

## HOUSE MANUAL

\*Please Review Thoroughly\*

### WELCOME TO BONE CABIN

Our Cabinscape is all yours to unwind, relax and adventure. Hunker down or get out and explore Bone Lake or visit Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve for lots of trails, lakes, and outdoor adventure activities.

Please review this House Manual before settling in. It should fully prepare you for the days ahead.

Enjoy your getaway!  
John & Laura, Cabinscape Owners  
[www.cabinscape.com](http://www.cabinscape.com)

PS: Please share your photos with us on FB & Instagram @Cabinscape #Cabinscape

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If you need help or have questions while on site, we have a central support number. It's best to text us, as reception can be spotty. Text messages are dispatched to multiple people so you are more likely to get a speedy response rather than calling.

Support Number: (289) 206-1193

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CHECK IN is 3pm / CHECK OUT is 11am sharp  
FRONT GATE LOCK BOX & CABIN LOCK BOX CODE is 1516

\*Always leave the front gate key in the lock box and always lock the gate after you've entered or exited. We also recommend leaving the cabin key inside the lock-box (located by our front door) so you'll easily find it when locking up. Upon your departure, make sure to leave the cabin key inside the lock-box where you found it.

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Emergency Services: In the event of an emergency please dial 911.

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### PROPERTY ADDRESS:

NOTE: Bone Cabin does not have a civic number / formal address  
- Google Map "Bone Lake, Dysart et al, ON"  
- Look out for our CABINSCAPE sign off Kennisis Lake Rd (Between Lipton Dr & Hanover Lane).

## OFF-GRID BASICS / CABIN OVERVIEW

Bone cabin is a low-impact, off-grid, solar-powered tiny cabin. The cabin has been designed to offer you comfort and basic amenities in a rugged, camping-like setting.

Off-grid living requires a little more work and care than a traditional cottage (especially during the winter months). Feel good knowing that you've invested in a low-carbon, eco-friendly getaway.

### EXTRA STORAGE

Pull out the drawer by the bed to find extra storage inside for your smaller bags and items. You can also utilize the empty space under the bed for your bags. There is an extra shelf on the upper loft for additional storage and an extra drawer in the kitchen. The best way to enjoy a tiny cabin is to keep it neat and tidy; tiny spaces can get messy fast. Any excessive things, best to leave in your car. Do not leave your coolers outside overnight.

### POWER CONSUMPTION

At Bone cabin, energy conservation is key. Drawing too much energy may cause power loss, so please be mindful of your consumption. A stretch of cloudy and rainy days will also mean less harvested solar power, so it's a good idea to check your power level often (we recommend checking each evening). If you're running low, not to worry! There is a generator outside you'll need to run to recharge the solar batteries.

You should only run the generator if your power is showing 12.4 or lower. Run the generator for 3-4 hours to charge the solar battery back to full.

NOTE: The battery panel is located in the lower bed area. The panel does not indicate when the battery is accurately full. The numbers will fluctuate throughout the day depending on the amount of sunlight and the amount of energy being consumed in the cabin. All you need to know is that when the battery stays lower than 12.4, you'll need to run the generator for 3-4 hours to charge back up. If the battery level does not jump up when the generator is running please text us, as this means it is not charging properly.

The generator is behind the cabin. Please review "Instructions" section at the back of the manual on how to operate the generator if needed.

## Checking Cabin's Power Level

To check the cabin's power level, check the battery indicator above the lower bed on the wall. If it is consistently below 12.4, run the generator 3-4 hours to recharge the batteries.

### \*Energy Conservation Tips\*

- Turn off lights when not in use (especially when you are outside of the cabin).
- During the day, keep the lights in the cabin off if there's enough natural light.
- Use the power outlet sparingly. There is one outlet in the kitchen for charging your phone and laptop but charging multiple phones / laptops will drain the cabin's battery quickly.

*DO NOT use the outlet for high voltage items like hairdryers, coffee makers, kitchen appliances, etc. This is a low voltage outlet and power outages will result.*

## HEAT

The cabin's heat is controlled by a furnace and thermostat. To control the temperature you can adjust the thermostat on the wall.

If you experience any problems with the heater, please notify us right away. There is a back-up electric heater that you can use in this case. This electric heater is run off the generator which will need to be running in order for the emergency heater to function. Start up the generator outside and then turn on the electric heater. You can set the timer on the heater to run for a certain period of time and turn off automatically.

*Do not plug the heater into outlets in the kitchen. This will result in power loss.*

## DRINKING/WASHING WATER

Our running water (which is pumped from the lake) is turned off when temps dip below freezing. DO NOT DRINK TAP WATER. Guests are supplied with 20 litres of potable drinking water in blue jugs. When running water is turned off for the season, guests are supplied with 40 litres of drinking and dish washing water. If you run out of water during your stay, you can purchase more at the Main Office and Cookhouse in Haliburton Forest.

