

Cabin Essentials (week)

A. COOKING/FOOD PREP

What is available at Cabin

Barbecue with grill, bbq brush for cleaning, one tank of propane
Bin for washing dishes
Picnic Table
Kitchen cart with marble top for food prep
Garbage bags/bins
Non potable water for washing available at main gate

What you'll probably want to bring

Table Cloth
Tea Towels & Pot Scrubber/sponge
Dish Soap & Hand Soap (& sanitizer)
Fry Pan & a Pot or two
Flipper, Ladle, etc
Cutting Board/knives
Plates, bowls, Cutlery
Glasses or Cups/fav coffee mug/water bottle for travel
Serviettes/Paper towel
Good Cooler for food (or two or three in summer)
Cooler to go and get ice as needed in Maynooth
Ice for Coolers
Jugs of water (grocer in Maynooth also sells water)
Groceries (see notes re local food supplies)

B. BATHROOM SUPPLIES

What is available at Cabin

Outside Spot to Shower/bucket/ladle/basin
Nice Outhouse at each cabin

What you'll probably want to bring

Toilet Paper (we supply first roll)
Bath & Hand towels
Shampoo & Conditioner
Hand Soap & Sanitizer
Baby Wipes (super handy at times)

C. SLEEPING/BEDROOM

What is available at Cabin

Fold down Couch (approx double bed)
Two vinyl covered mattresses upstairs (approx queen size when together)
Chair & tables (see photos)

What you'll probably want to bring

Sheets, pillow cases, pillows, sleeping bags/blankets
Laundry Hamper (Laundramat in Bancroft)
Tide/Stain Remover
Books or Movies (laptop) for night time use
Bell has a good cell signal here, Rogers does not

D. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

What is available at Cabin

Battery operated fan (2 D Cell Batteries) *batteries not supplied
Solar lights in cabin and outhouse, and on big Deck
Fire pit and some good hardwood firewood to get you started
(additional bags can be ordered for \$10 cash, before five pm please)
A parking spot for your car at cabin

What you may find handy

Extra Batteries
If you have a QUIET generator, by all means bring it
Lawn chairs/umbrella
Kitchen tent if you want to have more prep room
Water toys for lake visits
Good hiking clothes, swim suits, etc
USB power bank for charging phones etc (or use your car)
Flashlight (or use your phones)
Camera, Binoculars
BIKES - KAYAK OR CANOE - WATER TOYS

SPECIAL NOTES FOR APRIL GUESTS

1. The trail to the cabin may not be passable by vehicle. If this is the case, we can transport your gear via our tracked ATV, and you can hike in to the cabin, about seven minutes on easy flat trail. Your car will be parked at the barn during your stay. Be sure and add a power bank for your devices to your list of things to bring. We are more than happy to help you get situated at your cabin and will bring anything in, and out, that you need that's too heavy to carry, no charge. It's not too far, so it shouldn't be an issue, even if you are checking in late, we can accommodate you, so long as you give us advance warning. There are NO bugs in April.

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2. We do get our first flush of Black Flies starting *generally* around Mother's Day. The first week they are usually only a minor irritant and they don't cause much trouble, but starting the second week of May they do get a little more bothersome. The best solution is to bring yourself a screen tent, for enjoying the beautiful May days outside. There is plenty of room at each cabin to set up a screen tent. Please DO NOT dig trenches, and try to keep the ground disturbance to a minimum.

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SPECIAL NOTES FOR JUNE & JULY GUESTS

1. Particularly in LATE JUNE and the MOST OF July, the deer and horse flies can be quite bothersome. You are in the forest, and if you want comfortable relaxation time, you will need a screen tent for lounging and eating outside. Make sure you bring bug spray for walks. The swimming is exceptional beginning the end of June when the temperate often reaches 29 degrees, and of course July is the peak for swimming at the nearby lake. July here is usually very HOT and mosquitoes can be an issue without proper planning for your stay.

2. The cabins GET HOT at this time of year. We do provide a small, fairly effective battery operated fan, that can really help at night when you want to sleep. They take D cell batteries, which are not supplied, so be sure and bring a good supply for your night time comfort.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR AUGUST GUESTS

1. August are the glory days of summer here, when the bugs begin to dissipate and the temperature is more moderate. You may still need to bring yourself a screen tent for comfort, but generally at night the evenings get quite cool, particularly towards the end of August, which makes for great campfire weather.

2. We can still have hot days, so we do recommend bringing D cell batteries for the small portable fan that is provided.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR SEPT, OCT, NOV GUESTS

2. September is a great month here, generally warm at the beginning and cooling down towards the end of September. That means no bugs, and great campfires.

