

# Cabin Essentials (week)

## A. COOKING/FOOD PREP

### What is available at Cabin

Table Top BBQ, bbq brush for cleaning, one tank of propane  
Camp Coffee Percolator (FOR USE ON GRILL)  
Bin for washing dishes  
Picnic Table  
77 L outdoor garbage pail & bags

### What you'll probably want to bring

Table Cloth  
Tea Towels & Pot Scrubber/sponge  
OVEN MITTS  
Dish Soap & Hand Soap (& sanitizer)  
Small garbage bags for kitchen prep  
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)  
Cooler to go and get ice as needed in Maynooth  
Ice for Coolers  
Jugs of water (grocery in Maynooth also sells drinking water)  
Groceries (see notes re local food supplies)

## B. BATHROOM SUPPLIES

### What is available at Cabin

Outdoor screened area to Bathe with bucket/scoop  
Nice Outhouse with solar light

### What you'll probably want to bring

Toilet Paper (we supply a roll to start you off)  
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  
Two vinyl covered mattresses upstairs  
Chair & table(s)

### **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 & Deck  
A fire pit area  
Broom & Dustpan  
A parking spot for you car at cabin

### **What you may find handy**

Batteries for provided small fan  
If you have a QUIET generator, by all means bring it  
Lawn chairs/umbrella  
Water toys for lake visits  
Good hiking clothes, swim suits, etc  
Battery operated Radio  
USB power bank for charging phones etc (or use your car)  
Flashlight (or use your phones)  
Camera, Binoculars  
BIKES - KAYAK OR CANOE - WATER TOYS

## **E. IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR STAY**

MAYNOOTH (5 MIN) HAS ALOT OF YOUR ESSENTIALS

1. Maynooth General Store& Maynooth Gas
  - (on facebook) has everything but the kitchen sink
  - You can get drinking water and ice there
  - Gas station with gas, Diesel, propane exchange, bottle exchange, movie rental
  - we have non potable water available at the farm gate
  - There is an LCBO, TWO ANTIQUE STORES, ART SHOP, and 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 a few great food trucks and CHEAP GAS

### F. THINGS TO DO

#### **SWIM, FISH, KAYAK, SUP AT CARDWELL LAKE**

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.

#### **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**

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.

## **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. Also Barry's Bay Dairy - big scoops, haven't been in since Covid, but they always have good ice cream and a take out counter.

## **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.