### \*Water Conservation Tips when Running Water is OFF\*

- Consider limiting the amount of dishes you use (the less you use, the less to clean)
- Consider saving your dirty dishes and doing one large wash at the end of the day
- Consider soaping all your dishes first and then rinsing clean
- Consider soaking any dirty dishes in hot (i.e. boiled), soapy water before rinsing

## KITCHEN

Our kitchen comes equipped with a four-burner stove and mini fridge/freezer. There is a propane BBQ outside. The kitchen is stocked with cutlery, cups, plates, pots and pans. You are welcome to use our kitchen essentials (sugar, flour, tea, coffee and spices). We provide dish soap, sponges and tea towels. Do not leave food sitting outside, especially overnight, as this may attract unwanted pests. Do not leave unopened food sitting on the counters. Seal up your food and put away. Please empty your grease in our labelled grease bucket. Throw any coffee grounds in the garbage.

### Small Appliances

You'll notice we don't have a coffee maker, microwave, toaster or oven. These appliances draw a lot of energy. You'll find a french press for your morning coffee and a stove-top camping toaster for your toast.

### Gas Stove Instructions

To use the stovetop, press and hold down the knob (you'll hear a clicking sound) and turn to your desired heat level. If the burner does not "catch" flame, use the BBQ lighter to assist. In this case, hold down knob, ignite the BBQ lighter and carefully place flame under burner until the stove catches the flame. If the BBQ lighter is empty, refill the lighter with the butane canister.

## BATHROOM

### Composting Toilet

Our water-less composting toilet uses the natural processes of decomposition and evaporation to recycle human waste. (The toilet is emptied and cleaned before your arrival).

### Toilet Instructions:

- SIT DOWN (Yes...BOYS & GIRLS)
- Urine goes down the front chute; Human waste and toilet paper goes down the back chute (under the waste flap). No flush required.
- When you sit on the toilet, the waste flap will open. Do your business. When you stand up, the waste flap will close. DO NOT urinate in the back chute.
- There is a fan in the toilet constantly blowing air to keep any smells at bay.
- Do not throw tampons, food, organics or anything else down the toilet.

### \*Tip\*

Keep the toilet lid closed when not in use.

## BEDS

There are two beds with clean fitted sheets (Queen floor & Twin bunk). In response to Covid-19, we have removed ALL BEDDING and towels from our cabin. You will need to outfit the beds with your own flat sheets, pillows, pillow cases and blankets. You will also need to bring your own towels.

## LED LIGHTS

The cabin is outfitted with energy efficient LED lights on dimmers.

## BUGS

Encounters with bugs, critters and animals are a reality of being in the wilderness. Use bug spray and wear proper attire when outside.

Ticks: It's always important to do a thorough scan of your body (and your pets) for ticks after being outside. Ticks have been a major issue across Southern Ontario. Please do your research ahead of time and learn how to properly check yourself for ticks.

### *\*Tip\**

Before bed, we recommend killing any mosquitoes or flying bugs that may have found their way into the cabin from open doors and windows.

## WIFI/CELL RECEPTION

There is NO WIFI access at the cabin. There is reliable cell reception but accessing data can be spotty and slow. (Don't plan on taking a zoom meeting here).

## BE AWARE

Our lake is shared with the University of Toronto who has a small research cabin on the south side of the lake that they occasionally use. We are also developing a new cabin property on the lake (opening this fall). You may encounter others on the water.

## HOUSE RULES

**NOISE LEVELS:** Please keep your day and evening noise levels to within reason. No loud, amplified music. Please help us to promote a quiet and tranquil setting for everyone.

**GARBAGE:** All garbage and recycling must be packed up and taken home on your departure. A \$50 garbage fee will be charged to guests who break this rule.

**TIDY UP:** We ask that our guests please clean up after themselves before departure. Clean/wash all your dishes and leave the cabin as you found it. See list on kitchen wall for a reminder of check-out tasks.

**PETS:** Please keep your furry friends off the bed, blankets and cushions and pick-up any waste left on the property. Before you leave, please sweep up any shedding fur around the cabin.

**FIREPITS:** Please manage your fires responsibly and ensure they will not spread before turning in for the night by dousing it with water. You

**SMOKING:** Smoking is prohibited inside the cabin. Please dispose of your butts in the fire pit or in the garbage.

## THINGS TO DO

### CANOE (weather permitting)

There is a canoe for use down by the water. You'll find life jackets and paddles in our storage hut beside the cabin. Enjoy exploring Bone Lake and its abundant wildlife. We recommend taking a slow, relaxing paddle through the narrow spruce wetlands across the lake. It's especially pretty right before sunset and right after sunrise.

