

Vacation Home Rentals FAQs

Hornby Island

Where

on Hornby Island are Vacation Home Rentals (VHRs) permitted?

At present, VHRs are permitted within the following zones:

- Small Lot Residential (R1);
- Large Lot Residential (R2);
- Forest Residential (R4); and,
- Agriculture (A1).

When

are VHRs permitted?

VHRs are only permitted from **May through September**.

If a lot is permitted to have two dwelling units, then **one can be rented as a VHR at any time of the year**, provided that the other one remains in use as a residence.

How

often can **new** guests/groups come and go from a VHR?

In any period of seven consecutive days, a VHR may be occupied by only one guest or guest party. For example, a VHR cannot be rented for three days to one guest/group and then three days to a different guest/group within the same seven day period.

How

many beds and bedrooms can be rented in each VHR?

The number of beds and bedrooms that can be rented in each VHR varies depending on the size of a property:

LOT SIZE	MAX. # OF BEDROOMS	MAX. # OF BEDS PER BEDROOM
Less than 1.0 hectare	3	2
1.0 hectare or more	4	2

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How

many parking spaces are required for each VHR?

A minimum of one (1) parking space for every rented bedroom is required.

What

signage is required?

To inform others that the VHR use is occurring, a sign must be posted on the premises and must be clearly visible from the road.

The sign must include the contact information (name and phone number) of either the owner or their agent, who must be reasonably available to handle situations if they arise.

What

about Sewage Treatment?

For lots within **Aquifer IA** (see map below), proof of sewage treatment is required before a VHR use is permitted. The Islands Trust requires confirmation in writing from a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner (ROWP) that there is adequate sewage treatment for both the residential use **and** for the proposed VHR use.

More information:

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