

## HOUSE MANUAL

\*Please Review Thoroughly\*

### WELCOME TO DASHI CABIN

Our Cabinscape is all yours to unwind, relax and adventure. Hunker down and cozy up or get out and explore the pathways around the cabin, take a long walk down country roads, visit the beach, or have a campfire under the stars.

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 is best to text us, as reception can often 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  
LOCK BOX CODE is "FREE"

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

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Address is 74862 Bronson Line, Bayfield, Ontario

## OFF-GRID BASICS / CABIN OVERVIEW

Dashi 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 in the winter months). Feel good knowing that you've invested in a low-carbon, eco-friendly getaway.

### EXTRA STORAGE

Outside storage: There are hooks outside the front door for you to store your snow-shoes, poles/outdoors gear. (Please avoid walking on the deck with your snow-shoes).

Indoor storage: There's hooks, empty shelves around the cabin, and an empty drawer under the bed for you to store your things. The best way to enjoy a tiny cabin is to keep it neat and tidy; tiny spaces can get messy fast.

### POWER CONSUMPTION

At Dashi cabin, energy conservation is key. Drawing too much energy may cause power loss, so please be mindful of your consumption. A stretch of cloudy days may 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 solar battery back to full.

The generator is in a wooden generator box at the rear of the cabin.

NOTE: The battery panel next to the bed 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 is 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 go up when the generator is running please text us, as this means it is not charging properly.

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

## Checking Cabin's Power Level

The cabin's power level is displayed on a display at the foot of the bottom bunk bed under the kitchen counter. Please keep an eye on this as low batteries can cause multiple issues including power loss. If below 12.4, run the generator 3-4 hours to recharge the batteries to full.

### \*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 by pressing the up and down buttons. Ensure the switch on the right side is set to "heat" and not "off".

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.

*Please 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 creek) is turned off in the winter months. DO NOT DRINK OUR 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 in blue jugs.

If you run out of water during your stay, you can purchase more at the nearby Foodland on Hwy 21 in Bayfield.

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

- Heat potable water on the stove to clean your dishes and use the provided wash basin
- 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

### **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, wine glasses, 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 over night, as this may attract unwanted pests. 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 stovetop, press and hold down 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**

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 down the toilet.

### LOFT / BED

There are two beds with clean fitted sheets. In response to Covid-19, we have removed ALL BEDDING and towels from our cabin. You'll 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. You can control the dimmers by pressing the "M" or sliding your finger along the gradient circle.

### 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 good, reliable cell reception for Rogers and Bell customers.

## HOUSE RULES

**NOISE LEVELS:** Please keep your evening noise levels to within reason, it is important to be respectful to the neighbours and property owner. 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, 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.

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

## THINGS TO DO

### HIKE THE TRAILS

#### Our Property

There is about 1 kilometre of meandering rustic trails on the property (be prepared for some steep hills and muddy/icy sections).

#### Bannockburn Conservation Area (13 minute drive)

Bannockburn Conservation Area is home to six different natural communities: wet meadow, eastern white cedar, deciduous forest, old field and mixed scrub and mars. Explore 3 kilometres of varied hiking trails at this protected site.

<https://www.abca.on.ca/downloads/Bannockburn-Guide.pdf>

#### Pinery Provincial Park (26 minute drive)

A breathtakingly beautiful park with 10 km of sand beach on the shores of mighty Lake Huron. Enjoy 10 walking trails, a 14 km bike trail and 38 kms of groomed ski trails.

Pinery provides some of the best cross-country skiing in Southwestern Ontario. The 38 kilometres of trails form a series of loops, providing a variety of challenges for beginner and advanced skiers alike.

[http://pinerypark.on.ca/wp\\_site/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Pinery\\_Winter\\_Map.pdf](http://pinerypark.on.ca/wp_site/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Pinery_Winter_Map.pdf)

#### Visit Lake Huron Beach (5-7 minutes drive)

There is a public beach and picnic area just at the end of Pavillion Road. Hike along kilometres of sandy beach and enjoy world class sunsets here. UPDATE: Due to rising lake levels and erosion, this beach area has been temporarily closed. You are still welcome to visit the picnic area and take in the epic lake views. The other nearest public beach "Bayfield Pier Beach" is located in town in central Bayfield next to the pier and marina. Visitors can rent canoes and kayaks here.

### DAY TRIPS

#### • Visit Bayfield (7 minute drive)

A short 7-minute drive to the historic village of Bayfield, Ontario, on lake Huron is where you'll find anything you might need: groceries, LCBO, coffee shop, superb restaurants, cafes, galleries, public beach, local events, concerts and activities. Visit Pioneer Park for world class sunsets. <http://www.villageofbayfield.com/>

#### • Visit Grand Bend (19 minute drive)

For beachy vibes, visit Grand Bend. It has earned a reputation as one of Canada's best beach towns. Join the crowds on the Main Beach or find a quieter experience on the South Beach.

## • Brewery Tours

Check out some of the local breweries that have been popping up in the area, all within a 25-minute drive of the cabin. [Bayfield Brewing Company](#), [Cowbell Brewing Co](#), [Stone House Brewing Company](#), [River Road Brewing and Hops](#), [Bad Apple Brewing Company Ltd.](#), and [Square Brew](#).

## • Visit Stratford (55 minute drive)

Walk the streets of historic Stratford and discover the colours, flavours, and sounds that make a visit a getaway to savour any time of year. With a multitude of restaurants, world class theatre (The Stratford Festival) and a variety of shopping, Stratford is a trip worth taking if you want to mix a little hustle and bustle into your vacation.

<https://visitstratford.ca/>

## BAYFIELD AMMENITIES

### Coffee Shop

**Shopbike Coffee Roasters** (7 minutes away in Bayfield)

Quaint Coffee Shop serving solid, simple, quality coffee

### Local Restaurants

**Black Dog Village Pub & Bistro** (7 minutes away in Bayfield)

Solid pub food with regular events

**Bayfield Brewing Co.** (7 minutes away in Bayfield)

Brew pub serving beer and pub grub

**The Docks Restaurant and Bar** (7 minutes away in Bayfield)

Local favourite bar food and Thursday wing night

**The Albion Hotel** (7 minutes away in Bayfield)

Local bar serving bar and pub grub

**The Little Inn** (7 minutes away in Bayfield)

Fancy fare for those special occasions

### Stores

**Foodland** (6 minutes away)

Great grocery store in Bayfield with everything you need

**LCBO** (6 minutes away)

Right next to the Foodland

### **Main Street**

Walk Bayfield's Main Street for a variety of artisan and quality shops.

## 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 about an hour before you can restore power to the cabin).



#### *To run the generator:*

- 1) Check the gas level and ensure it is full (up to red line)  
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.

### *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 front of the trailer 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 or if you've left the stove on long time. 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.

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

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

- Tidy up.
- Pack up / take home garbage and recyclables.  
(Guests will be charged a \$50 fee if garbage, etc, is left behind.)
- Turn heat down to 10 degrees celsius (in winter months).
- Make sure key is in lock-box

Thank you for visiting :)