

Welcome to Bigelow Alpine Lodge!

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We hope you enjoy your stay in the Western Mountains of Maine and make the most of all the amenities and things to do in the area. Please feel free to ask us about any outdoor recreation or activities nearby. This binder is full of local restaurants, activities, and sightseeing in the area!

Route 27 North takes you through Stratton, Eustis, Chain of Ponds and eventually the Canadian Border. This area is home to not only Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Resort, but also the Bigelow Mountain range and the Appalachian Trail.

-Stav, Justin & Sam

Contact Information:

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Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us by text or call for anything! We live nearby and will make ourselves available for you

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Basic House Information

Coffee, spices, condiments, cleaning products, paper goods and other commonly used items are available for you to use as needed. Please replenish if excessive use.

Self-Check In: Key code will be provided at check-in via Airbnb.

Check-Out: ***Check-out is at 10am, please follow instructions on page 5***

Wi-Fi:

- Network: SpectrumSetup-AD
- Password: proofgate231

Heating/Cooling:

- Honeywell thermostat located on the main floor on the wall by the kitchen's back door. We typically keep the home between 62-68 to be comfortable.
- Additional fan is located in master closet

Trash & Returnables:

- We recycle all cans and bottles in the correctly labeled bins in the pull out drawer on the island in the kitchen. Please put trash and recycling in designated barrels out the back door off the kitchen.

Entertainment

- Flat screen TV's with streaming capabilities in each bedroom and living area
- Toys, puzzles and games located under kitchen island

Outdoor Space:

- We keep 4 rocking chairs on the front patio in the summer/fall months.
- Backyard space is available for guests to use for yard games and river access

Things to Note

We Provide

- Linens, pillows, blankets/comforters, towels, and face clothes
- Toilet paper and paper towels, basic cleaning products available under kitchen sink, vacuum is located in the closet in the upstairs bedroom closet.
- Washer & Dryer is free to use
- Baby gate for top or bottom of the stairs is located in master bedroom closet
- Outlet protectors in kitchen draw under coffee maker
- We have a pack n play and highchair upon request

General Rules

- During your stay, you have full access of the house and property.
- *No smoking* or vaping inside the house (cigarettes or otherwise).
- *No fireworks* are to be used on the property. Maine law requires the consent of property owners to display fireworks on private property. The use of fireworks is NOT consented.
- *No parties or events without owner's written permission.*
- *No additional guests other than those accounted for in booking.*
- No *Pets!* There will be a \$100 fee if this house rule is broken.
- Please reuse towels throughout your stay if possible. We've allocated 2 per guest. In addition, we have a surplus of cleaning products under the bathroom sink if needed
- Coffee, spices, condiments, cleaning products, paper goods and other commonly used items are available for you to use as needed, please replace if excessive use.

Safety Information

****Call 911 in the event of an emergency!****

Closest Hospital

- Franklin Memorial Hospital located in Farmington, ME.

Fire Extinguishers

- Located under the kitchen sink

Fireplace

- Please feel free to use wickless candles in the fireplace. Back up batteries located in kitchen draw under coffee maker
- No live candles are allowed for safety reasons

Lake Usage

- Flagstaff Lake is available to you for swimming, kayaking and boating. You are welcome to use your own water crafts (*at your own risk*).
- *Swimming Recommendations:* We'd recommend some local spots:
 - Myers Beach
 - Cathedral Pines campground
 - Dead River Boat Launch/Bridge to jump off (only a mile north of the home)

Check-Out Instructions

*****Check-out is promptly at 10am, please follow instructions below*****

Departure: We ask that you leave the home as you found it and respect the space as if it were your own. All furniture should be back as it was and all dishes washed and returned to their place. If any damage is to occur *please* notify your host.

- *Remove all used bed linens* (leave comforters in bedrooms) *and towels* and place on second floor near washer and dryer
- Please empty the fridge and take all food you brought home with you
- Trash should be disposed of in barrel, located out back of the kitchen door

Don't Forget!

- Take a look around for personal items (check bathrooms, closets/drawers, under beds, etc.)
- Check the basement to make sure everything is back in order and put away
- Make sure outdoor space is as you found it, kayaks are put away and locked up and key is put back in it's place
- Front door automatically locks once you close it
- Send your Host a message that you've departed
- Have a safe drive home! We hope you will come back again ☺

Suggestions? Please let us know if you have any suggestions for how to improve your future stay!