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4. Colorful trees begin after the first frost of September, with reds typically beginning the second and third weekend, followed by oranges around October 1, and yellow towards the middle of October. The peak is usually finished mid October, although we have seen things go very early and very late, so this is only a GUIDELINE.

5. In late October and into the middle of November, we can get occasional snow. Generally there are no issues getting to the cabin as they don't tend to be significant accumulations until December.

6. Please note, it can get quite cold in October and November. These are THREE season cabins, so while the cabin furnace is helpful, it will not be as effective below minus 10 degrees C. Many people enjoy this time of year, but you MUST be prepared with cold weather gear just in case the temperature dips down significantly. Heavy (or doubled) sleeping bags, a toque for evenings, warm slippers, and proper outdoor clothing are all required to enjoy this special time.

E. IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR STAY

MAYNOOTH (5 MIN) HAS A LOT OF YOUR ESSENTIALS

1. Maynooth General Store & Maynooth Gas
 - (on facebook) has everything but the kitchen sink
 - You can get water and ice there
 - Gas station with gas, Diesel, propane exchange, bottle exchange, movie rental
2. LCBO, TWO ANTIQUE STORES, ART SHOP, and soon a PHARMACY

BANCROFT (15 MIN) HAS EVERYTHING

Foodland, No Frills, Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Two Pharmacies, Beer Store, Restaurants, Chinese Food, Pet Store, Subway, McDonalds, Tim Hortons, Dixie Lee, Kayak/ SUP rentals, etc

COMBERMERE (20 MIN - not that big but has some things)

Home Hardware, General Store/Market, Boat Launch for Kamineskeg, Food Truck/Ice Cream

PALMER RAPIDS (30 MIN - not that big but has some things)

General Store, 7 days a week, sells wine & Liquor, The Rapids are an amazing destination for a day trip, great kayaking & canoeing spots there

BARRY'S BAY (30 MIN) IS A GREAT DAY TRIP

Stedmans, Metro, Value Mart, Kayak & SUP rentals, Subway, Dixie Lee, Tim Hortons, Home Hardware, Beer Store, Liquor Store, Pharmacy

F. THINGS TO DO

(be sure and check out our GUIDEBOOK on the Air BnB site!)

SWIM, FISH, KAYAK, SUP AT CARDWELL LAKE

**WE WILL HAVE A CANOE RENTAL WITH DELIVERY AVAILABLE IN 2021

Directions - as you leave our laneway, turn left onto East Lake Road. About two hundred yards you will see a turn onto Cardwell Lake road, turn left. In a half km or so you will come to a 'T' junction, and almost straight ahead you will see Blue sign #202. Drive in the lane at #202 and you will come to a three way split. To the right is a cottage, in the middle is a boat launch (use for your kayaks etc) and straight ahead is a pathway to a point of land that is Crown Land (free for public use). Park off to the side so people can get by, then it's about 100 yard to the end where there is a lovely pine plantation

and a great spot to swim in the lake. There is a small fire pit but as always, be careful if you have a fire and be sure and take your garbage as it is not manned by any authority. Just a nice quiet spot to relax and swim and it's less than five minutes away from the cabins. You can try biking to the lake as well, there is a small short cut from the cabins, ask Penny.

SWIMMING/KAYAKING PAPINEAU LAKE PUBLIC BEACH (it's on Google Maps)

Directions - to back to Maynooth and head North on HWY 62. Watch for Papineau Lake Road south (not far past Burlangett Rd on the left) Follow Papineau Lake Road south to Dog Point road, and turn right. The beach is not far and it's on your left. It's hard to miss! Free Beach, lovely sand, great lake for boats (there is a launch on the other side).

SWIMMING/KAYAKING LAKE ST PETER PROVINCIAL PARK

Directions - head out our road until you get to the corner (hwy 127) turn right. In about eight minutes you will pass Lake St. Peter Building supply, then on your right is Lake St. Peter Road. Follow to Park Entrance. A pass for the day is \$15.50 and includes your car load. It's a lovely beach with plenty for the kids to do. If you don't want to pay for the park, there is a nice sandy boat launch off of Center Road, just drive straight down and you can see it straight ahead, it's a huge beach/sandy swim spot and most everyone uses it (it's called Dog Point), go at mealtimes for quieter moments (weekends) After your swim, turn right on 127, and Linkies General Store is just down on the left. It has fuel and plenty of things you might find handy as well as liquor and beer sales.

SWIMMING/BOATING/KAYAKING KAMINESKEG LAKE

Directions - THERE are so many places to get onto this lake, because it is attached to 90 km of waterway. You can put a kayak in at the launch at HWY 62 in Combermere, or go to Barry's Bay and use the beach for swimming and launching kayak/sup. To get to the beach, you follow 62 almost right into Barry's Bay. On your left as you get to town you will see Lakeshore drive on your left, you can actually see the beach from there.

