# Welcome to Après Ski Haus!

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11 Minister Hill Rd, Kingfield, ME 04947, USA

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 Carrabassett Valley, Wyman, 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 & 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.

Check-In: 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: SpectrumSetup-1c
- Password: clerklotus152

#### Heating/Cooling:

- The Rinnai heater on the back wall of the kitchen can be used to primarily heat the whole cabin OR to compensate when the wood stove when it's not in use. Please do not exceed 70 degrees on the Rinnai—64-68 degrees should be just right as it heats up quickly!
- <u>Woodstove Use</u>
  - *o* We ask that only an <u>experienced person</u> operates the wood stove. If you have one at home or are confident in using it then feel free. Extra wood is available in the shed furthest from the home. *If the stove needs to be emptied, the ashes that are taken out need to be placed on the driveway/in the snow-- don't leave the bucket on the deck, even if you "think" they are dead.*
- We find it most comfortable during hot summer days to have all windows open in the home and turning on the ceiling fan to help circulate air flow. We also suggest opening the sky light to let hot air escape.

#### Trash & Returnables:

- We recycle all cans and bottles, please leave inside. Please remove trash and place in barrel
- Trash barrels are provided on our front deck. Please feel free to place garbage in here

#### **Entertainment**

- Large flat screen TV with streaming capabilities in main room
- Locker closet full of games, puzzles, etc. Please put them away as they were found
- Tons of books to choose from above couch, make sure you put them away after reading

### 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.

### Pets (IF APPROVED):

- We ask that you be mindful of your pets, please be respectful of the home and property! This includes keeping them off our leather couch. Do not leave your pets unattended for long periods of time, we ask if they are kenneled.
- Please pick up and dispose of all pet waste. If we find excessive pet waste there will be a \$100 fee.

# **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.*
- 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**

• Franklin Memorial Hospital located in Farmington, ME. Please keep an eye on your children at all times and do not let them outside unattended.

## Fire extinguisher

• Underneath the kitchen sink

# **Check-Out Instructions**

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

If you'd like a later check out time we kindly ask for you to send your host/co-host a message before your departure day. This accommodation can NOT always be guaranteed in case of a same day check in, but we're happy too if possible. Thank you!

<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) and place on the bathroom floor
- Please empty the fridge and take all food you brought home with you
- Trash can be left in our designated barrel out on the front deck
- Please turn the heat down to 64 on Rinnai heater (or off in the summer months)

#### 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
- 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.



## <u>About Us</u>

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

### Instagram @Stayatvalleyhigh

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

# Food & Dining

#### **Grocery Stores**

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

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

- Carrabassett Valley, Maine
  - o Tufulio's Restaurant & Bar
    - Casual Italian cuisine
  - o Sugarbowl
    - Sports bar, pub food, bowling, arcade
  - o 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 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 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 Anni's Market
    - Gas station outside, pizza/sub shop/take out staples
  - o The Inn on Winter's Hill
    - Unique setting, rotating menu
- Stratton/Eustis, Maine
  - o Coplin Dinner House
    - Fine dining, reservations recommended
  - o The Stratton Plaza
    - Locals bar, pub food, live music
  - o Looney Moose Café
    - Breakfast & lunch, homemade goods
  - o Backstrap Bar & Grill
    - Locals bar, upscale pub food
  - o Trails End Steakhouse
    - Live music, homemade specials, locals bar
- The Forks, Maine

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- o Kennebec River Brewery
  - Northern Outdoors
  - Pool, hot tub, lawn games
- o Inn By the River
  - Brunch, lunch, dinner
  - 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 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
  - o 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:
  - o Burnt Mountain-Carrabassett Valley, ME
  - o Mt Abraham—Kingfield, ME
  - o Bald Mountain—Rangeley, ME
  - o Saddleback Mountain-Rangeley
  - o Pleasant Pond Mountain-Caratunk, ME
  - o Mosquito Mountain—The Forks, ME
  - o Moxie Bald—The Forks, ME
  - o Mount Blue State Park—Weld, ME
  - o Tumbledown Mountain-Weld, ME
  - o Blueberry Mountain—Phillips, ME
  - o Flagstaff Mountain-New Portland, ME

### Waterfalls

- Reed Brook Falls—Kingfield, ME
  - o 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
  - o Off road vehicle required or hike a couple miles down dirt trail
  - o Mini cascading falls/swimming holes along Sandy Stream
  - o Ask your Host for more details on this local spot!
- Moxie Falls—The Forks, ME
  - o Maine's tallest waterfall with well-maintained/accessible trail
- Houston Brook Falls—Bingham, ME
  - o Short walk, easy/family trail
- Smalls Falls—Rangeley, ME
  - o Publicized, rest stop, well maintained pathways
- Cascade Stream Gorge—Rangeley, ME
  - o 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 o Historical site
- Quill Hill—Rangeley, ME
  - o Scenic Lookout
- Ira Mountain—Kingfield, ME o Scenic Lookout
- Daggett Rock—Phillips, ME
- Freeman Ridge Bike Park—Kingfield, ME
- Titcomb Mountain—Farmington, ME
  - o Hiking, biking, downhill skiing, cross country skiing

### Swimming/Lakes

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

#### **Rainy Day Activities**

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- Narrow Gauge Cinema—Farmington, ME o Movie theater, drive in
  - Sugarbowl—Carrabassett Valley, ME
    - o Bowling, arcade, golf simulator
- Local Libraries
- Museums—Kingfield, ME
  - o Maine Ski and Snowboard Museum
  - o 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
  - o Music, parties, and entertainment at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain
  - o Second Weekend in April
- Norridgewock Antique Tractor Festival—Norridgewock, ME
  - o Usually in late June
- *Kingfield Days—Kingfield, ME (July 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>)* o Parade, family friendly events
  - Summer Days—Carrabassett Valley, ME
    - o Family friendly
    - o August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Blueberry Festival—Wilton, ME
  - o Typically, the first weekend in August
- Lobster Festival—Rockland, ME
  - o 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.)
  - o Skowhegan—Late August
  - o New Portland—Mid September
  - o Farmington—Late September
- Common Ground Fair—Unity, ME
  - o MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association)
  - o Late September
- Polar Blast—Eustis, ME
  - o February
  - o Snowmobile event/races