor
- Natural seating
- Live performances and aerials acrobatics
- Live painting area
 - Musical Genres include:
Friday: Weird and Wonky Bass
Saturday: Live Music
Sunday: House

Mushroom Stage

- Organic, octagon, mushroom stage design, inspired by the landscape.
- Located under tall pine trees for shaded daytime dancing
- Hydration Station nearby
- Sand covered dance floor
- Natural amphitheater design
- Living wall surrounding lower dance floor
- Live Painting area and performances
 - Musical Genres include:

Friday: Modern House
Saturday: Dubstep, DnB, Halftime
Sunday: World Bass

Nest Stage

- Breathtaking stage design, unique each year, by the Lunosol artist group.
- Hydration Station nearby
- Located 50 meters from Little River and our communal campfire
- Towering maples provide comfortable shade
- Sand covered dance floor
- Live painting area
 - Musical Genres include:
Friday: PsyBass & Psytrance
Saturday: Melodic House and Techno

Art Gallery/Installations

- Our art gallery tent displays work from local artisans, some of which can be purchased on site.
 - Art installations can be found all over the festival. Enjoy these creations, but please be respectful of the artwork and leave it in place for everyone to enjoy.

The Trading Grove

- Nestled between the trees you will find shelves and hooks containing treasures for trade. Make sure you bring some small items, costume pieces or goodies to leave behind.
- Please note, drugs of any kind are NOT appropriate to leave in the Trading Grove.

The Car Park

- Located north west of the gate with parking for approximately 500 vehicles.
 - Parking passes can be purchased online or at the gate. Limited campsite parking is only available for Zone A parking pass holders and is first come first served.
- Walkway next to road for pedestrians

WHO CAN YOU FIND ON SITE?

Volunteers: Future Forest relies on our wonderful team of volunteers. If you would like to join our volunteer family, a Future Pass is required (this eliminates the need to pay full ticket price and wait for a refund).

Staff: This dedicated team works hard all year long to prepare for the festival. Future Forest would not be possible without them.

Production Team: Keeping the sound and lights on!

Safety/Security: Working hard to keep us all safe and sound. If you see someone who needs help, please do not hesitate to let them know!

Artists: Musicians, painters, performers, and artisans. These creative souls entertain and entrance all weekend long.

HOW TO PREPARE:

Join the “Friends of Future Forest” facebook group. Connect with Future Forest veterans for tips and tricks.

When you arrive on site, it is always a good idea to explore the festival in the daytime. Make note of where water taps, bathrooms, First Aid, the Tea Hive, and The Burrow are located. Orient yourself to where your campsite is, look for landmarks! Things look different in the dark and knowing where safe spaces and your cosy campsite are is essential.

Nutrition:

-Staying well hydrated is important! Fresh water is available onsite to refill your water bottles.

-Make sure you have water at your tent, you will be thankful for it when you wake up!

-Rehydration/electrolyte powder is always a good idea after working up a sweat on the dance floor.

-While food vendors are available on-site, it is a good idea to have some snacks or easy meals available at your camp. Fruit and veg, protein bars, or items that don't require refrigeration are best. Ice for coolers is available for purchase at the Info Booth.

-Our communal campfire can be found by the river. Bring smores, make friends.

Cell Phone Service:

There is NO reliable cellular service or wifi on site. Please plan accordingly! Enjoy being unreachable for the weekend. Consider leaving notes for your friends at the Message Board by the Info Booth. Remember to put your phone on airplane mode to conserve your battery! You will want to take pictures.