SWIMMING/BOATING/KAYAKING MADAWASKA RIVER

THERE ARE KAYAK RENTALS AVAILABLE IN PALMER RAPIDS, SEE AIR BNB GUIDE BOOK

Directions - Go to Maynooth and head north on 62 Highway. When you get to Combermere, go through town and just north of town you will see HWY 515. If you go into town and go past the variety store you will see Burnt Bridge Road, turn left and that takes you to a boat launch to get on the river. The river has 10 km of waterway, and is lovely and not very fast so kayaking is amazing. If you want to do something with a proper swimming area, then before you get to Palmer Rapids you will see DAM ROAD on your right. Turn right, and follow the road a short ways and you will see a dirt track that goes off to your left with a forestry type sign. It doesn't look like much of a road but I take my van down it and I have a spoiler. Follow that to the very end, there is a HUGE parking lot under the pines and this is the spot to be! There are tons of people that visit here, and the kayak places teach kayaking in the small rapids there. You will have seen this spot in my video of the cottage, where a canoe and a kayak are enjoying the river. You can even take an inner tube down the rapids, I am told. I have never done it but I will, some day. After my niece tests it out first ha ha. You will likely see someone going down it if you stick around. There is a lovely spot to get into the water down on a gravel/sand beach. Bring your swim suits and a lunch, it's heavenly on a nice day!

SWIMMING/KAYAKING L'AMABLE DAM

Directions - Go to Maynooth and turn right on HWY 62. Follow 62 hwy through Bancroft (it jogs through town over the bridge) and just south of town, off 62, you will see a sign for 'OLD L'AMABLE road. If you miss it don't worry, it comes out to 62 again and it's just as good going either way. Turn left onto OLD L'AMABLE road, and part way down you will see signs for the beach. Great little

spot with a small beach and docks tucked away in the pines, calm water, easy access, and you can kayak under the bridge and go out into L'AMABLE lake for a paddle, if you have your own boat.

BEST PLACE FOR ICE CREAM!

Kawartha Dairy (Bancroft) - just south of Bancroft on Hwy 28, this is a MUST have, to enjoy local, amazing ice cream!

Dairy Queen (Bancroft) right on the main street, you can't miss it!

Charlie D's (Barry's Bay) - Of Hwy 60 just East of Barry's Bay, they have a Fry truck with an amazing number of different Poutine, and Tracey's Ice Cream (home made) which is just delish.

Dairy Freeze (Barry's Bay) just across from the Metro. Good Covid protocols, you'll feel safe here - they don't have as many flavors as they used to and it's not Kawartha ice cream anymore but it's still good.

Barry's Bay Dairy - big scoops, I haven't been in here since Covid started but they always had good ice cream.

BEST PLACES TO SIGHTSEE

THE EAGLES NEST in BANCROFT is an amazing lookout over the town of Bancroft. Just watch for the signs for Eagles Nest Road, which are just south of the LCBO and FOODLAND. Drive to the top, park in the parking area and it's a short walk to the lookout.

Of course, **ALGONQUIN PARK!** The Loggers Museum is a must see, as is the Visitors Center. Stop at the gate and get your day pass. There are tons of hiking trails and things to see. You can get the paper at the check in building just inside the East Gates. The park is about forty minutes from the cabin so make a day trip of it.

On your way, stop in **WHITNEY** at the Menwahtay Gift Shop, or rent a Kayak or Canoe in Whitney or Madawaska to use in the park.

WILNO has some amazing views up at the lookout, or just stop by the Church at the top of the hill. There are also some gift shops.

QUADEVILLE is home to Al Capone's Cabin. Not an official site, everyone goes looking, so just stop at the Quadeville store, buy a soda, and they might be nice and tell you how to get there to see it.

MAYNOOTH - Every Saturday, Maynooth (5 minutes) hosts a Farmers Market, always a fun stop if you are here on a weekend. There's also a gas station, pharmacy, and general store, as well as several antique and art shops in town.

NEW FOR 2021 - HIGHLAND FARMS & STABLE MARKET GARDEN - ON SITE!

Farm Fresh Eggs, produce, and maybe even some fresh fruit if you get here at the right time! Our Market garden will have fresh daily picked produce (seasonal) with an IMPRESSIVE selection of Heirloom Tomatoes (20 varieties), Cucumbers, Radishes, Crispy Lettuces (14 varieties) Corn on the Cob, Peppers, Squash, Zucchini, Herbs (all the favorites) and in spring, we will have seedlings for sale to take home to your own garden. And don't miss CHICKEN TOWN - yes, we breed five color varieties!

BEST OF ALL - we are now a FLOWER FARM! You can take a peek, and can arrange for a nice farm fresh bouquet to take back to the city with you.

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