



**Lheidli T'enneh**

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## Trapline and Cabin FAQs

### 1. What is a trapline?

Traplines are geographic areas of Crown or Private lands that may span several square kilometers for which registration is granted to an individual or more than one licensed trapper to trap/harvest fur-bearing animals. In BC, all the areas were categorized into different traplines owned by both indigenous and non-indigenous people. Registering a trapline is not the same as ownership of the land

### 2. What is the registration process for a trapline?

The Province of British Columbia, through the Natural Resources Online Services, manages the registration and transfers of traplines.

### 3. Is a trapline transferable?

Yes, a trapline is transferable through the Trapline transfer/registration system. Visit the trapline transfer portal [gov.bc.ca](http://gov.bc.ca) for additional information on the process

### 4. I inherited a trapline, does it automatically become mine?

No. Traplines whether used historically or otherwise when inherited do not automatically become transferred. You will need to register for the trapline through the province's Trapline Transfer/Registration portal. You will be required to provide the necessary documents (such as the death Certificate, A copy of the will- if available, a letter signed by the deceased's children, etc.) to prove that the trapline is to be transferred to you. Note that the trapline can be registered to multiple individuals.

### 5. Do I need to register for a trapline to trap as a Lheidli member?

No. Trapping falls under your Section 35 Rights. It is an Aboriginal Right, and a trapping license and registered trapline are not required for First Nations trapping on their traditional territory for food, social, and ceremonial purposes. For trapping outside of the traditional territory, First Nations are to abide by the Province of British Columbia's Hunting and Trapping Regulations. In most cases, you will also be required to obtain permission from the local First Nation where you intend to hunt outside of your territory.

### 6. Can I have multiple people added to a single trapline?

Yes. Multiple individuals can be added to a single trapline. Note that when multiple individuals are assigned a trapline, all registered holders on the trapline will be required to sign off on any document relating to the trapline

## **7. What is a Trapline cabin?**

A Trapline cabin is a structure or shelter where a trapper can stay to skin, flesh, and handle harvested animals, pelts, and carcasses. They are generally any accommodation or building erected, placed, or used on public lands for wildlife trapping.

## **8. Can I build a cabin anywhere in Lheidli T'enneh Territory?**

According to Section 35 of the Constitution Act, you have the right to harvest wildlife-including fish, plants, and other components for food, social, and ceremonial purposes and to the use and occupation of lands related to the exercise of rights. However, there are processes and procedures to be followed before building a trapline cabin within the territory.

## **9. What is the procedure for building a cabin within Lheidli territory?**

To build a cabin within Lheidli Territory, we ask that you

- Have an idea of the location you want based on your hunting grounds, pattern, and location. If you don't know where you want, you can talk to our office. We will guide you in deciding on one. You can also request the map of the territory from our office. We will provide you with one in any preferred format.
- Once you decide on a location, we request that, if possible, you visit the location, take the GPS coordinate, and send it to us. If you are unable to visit the intended cabin location or take the GPS coordinates, please let us know. We can help with a spatial location.
- When we receive the GPS coordinates, we begin a series of internal processes to check the suitability of the location. We check to make sure it is public land, for any active tenure (land, minerals, mining, etc), and a series of other factors are checked.
- We will then advise you based on our findings. We may proceed or recommend some changes in the location. We will always work with you until a suitable site is found.
- If all is suitable, we will do the paperwork for you and invite you to our office to complete the paperwork and sign accordingly.

## **10. Can I get a map of the territory?**

Yes, we can provide you with the map (both digital and paper) of the territory in any format of your choice, including ARCH E and D paper format. Contact us if you need one.

## **11. Should I register my cabin with the natural resources office of the Band or with the Province?**

We generally advise that you register your cabin with our office and also register it with the province (which we do for you as part of the registration paperwork). This allows a notation of interest to be placed over the cabin location.

## **12. Why should I register my Cabin with the Band?**

When you register your cabin with the NR Department at the band office, it helps us to be able to protect your structure and also to contact you when any proposed project will affect or impact your cabin. It also helps us to notify provincial ministries like the emergency crew and follow up with them in situations of emergencies, such as wildfire, flooding, etc.

**13. Can I have more than one cabin within the territory?**

Yes, you may have more than one cabin within the territory. Contact us, and we will work together with you to make it happen.

**14. What should be the size of my cabin?**

The size of the cabin is up to you to decide. However, the allotted/approved land boundary is typically 50m x 50m (164 ft x 164ft).

**15. Who should I contact with questions?**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at [naturalresources@heidli.ca](mailto:naturalresources@heidli.ca) or 250-562-0847