For your safety, avoid taking the canoe out on windy days and always make sure to bring along your life jackets when out paddling. Please return paddles & jackets to our storage hut after use. Turn the canoe upside down when you're finished your journey.

### FISH

Take our canoe out and explore the lake with your fishing rods. It's teeming with bass. If the lake has frozen over, please inquire with the Cabinscape team before stepping out on the ice to fish.

### STROLL

For a short stroll, explore the forested pathway around the cabin and surrounding property. Beside the cabin you'll notice an old amphitheatre. Resist the urge to explore it. This amphitheatre is now condemned and off limits and poses safety issues. This used to be the site of the "Forest Festival," an annual musical festival hosted by Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve. It will be torn down soon. For your safety, all guests are prohibited from going onto the amphitheatre.

### HALIBURTON FOREST REGULAR DAY PASSES (11 minute drive)

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve is a protected wilderness sanctuary (100,000 acres) with endless hiking, mountain biking and snowmobiling trails, and attractions such as the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre, Canopy Tours, Husky Hikes, Logging Museum, Cookhouse Restaurant, and more.

As a Bone Cabin guest, you are a short drive from the Main Office at base camp, where you can purchase a Day Pass before the snowmobiling season starts (mid-December to March). A Day Pass gives you access to all the trails and lakes accessible from the main parking area at base camp. During the snowmobiling season these passes are no longer available, as the trails are only open to guests who plan to snowmobile or use their ATV.

## Fees

\$8.00 per guest each day

\*Access to the Wolf Centre, Canopy Tours, Husky Hikes, etc, are an additional cost. You'll need to visit the Main Office at Haliburton Forest to sign up for these activities. It's best to call them in advance to arrange the details. 1-800-631-2198

## HALIBURTON FOREST SNOWMOBILE PASSES (11 minute drive)

During the snowmobiling season (mid-December-March), the network of trails that make up Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve are converted into a snowmobiler's paradise! With over 400km of well maintained trails to explore, and Haliburton Forest's unique placement at the top of the Algonquin Dome, this is the ultimate destination for winter snowmobiling and ATVing.

For those interested in this experience, day-use snowmobile passes can be purchased at the Main Office located in Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve Base Camp. For information on snowmobile rentals, read on. Please note: there are no trails that lead directly to the cabin, and snowmobiles cannot be driven around Bone Lake.

## Fees

\$49.00 per snowmobile driver

\$10.00 per snowmobile passenger

## SNOWSHOE/HIKE

During the winter months, there are two trails in Haliburton Forest that Cabinscape guests can use for free during the snowmobiling season (December to mid-March). [Click here](#) or head over to the Main Office at Haliburton Forest Base Camp for a map and directions to the trailheads for these featured trails:

- John's Trail and Forestry Walk (3km loop - easy)
- Dale's Trail (1.5km loop - easy)

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network also features free publicly accessible day-trip trails with panoramic viewpoints within the greater forest area (between a 30-45 minute drive from the cabin). These trails include:

- James Cooper Lookout (1.5km in & out - easy)
- The Ridge (8km in & out - challenging)
- Circuit of 5-Viewpoints (5km loop - challenging)
- Crests of Kennisis (5 - 15km in & out - challenging)



Go to [www.ontariotrails.on.ca](http://www.ontariotrails.on.ca) for more information on trail conditions as well as directions to the trailheads.

## FEATURED HALIBURTON FOREST ACTIVITIES

*\*For a full list of activities at Haliburton Forest, visit the Main Office at Base Camp or visit their website: [www.haliburtonforest.com](http://www.haliburtonforest.com)*

### HIKING/BIKING TRAILS

There are over 400 KM's of trails in Haliburton Forest with easy, moderate and difficult levels. Visit the Main Office for trail maps or follow this link to their website: <https://www.haliburtonforest.com/hiking-biking-trails/>

### WOLF CENTRE

Witness and learn about the pack of Wolves that live and roam freely on a 15 acre reserve set aside for them. This Grey Wolf Sanctuary sits within 70,000 acres of protected hardwood forest at The Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

The Wolf Centre is open Wednesdays to Sundays. Call Ahead to Book:  
1-800-631-2198

Entry to the Wolf Centre is by advanced reservation only. No walk-ins are permitted. A limited number of guests will be allowed in 1.5 hour time slots, beginning at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. Between each timeslot, a 30 minute closure will occur to allow for sanitization of common surfaces.