Review! Tell us about your stay and help prospective guests get a feel for the atmosphere and what you enjoyed most about the home and the area.



Check out our website www.taylormanagementme.com for more info on rentals!

Instagram @TaylorManagementmaine

Tag us or send us photos through Airbnb or Instagram and we'd love to share your experience!

Food & Dining

Grocery Stores

- Fotter Market & Hardware—Stratton, ME
- Pines Market—Stratton, ME
- Flagstaff General Store—Stratton, ME
- Mountainside Grocery—Carrabassett Valley, ME
 - Very small grocery/convenience store, gas station
- Ayott's—Carrabassett Valley
 - Agency liquor store, convenience store, gas station
- Mainely Provisions—Kingfield, ME
 - Small but well-stocked with lots of local products, their bakery items in particular are delicious. Strongly recommend you try the garlic provolone rounds warmed up in the oven until the cheese is melted!
- The Maine Beer Shed—Kingfield, ME
 - Craft beer store that also sells local produce and goods
- High Tide, Low Tide Seafood—Madison, ME
 - Seafood market with live lobsters, fresh oysters, fish, etc.
- Hannaford's—Farmington & Madison, ME

Restaurants (Call Ahead for Seasonal Hours)

- Stratton/Eustis, Maine
 - Coplin Dinner House
 - Fine dining, reservations recommended
 - The Stratton Plaza
 - Locals bar, pub food, live music
 - Looney Moose Café
 - Breakfast & lunch, homemade goods
 - Tea Pond Restaurant
 - Off grid, remote, fun experience
 - Backstrap Bar & Grill
 - Locals bar, upscale pub food
 - Trails End Steakhouse
 - Live music, homemade specials, locals bar
- Carrabassett Valley, Maine
 - Tufulio's Restaurant & Bar
 - Casual Italian cuisine
 - Sugarbowl
 - Sports bar, pub food, bowling, arcade
 - Hug's Italian Restaurant
 - Reservations recommended

- o The Rack BBQ
 - Bottom of Access Rd, best après, live music, local bar
 - o The Bag & Kettle
 - On mountain, famous for their signature burgers
 - o Alice & Lulu's
 - On mountain, specialty wine, meat and cheeses
 - o Shipyard Brewhaus
 - On mountain, casual restaurant and bar, live music
 - o 45 North
 - On mountain, located at Sugarloaf Hotel, serves breakfast and dinner
 - o D'Ellies
 - On mountain, great breakfast or lunch spot on the go
 - o Mas Amigos—Coming soon!
 - Mexican, craft beers and cocktails
 - o Stroke's Bar & Grill (Seasonal—Summer)
 - On the golf course, outdoor seating
- Kingfield, Maine
 - o Rolling Fatties
 - Locally sourced food, burritos and burrito bowls
 - o Kingfield Woodsman
 - Breakfast food with all the staples
 - o Longfellow's Restaurant
 - American, slightly upscale
 - o Orange Cat Café
 - Coffee shop and café, drive thru
 - o Anni's Market
 - Gas station outside, pizza/sub shop/take out staples
 - o The Inn on Winter's Hill
 - Unique setting, rotating menu
 - The Forks, Maine
 - o Kennebec River Brewery
 - Northern Outdoors
 - Pool, hot tub, lawn games
 - o Inn By the River
 - Brunch, lunch, dinner
 - o Boatman's Bar & Grill (Seasonal—Summer)
 - Three Rivers Whitewater
 - Live music, karaoke, bonfires
 - o The Marshall
 - Local bar, live music, fun place

Places To Go

Sugarloaf Mountain

- Sugarloaf is 20 minutes north of the cottage
- On Mountain—Golfing, disc golf, zip lining, etc.
- Outdoor Center—Cross Country Skiing, mountain biking, kayak and SUP rentals, etc.

Flagstaff Lake

- Large, beautiful lake about 35 minutes from the cottage. Great for boating, fishing, swimming, kayaking, picnics, etc. The lake is largely untouched so plan for a relaxing day on the water.

