



Nature Vancouver

Guidelines for Carpooling Costs

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The recommended compensation for each driver is \$5.00 per passenger per hour of driving time.

For example, on a trip that involves one hour of driving time each way, each passenger would pay \$10.00

We feel that this adequately reimburses the driver for expected gas costs with a vehicle which gets average fuel economy at current gas prices, as well as vehicle wear and tear and driving stress.

Carpooling is encouraged to keep the number of vehicles to a minimum, helping to reduce fuel consumption, emissions, traffic volume, and parking congestion.

We prefer a per hour guideline as opposed to a distance-based one, as a given distance on a logging road takes much longer than the same distance on a highway, and better takes into account the longer travel time and the extra wear and tear on the vehicle (and the driver).

This is meant as a general guideline, and the final decision as to how much is still left to the discretion of the driver, especially if there is only a single passenger (though that is to be discouraged). At the least, the driver should expect to be compensated for out-of-pocket cost of gas used on the trip. Please note that stopping time such as washroom stops or border and ferry line ups is not to be counted. Ferries, tolls and parking charges should, of course, all be divided equally.

The trip leader should explain the policy to all participants, at the carpooling point if possible. For legal reasons, no money should change hands until the end of the trip.