

Rambler car pool guidelines

The "Estimated car fare" shown on the Calendar Trip Description for each trip is a per-passenger guideline. However, drivers and passengers may agree to adjust this fare depending on circumstances. For example, if there are 3 or more passengers (not including the driver), drivers may offer to lower the per-person fare by a few dollars. If the trip involves a long distance of rough/rocky/dusty/muddy gravel road, passengers should consider paying the driver a bit more to compensate for potential car damage and car wash.

If multiple vehicles are driving but with different numbers of carpool passengers in each, consider splitting the total carpool payments equally between the drivers.

Take your turn driving to share the vehicle wear and tear. Ensure your vehicle is in good operating condition including safety equipment like rear seat headrests.
Winter or all-weather (not all-season) tires are required in winter driving conditions.

Bring your boots in a separate bag so that you don't track mud into cars, and don't put your pack onto upholstery. Ensure that your bear spray is secured.

If you are unable to get to the carpool location, add a comment when signing up for the trip asking if anyone is willing to pick you up from a location convenient for both parties.

Basis for the recommended car fare

The Executive passed a motion at the Nov.13, 2008 Executive meeting to calculate the suggested car fare per passenger based on the following guidelines:

Gas price/ litre...car fare cents/km

\$0.50 - \$0.749.....5

\$0.75 - \$0.999.....6

\$1.00 - \$1.249.....7

\$1.25 - \$1.499.....8

\$1.50 - \$1.749.....9

Higher gas prices would increase the suggested fare by 1 cent per kilometre for every incremental 25 cents/litre. Gas price is based 87 octane gasoline.

The rate will be adjusted based on the prices shown on a website such as Gas Buddy Calgary (<https://www.gasbuddy.com/gaspricemap?lat=51.0447331&lng=-114.0718831&z=13>). If most prices move out of one price band into another and appear likely to stay that way for a time, then consideration will be given to adjusting the suggested car fare rate. Being a suggested fare, we won't be trying to capture every up and down on a daily basis.

The website calculation that shows on the trip sheets will be adjusted accordingly.

As reference, Canada Revenue Agency's automobile allowance rates for 2024 are:

\$0.70 per kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres, \$0.64 per kilometre thereafter

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/businesses/topics/payroll/benefits-allowances/automobile/automobile-motor-vehicle-allowances/automobile-allowance-rates.html>

Default and other meeting places

The car fare calculation uses default meeting locations depending on destination as follows:

Via the TransCanada Highway or northwest: Shouldice Arena

(<https://www.ramblers.ab.ca/Trips/MeetingPlaces>)

Bragg Creek and Elbow Highway 66: Canadian Tire Richmond Road

Points south (e.g. Highwood, Sheep & Threepoint areas.): Heritage

(<https://www.ramblers.ab.ca/Trips/MeetingPlaces#heritage>

Alternates just off Highway 22X:

- Red Deer Lake Church (<https://www.ramblers.ab.ca/Trips/MeetingPlaces#rdlchurch>) on Spruce Meadows Green SW, maximum 12 cars on north side of parking lot
- Red Deer Lake School on non-school days
(<https://www.ramblers.ab.ca/Trips/MeetingPlaces#rdlschool>)

Alternate meeting places that may be chosen by coordinators usually involve less carpool distance and some recommended car fares may be adjusted automatically; if not, the following table shows the difference for TransCanada Hwy and Highway 22 [TCHand22]; Valley Ridge Drive [valleyridge]; Red Deer Lake Church [rdlchurch] (Red Deer Lake School [rdlschool] is the same). “Δ km” is the round trip reduction in kilometres.

Currently selecting TCHand22 will do this calculation automatically.

default>	Shouldice arena			Heritage
alternate>	TCHand22	valleyridge	assumption	rdlchurch
	Δ km=42.6	Δ km=11.6	Δ km=3.8	Δ km=32.4
Car fare rate				
\$0.05	-\$2	-\$1	\$0	-\$2
\$0.06	-\$3	-\$1	\$0	-\$2
\$0.07	-\$3	-\$1	\$0	-\$2
\$0.08	-\$3	-\$1	\$0	-\$3
\$0.09	-\$4	-\$1	\$0	-\$3
\$0.10	-\$4	-\$1	\$0	-\$3
\$0.11	-\$5	-\$1	\$0	-\$4
\$0.12	-\$5	-\$1	\$0	-\$4

For other meeting places the fare will have to be calculated based on the distance and car fare rate.

Note that the website calculations have been based on Google Maps distance via the shortest distance route at the time the data was retrieved, which may differ from odometer distances and may be via routes that involve gravel roads, e.g. Google calculates the shortest distances to the Highwood via the gravel road southwest of Turner Valley (208th St West); staying on pavement via Longview is 21 round trip kilometres further.

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