#### Fees

\$15.00 per adult

\$9.00 per youth (7 to 17 years of age)

\$30.00 per family (2 adults & their children 7 to 17 years of age)

Children 6 and under free

### SNOWMOBILE RENTALS

For those interested in renting a exploring Haliburton Forest's network of trails during the snowmobile season, snowmobile rentals are available at the Main Office. Availability is limited, so we recommend reserving your snowmobile prior to your arrival.

Daily rentals run from 8:00am to 4:30pm, and prices INCLUDE the cost of a day pass.

Please note: a valid driver's license, helmet (also for rent), and a \$2,500 pre-authorized returnable deposit is required for rental. Call ahead to book: 1-800-631-2198.

#### Fees

\$274 per snowmobile per day (Monday - Thursday), plus HST

\$324 per snowmobile per day (Friday - Sunday), plus HST

#### Nearest Town

West Guilford is the nearest village to Bone cabin. Here you'll find basic groceries, LCBO, ice cream, pizza, and a souvenir/fudge shop. (25-minute drive)

#### Nearest Major Town

Visit the beautiful waterfront town of Haliburton for shopping, restaurants, cafes and events. (35-minute drive)

#### Nearest Restaurant, Convenience Store & Gas

##### Cookhouse Restaurant (Haliburton Forest)

For a quick bite and beverage, visit the Cookhouse Restaurant at Haliburton Forest Base Camp. It's open year round, licensed and offers take-out with picnic tables out front. They serve delicious breakfast options like waffles, pancakes and bennies, fresh sandwiches for lunch and standard camp fare like burgers and brisket, along with tasty veg options like roasted brussel sprouts and cauliflower wings. (11-minute drive).

##### The Camp Store (located in the Cookhouse)

Stock up on your camp snacks and drinks here. They also serve ice cream and cookies. (11-minute drive).

#### HOURS

Wednesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Monday and Tuesdays CLOSED



## INSTRUCTIONS:



## POWER LOSS

If power level in the cabin is low, the battery will go into a "safe" mode and shut off power to the cabin. Take the following steps:

- 1) Don't panic.
- 2) Start the generator. (It will need to run for 15 seconds before power is restored to the cabin).

*To run the generator:*

- 1) Check the gas level and ensure it is full  
There is a red fuel tank beside the generator. If you need to purchase more fuel please buy "premium" fuel and let us know the cost. We will refund you.
- 2) Turn the "choke" lever to the right to the "on" position / ensure the engine switch is turned to "on". Ensure the air flow lever on the cap is turned to "on".
- 3) Pull the start pull. It should start easily but may take two or three pulls to get going.
- 4) Slowly turn the choke back off. If you are having trouble starting the engine try starting it with the choke off.

You can let the generator run while you are out enjoying the day, 3-4 hours should charge your battery to full. To turn the generator "off" turn the engine switch to the off position.

Conserve your power after a power loss to let the battery get charged up before plugging in your laptops/phones. Using a large amount of power immediately after a power loss could result in a subsequent power loss.

## TROUBLESHOOTING:

### *No heat? The stove isn't working?*

If the stove is not lighting flame or if the furnace is blowing air but not heating, you are likely out of propane.

At the side of the cabin there are two propane tanks and a switch in between. If you are out of propane the switch will show red. Simply turn the switch 180 degrees to change over to the second propane cylinder. The red colour should pop back to green, ensure that the tank valve is in the "open" position. Please notify us that the first tank is empty and we will switch it with a new tank before our next guest arrives.

### *Propane Alarm Sounding?*

There is a propane alarm in the bathroom. This may go off if there is a propane leak. Our propane alarm is very sensitive due to the cabin's small size and sometimes the alarm will falsely sound after a long cooking session. If the alarm sounds you can turn off the alarm sound by pressing the button on the alarm.

**DO NOT SMOKE OR USE A LIGHTER ANYWHERE NEAR THE CABIN DURING AN ALARM!**

- First ensure that all of the stovetop elements are off and open a window.
- If the stovetop was not the issue, turn off the propane tanks at the back of the cabin and contact us immediately.
- If you smell gas (propane smells like rotten eggs) you should open a window and stay out of the cabin until it airs out. If the smell persists contact us immediately.

## **BEFORE YOU CHECK-OUT!**

Please do the following important tasks before you check-out of the cabin:

- Tidy up / wash dishes
- Pack up / take home garbage and recyclables!  
(Guests who leave behind garbage/recycling will be charged a \$50 fee)
- Turn down heat to 10 degrees
- Close all windows
- Lock up cabin and make sure cabin key is in lockbox.

Thank you for visiting :)



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## SNOWSHOE TRAILS