PACKING LIST - THE ESSENTIALS

- An open mind and kind heart
- Medicare card if Canadian, list of medications/conditions if applicable (consider checking in with First Aid when you arrive)
- **Your Ticket and Government ID!!**
- **CASH** (ATM on site is not always accessible)

For Your Camp and Comfort:

- Large jugs for water at camp, small water bottles or hydration packs (like CamelBaks) for keeping with you
- Travel mug for refills at the Tea Hive
- Lights - battery/solar string lights and lanterns

- *Functional* tent/shelter (pretest before trying to set it up at the festival. Seriously.)
- camping chairs
- hammock
- Garbage and recycling bags
- rope to make clothes lines and string up tarps
- Tarps (sun and rain coverage for campsite)
- rubber mallet and extra tent pegs
- duct tape
- sleeping bag/bedding (note! fleece blankets/sheets are best as they won't feel damp)
- air mattress (and pump!) or sleeping pad/foam
- pillows
- cooler
- food/snacks
- camping friendly cups, plates, and cutlery. (No glass!!) Consider a wash basin, cloth and biodegradable soap.
- a wagon to help lug all your gear to your campsite and refill your water jugs
- portable battery pack/charger (to charge your phone and vape)
- extra batteries for flashlights, etc.

For Your Body:

- A small shoulder bag, backpack or fanny pack to keep essentials with you (like toilet paper, wipes, hand sanitizer, bandaids, cash)
- **pocket sized flashlight** to keep on your person (you will be happy you have one for late night bathroom trips!)
- Good shoes with ankle support (especially for night time, our site has hills and tree roots). You will need more than just sandals!
- A pair of waterproof shoes/boots
- Hat
- bandana
- sunglasses
- Socks! More than you think you'll need.
- Rain gear
- Bathing suit and towel
- Comfortable clothing appropriate for hot days and cold nights. Layers are best!
- Fun costumes

Personal Items:

- Ear plugs!! Protect your hearing <3 foamies are fine, but percussion earplugs are best! You can pick them up at your local music store for about \$25.
- Sunscreen + Aloe
- Bug Spray + afterbite
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- disposable face/body wipes
- deodorant
- BIODEGRADABLE/ environmentally friendly shampoo and soap for the shower (do not use these in the river!! Let's keep our river clean)
- extra toilet paper/kleenex
- eye drops and saline nasal spray
- extra contacts and contact solution
- lip balm

- hairbrush and elastics
- plastic mirror (no glass!)
- condoms (if you need more, they are available at first aid and the Tea Hive)
- a first aid kit (bandages, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, polysporin, safety pins, tylenol, benadryl, gravol, TUMS, rehydration salt, scissors, tweezers)
- **If you are on a prescription medication, make sure you bring enough for the weekend.** Triple check!! Don't forget your puffer!! Make sure you place it in a safe spot at your campsite. Consider leaving extra in your car just in case.
- Smokers: a little container for your butts!
- Tampons/pads

PACKING LIST - THE EXTRAS

- Umbrella/parasol
- face/body paint and biodegradable glitter
- hula hoop, poi, flow toys (no fire toys!)
- musical instrument
- totem, sign or flag for your camp
- LED Glow sticks (so much better than disposable ones!)
- spray bottle for misting yourself and your friends
- notebook/sketchbook
- pens or markers (circle artists you like on the schedule so you can look them up later!)
- little gifts, goodies, accessories, or costume items for the Trading Grove
- a pocket sewing kit for emergency costume repair

DO NOT BRING

- A bad attitude
- costumes/items that could be offensive to others
- Fire
 - No campfires or open flames
 - No candles
 - No fireworks
 - No fire poi or other fire toys
 - No smoking by the stages or on the walk ways, bring your own ashtray or container for your butts!!
- Generators
 - There is no electricity on site
 - We do not allow generators due to hazards and air pollution (except in RV area)
 - Bring portable chargers, solar powered would be even better!
- Glass
 - NO glass, seriously
 - Including...alcohol bottles, mix, mirrors, glass cups, etc
 - it will be confiscated at the gate or in the festival
- Lasers
 - no laser points, they are dangerous to vision

- Illegal Substances
 - These will be turned over to the RCMP
 - You will be asked to leave the festival

Note: Cannabis is allowed onsite however we limit each guest to 1 ounce/person.