The Forks

- A little over an hour from the cottage
- Whitewater rafting community, kayak and tubing rentals, also a huge snowmobile trail system
- Restaurants, bars, live music

Shopping

- Downtown Kingfield—Check out the High Peaks Artisan Guild
- Nearby towns like Farmington, Madison and Skowhegan have quaint Main streets with small local shops worth exploring
- Check out Reny’s “A Maine Adventure” in Madison or Farmington
- Antiques
 - The Red Barn—Anson, ME

Things To Do

Hiking

- Near Sugarloaf you can find the trailhead for many trails of the Bigelow Mountain Preserve, the range is part of the Appalachian Trail. Check online on sites like All Trails for mountain maps and more parking info.
- Other hikes nearby:
 - Burnt Mountain—Carrabassett Valley, ME
 - Mt Abraham—Kingfield, ME
 - Bald Mountain—Rangeley, ME
 - Saddleback Mountain—Rangeley
 - Pleasant Pond Mountain—Caratunk, ME
 - Mosquito Mountain—The Forks, ME
 - Moxie Bald—The Forks, ME
 - Mount Blue State Park—Weld, ME
 - Tumbledown Mountain—Weld, ME
 - Blueberry Mountain—Phillips, ME
 - Flagstaff Mountain—New Portland, ME

Waterfalls

- Reed Brook Falls—Kingfield, ME
 - Family friendly, one mile +/- round trip
- West Mountain Falls—Sugarloaf Golf Course
- Grand Falls—Eustis, ME
- The Ledges—Highland, ME
 - Off road vehicle required or hike a couple miles down dirt trail
 - Mini cascading falls/swimming holes along Sandy Stream
 - Ask your Host for more details on this local spot!
- Moxie Falls—The Forks, ME
 - Maine's tallest waterfall with well-maintained/accessible trail
- Houston Brook Falls—Bingham, ME
 - Short walk, easy/family trail
- Smalls Falls—Rangeley, ME
 - Publicized, rest stop, well maintained pathways
- Cascade Stream Gorge—Rangeley, ME
 - Narrow wild, ledgey trail along gorge with cascading falls
- Mosher Hill Falls—Farmington, ME

More Things To Do

Scenic Attractions

- The Wire Bridge—New Portland, ME
 - Historical site
- Quill Hill—Rangeley, ME
 - Scenic Lookout
- Ira Mountain—Kingfield, ME
 - Scenic Lookout
- Daggett Rock—Phillips, ME
- Freeman Ridge Bike Park—Kingfield, ME
- Titcomb Mountain—Farmington, ME
 - Hiking, biking, downhill skiing, cross country skiing

Swimming/Lakes

- Embden Pond—Embden, ME
 - Public boat launch and swimming beach
- Clearwater Lake—Farmington, ME
 - Public swimming access and boat launch

Rainy Day Activities

- Narrow Gauge Cinema—Farmington, ME
 - Movie theater, drive in
- Sugarbowl—Carrabassett Valley, ME
 - Bowling, arcade, golf simulator
- Local Libraries
- Museums—Kingfield, ME
 - Maine Ski and Snowboard Museum
 - The Stanley Museum

Snowmobiling/ATV

- If you brought your snowmobile, there are tons of trails in the area. Check out websites like mesnow.com for maps
- ATV trail access right from our driveway
- Ask your Host for more info!

Cross Country Skiing

- There is a cross country skiing trail near Flagstaff and also in Carrabassett Valley, check out Mainehuts.org for more information

Festivals

- Sugarloaf Reggae Festival—Carrabassett Valley, ME
 - *Music, parties, and entertainment at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain*
 - *Second Weekend in April*
- Norridgewock Antique Tractor Festival—Norridgewock, ME
 - *Usually in late June*
- **Kingfield Days—Kingfield, ME**
 - *July 14th-17th*
 - *Parade, family friendly events*
- Summer Days—Carrabassett Valley, ME
 - *Family friendly*
 - *August*
- Blueberry Festival—Wilton, ME
 - *Typically, the first weekend in August*
- Lobster Festival—Rockland, ME
 - *Ok, this is a bit of a hike (2 hrs). But may be worth considering if you are here around this festival because it is HUGE, lasts 5 days starting in early August*
- State Fairs (agriculture, truck pulls, demolition derby, vendors, etc.)
 - *Skowhegan—Late August*
 - *New Portland—Mid September*
 - *Farmington—Late September*
- Common Ground Fair—Unity, ME
 - *MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association)*
 - *Late September*
- *Polar Blast—Eustis, ME*
 - *February*
 - *Snowmobile event/races*