



FAQ

Arts Whistler and the Resort Municipality of Whistler are excited to confirm the return of ***Busking on the Fitzsimmons Trail***. Coinciding with the Whistler Farmer's Market in the Upper Village and major event weekends throughout the summer, Busking will be **permitted on Saturdays 10am – 3pm, & Sundays from 9am – 1pm from July 8 to September 3 (inclusive)**.

BUSKING PERMIT:

Active members of Arts Whistler may apply for a busking permit online. Applicants may be subject to an audition and/or jury process at Arts Whistler's discretion.

Don't have an Arts Whistler membership? Don't worry! You purchase your membership when you pick up your busking permit at the Arts Centre.

- Permit is valid on Saturday and Sunday from July 8 to September 3 (inclusive) between 10 am – 3 pm.
- Applications must be received at least one week in advance of the first weekend you intend to busk. Same-day permit requests will not be accepted.

Please note: bands/groups – each artist in the group must obtain individual permits.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the Busking Application form online on Arts Whistler's website. You must apply for a permit at least one week in advance of the first weekend you intend to busk, even for single-day use. Walk-in applications will not be accepted!

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Musicians who have a valid Arts Whistler membership.
 - *Busking on the Fitzsimmons Trail 2023* will only be accepting applications from musicians. The inclusion of artists, other street entertainment, and services will be reassessed in future years.
- Solo acts or group acts. Group size will be assessed on a case-by-case basis during the permit processing stage.
- Applicants may be local, regional and touring if already in Whistler.
- *Busking on the Fitzsimmons Trail* is a small-scale, community-orientated initiative. Regional and touring performers/artists, not already in Whistler, may not find this program viable, particularly as travel costs could outweigh the earnings.
- Applicants must be legally entitled to work in Canada.
- All acts, displays, and supporting material must be appropriate for a family audience and adaptable to an outdoor site with large public exposure.
- Applicants should be confident working in a transient environment and engaging an audience that would often otherwise be passing by.
- Applicants should understand that they are responsible for their own compensation from the audience through audience engagement and a courteous and creative approach to tip collection. There is no minimum donation.
- Applicants must demonstrate a reasonable degree of proficiency in their performance and are expected to have one (1) or more hours of performance-ready repertoire to vary their sets and avoid repetition.

I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE. CAN I STILL APPLY?

Yes, applicants under 18 years of age may still apply.

Applicants between 14 and 18 years of age, will require a parent/legal guardian to co-sign their Busking Application and accompany them to pick up their permit – both applicant and parent/legal guardian must present a valid photo identification.

Applicants less than 14 years of age can have their name on a permit issued under a parent/legal guardian's name - this parent/legal guardian must accompany the artist/performer at all times during the audition process, permit collection, and performances at the busking sites.

ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR TALENT:

The Arts Whistler team is always on the lookout for local talent. We are all about encouraging a vibrant arts and culture scene in Whistler, so if you have any performing ideas yourself or know of talent that should be on our radar, drop us a line at info@artswhistler.com.

We look forward to seeing you out on the Fitzsimmons Trail!