- Motorized Vehicles
 - Bicycles are ok (note: our festival site is NOT flat)
 - No ATVs, Golf carts, etc, etc.
 - No drones or other flying devices
- Environmental Polluters
 - Balloons
 - streamers
 - confetti
 - disposable glow sticks
 - Whippit Canisters
- Weapons or weapon-like objects
 - KNIVES
 - baseball bats
 - axes, etc
- Fuel
- Valuables
 - if you don't want to worry about it, don't bring it!
 - Consider locking items in the trunk of your car for safe keeping.
- Synthetic Feathers and Boas
- Loose glitter, biodegradable is best. Let's protect our river!
- Animals
 - No pets
 - Service and Guide dogs* will be allowed on site. However, as there have been issues with illegitimate animals being named service dogs, each case will be assessed by our health department manager. We will pay close attention to the health and well-being of any service/guide animal that is on site and if there is any question of mistreatment or exposure that may cause harm, we will not hesitate to call the SPCA.

***Service or Guide Animals are medically prescribed.** They require 1) adequate medical documentation (does not have to include private information, such as diagnosis) or 2) a legitimate certificate from a reliable source. Service vests do not count as adequate proof of status as a service animal. **Documentation must be provided in advance of entering the festival grounds. Without appropriate documentation, the animal, and hence their owner, will be refused entry.** If those with service or guide animals who decide to enter the festival, they do so at their, and their animal's, own risk. They should be aware that there is potential for dehydration, excessive sound exposure, and other unforeseen risk that may

endanger the well-being of their animal. The service/guide animal is the responsibility of the individual to which the animal is prescribed ALONE. Hence the service animal should always be tethered to that individual. **Failure to abide by these regulations will result in the individual and their animal being asked to leave the festival and the possibility that entry will be denied in the future.** Should there be any concern about mistreatment or being put in danger of harm, the SPCA will be called to investigate.

IMPORTANT:

We have sought legal counsel on the topic of animals on the premises during the festival, as well as consulted with the humane society, human rights organization, and Service Dogs of Canada. **Please note that the festival environment is unsafe for any domesticated animals.** The sound levels, extreme temperatures, and crowded areas unfortunately do not allow us in good conscience to have animals on site during festival hours. **If you have a service or guide dog and would suffer undue hardship or be unable to attend without this tool, please email health@futureforest.ca.**

Harm Reduction Initiatives:

At Future Forest we do not condone or encourage the use of illegal substances. Dehydration, over-exhaustion, mental breakdowns and tough experiences can happen whether or not drugs are consumed. Although illegal substances are banned, we are aware that some people will choose to take them.

In order to keep people safe, we have multiple crews of compassionate and dedicated volunteers and staff who are on site to help out when needed! Please orient yourself once on site to where you can find the First Aid Tent, The Tea Hive, and Flying Safe. **If you or another guest requires support, please do not hesitate to ask for help.**

Here are some tips for those who choose to consume.

- You can take more, but you can't take less. Start with small doses.
- Be cautious of cocktails, as the interacting effects can be dangerous.
- Buddy System - Look out for your friends!
- Flying Safe and The Tea Hive have lots of information on site. Please visit them! You can also find information at <https://dancesafe.org/> and <https://tripsit.me/>
- Visit the Flying Safe booth to make use of their fantastic safety resources
- It is okay to take a break! Rest in a hammock, visit the Tea Hive, The Burrow or do whatever you need to do for yourself. Lack of sleep and nourishment are some of the leading causes of negative drug experiences.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness:

As much as we try to create an alternative to the everyday at our festival, we also realize that the normalized cultures of our society are somewhat inescapable. This includes the oppression of our bodies, especially the sexualisation and abuse of feminine bodies. We want to do whatever we can to make sure that humans of all shapes, sizes and genders can feel safe at our festival, which is why we have harm reduction, medical, safety and security teams in place.

We want to BLATANTLY say that FUTURE FOREST DOES NOT TOLERATE ACTIONS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR ABUSE.

If you want to dance with someone, ask. If you want to touch someone, ask. If you want to have sex with someone, ASK. If they say no, DON'T KEEP PUSHING IT!

**At Future Forest, we are building a community
based on Three Pillars of Harm Reduction!
Take Care of YOURSELF
Take Care of EACH OTHER
Take Care of THE EARTH**