# Welcome to The Rustic Camp in Nature!



365 Hancock Pond Road, Embden, Maine

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!

-Stav. Justin & Samantha

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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.

<u>Check-In</u>: Lock box key code will be provided with check-in instructions via Airbnb

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

<u>Wi-Fi</u>:

Network: TDS2011

Password: pf3br22wsj

#### **Entertainment**

Games and cards are located on the bookshelf, help yourself!

• Smart TV with access to Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, Amazon Video, etc.

#### **Trash & Returnables**:

• Trash is located in the kitchen corner, right of the oven.

- Please remove trash and put it in the shed/old outhouse next to the wood. (Please make sure to latch door before you leave.)
- Returnables can go in black barrel out in shed when you depart.

#### **Pets:**

- Well-behaved and trained pets (2max) are allowed as guests with permission
- Do not leave unattended for extended periods of time
- Please keep an eye on your pets and children at all times and do not let them outside unattended.
- Ask Hosts about dog sitting or boarding locally

#### **Hot Tub:**

- We typically keep the temperature at 99 degrees when not in use. Feel free to turn it up about 20-30 minutes before you're ready to go in.
- We recommend 103 degrees while you're using it.
- IMPORTANT: Hot tub use is limited to 4 people at a time and the hot tub cover must be clipped after every use. \*\*IF these rules are not followed and we feel the hot tub has been mistreated or misused we will charge \$100 for any damages that occur during your stay (ex: excess amount of water loss, food/ littering around the tub, etc.)
- Guests MUST shower before using the hot tub, to ensure the removal of moisturizers, make-up and laundry detergent that will affect the clarity of the water and chemical balances.

### Washer/Dryer:

• Free to use. Located upstairs in bedroom at the end of the hall.

### Things to Note

#### We Provide

- Linens, pillows, blankets/comforters, towels, and face clothes
- Toilet paper and paper towels (2 rolls)
- Fully equipped kitchen

#### Miscellaneous:

- Pull string lights above kitchen sink
- Bedroom at the top of stairs: light switch on top right wall
- No access to Barn or Shed (only old outhouse attached to shed for trash)
- First Aid Kit and blow-dryer in downstairs bathroom cabinet above water heater
- Do not leave any food outside as it may attract animals.
- Propane Lights- Please DO NOT use.
- Propane flat Top Griddle:
  - TO USE: Remove wooden cutting board from cooktop. In cabinet below griddle there is a blue valve; turn that parallel with the propane pipe. Lift metal cooktop, light the three pilots with an aim flame. Turn all burners on- one burner handle is missing, just pop one off one of the other two onto it.
  - CLEANING: After use, scrape all grease and droppings into grease trap with provided utensils. Shut off burners and close valve. Let griddle cool. While griddle is still warm, wipe down flattop with damp paper towels. Let griddle cool before putting cutting board back on top.

#### **General Rules**

- *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.
- Please reuse towels throughout your stay if possible. We've allocated 2 per guest.
- 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**

• Redington- Fairview General Hospital in Skowhegan.

#### Fire extinguisher

Located in the kitchen

#### **Use of Woodstove Prohibited**

• The woodstove in the living room is not functioning. Please DO NOT use it. Enjoy the outside firepit!

# **Check-Out Instructions**

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

<u>Departure</u>: 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 and towels (leave comforters in bedrooms.) Please place dirty linens by washing machine.
- Feel free to start a load of laundry before you depart—just let your host know!
- Please empty the fridge and take all food you brought home with you
- Trash and bottles can be disposed of in the garage
- Please turn the heat down to 55 degrees (both thermostats)

## Don't Forget!

- Take a look around for personal items (check bathrooms, closets/drawers, under beds, etc.)
- Sign the Guestbook!
- Lock the door on your way out and be sure the key is back in the lock box
- 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**

- High Tide, Low Tide Seafood—Madison, ME
  - Seafood market with live lobsters, fresh oysters, fish, etc.
- Hannaford's—Farmington & Madison, ME
- 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
- Mountainside Grocery—Carrabassett Valley, ME
  - Very small grocery/convenience store, gas station
- Ayott's—Carrabassett Valley
  - Agency liquor store, convenience store, gas station

# **Restaurants (Call Ahead for Seasonal Hours)**

### • Kingfield, Maine

- Rolling Fatties
  - Locally sourced food, burritos and burrito bowls
- Kingfield Woodsman
  - Breakfast food with all the staples
- Longfellow's Restaurant
  - American, slightly upscale
- Orange Cat Café
  - Coffee shop and café, drive thru
- Anni's Market
  - Gas station outside, pizza/sub shop/take out staples
- The Inn on Winter's Hill
  - Unique setting, rotating menu

#### • The Forks, Maine

- Kennebec River Brewery
  - Northern Outdoors
  - Pool, hot tub, lawn games
- Inn By the River
  - Brunch, lunch, dinner

- Boatman's Bar & Grill (Seasonal—Summer)
  - Three Rivers Whitewater
  - Live music, karaoke, bonfires
- The Marshall
  - Local bar, live music, fun place

## Carrabassett Valley, Maine

- Tufulio's Restaurant & Bar
  - Casual Italian cuisine
- Sugarbowl
  - Sports bar, pub food, bowling, arcade
- Hug's Italian Restaurant
  - Reservations recommended
- The Rack BBQ
  - Bottom of Access Rd, best après, live music, local bar
- The Bag & Kettle
  - On mountain, famous for their signature burgers
- Alice & Lulu's
  - On mountain, specialty wine, meat and cheeses
- 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
- Mas Amigos—Coming soon!
  - Mexican, craft beers and cocktails
- Stroke's Bar & Grill (Seasonal—Summer)
  - On the golf course, outdoor seating

### • 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

# Places To Go

### **Sugarloaf Mountain**

- Sugarloaf is a mile away to the Access Rd
- 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 25 minutes from the house. 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 cabin
- 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
  - o Bald Mountain—Rangeley, ME
  - Saddleback Mountain—Rangeley
  - Pleasant Pond Mountain—Caratunk, ME
  - Mosquito Mountain—The Forks, ME
  - Moxie Bald—The Forks, ME
  - o 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
- Poplar Falls—Carrabassett Valley, ME
- 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
  - o 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 16th-18th)
  - Parade, family friendly events
- Summer Days—Carrabassett Valley, ME
  - Family friendly
  - August 7th
- 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